

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association



The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 30th November, 1998

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Trevor Girling (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman)
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich, (Press Officer),
Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Rita Daniels, Mervyn Farthing, John Hayward,
Judith Longman, David Mittell, and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Mick Adams, Arvon Evans and Richard Sago.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

The following matters arose from the previous Minutes:-

A letter had been received from Hintlesham and Chattisham with reference to the penalty imposed for not sending in their fixture list. It was agreed that Sally Goodrich who had received the letter should reply with the Committee's confirmation that the penalty imposed should stand.

4. The Chairman's report.

The Chairman had nothing to report.

5. The Secretary's Report.

Marion reported that she had been very busy since the last Committee meeting.

She and Derek had been to Hasketon, who at the instigation of the local Women's Institute are starting up a Carpet Bowls Club. They plan to join the Association after Christmas. We welcome Beaumont Carpet Bowls Club from Essex as an Associate member and we look forward to seeing them at some of our Competitions. Reydon have joined the Insurance Scheme and Mundesley have increased their Insurance having recently won some Trophies. Leavenheath also have shown interest in joining us, it is good to see some new Clubs starting up Carpet Bowls

A letter had been received from Bildeston CBC wanting to change the format for the Summer League games. This is a request that crops up regularly and the Committee after discussion (yet again) feel that the present format is the best one for the majority of our members.

David Schofield, our President had written to the Committee complimenting the Leiston venue for the excellent running of the County Pairs Competition.

Several letters of complaint had been received about the lack of names on entries for County Competitions from some Clubs. It appears that this issue raises

temperatures throughout the Association, after much discussion it was decided that in future names will not be listed on the playing schedules. As much as anything this will considerably cut down the work involved for the organisers, and ensure that all competitors start out equal.

PLEASE NOTE IT WILL BE EACH CLUBS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THEIR DESIGNATED TEAM LETTER (A,B, OR C etc.)

There had been a complaint about the County Weekend at Hemsby about a County team Member who had not stayed at the venue receiving the same amount of subsidy. The Committee agree that the subsidy is intended to be towards the accommodation costs. We would urge all County players, in the interest of team spirit to attend as a group. However, we are well aware of the commitment required and feel that an additional financial burden should not preclude any player from representing the County.

It was brought to our attention that it is illegal for anyone to use the facilities at Hemsby without actually staying there. This also applies to day visitors, including spectators who are required to pay a daily attendance rate to the company concerned.

6. The Press Officer's Report

Sally is having a problem, the Cup and Plate Competition results are very slow coming in. this obviously has a knock on effect. There has been a problem (yet again!) with a Plate fixture between Copdock and Stradbroke. The away team arrived with only 4 players and so conceded the game. This is such a regular occurrence when this particular club is involved so after quite a lengthy conference the Committee decide that Stradbroke had so many warnings that they are to be excluded from all future Suffolk Competitions, we are sorry that this has come about but feel it only fair for all other Clubs entering.

7. Treasurer's Report

Paul circulated the latest Bank Statement to the meeting. The Community Account stands at £2648.25 and the High Interest account at £2505.35 making a total of £ 5153.60. There were no questions for the treasurer.

8. County Captains Report.

Tony reported that the venue at Debenham had not been totally successful. There was a problem with the heating, both on the Saturday for the friendly fixture against the Heritage League, and again on the Sunday for the County match against Cambridge. Also on the Sunday the Catering arrangements were disappointing with the food running out quite early on. It was agreed that the Secretary should send a letter of apology to Cambridge. A copy of his report accompanies these minutes.

9. Eastern Counties C.B.A.

There was nothing to report. The next fixture is the Team Bowl at Littleport on the 3rd January, 1999.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association

There was no report as such but Tony Webber the National Development Officer has been busy both in Nottingham and in the West of the Country with good results. There is a lot of interest being shown particularly by communities with new Village Halls.

11. County Pairs and Triples

The entries for the Triples competition is insufficient to warrant 3 venues, so as last year only Hadleigh and Leiston Centres will be used.

The Pairs competition had been successful at all venues. Disappointingly at Bury, food had only been available in another room upstairs.

The date for Finals Day has been set for the 18th April, 1999. Please make a note of this date.

12. Charity Pairs

As not one club came forward to run this event the County will be running this Charity Event and have adopted the Macmillan Nurses for our Charity for 1999. It will be held at Hadleigh on 23rd May, 1999. An Open Pairs Competition will be held and all proceeds will go to this Charity. Lots of help will be needed on this day so PLEASE come forward and offer your services.

Entry forms will go out in the New Year.

13. Any Other Business

Margaret Southgate raised the subject of the Durham visit next year and asked the Secretary to write to offer a date for this.

Tony Webber spoke about getting some more County Badges made and reminded the Committee that some more Sweaters are urgently needed.

Enquiries will be put in hand to find a supplier. There are still some County Ties available which Judith Longman holds, they are on sale at County Competitions and anyone who belongs to SCBA is eligible to wear one of these ties, so how about treating yourselves, or give a different Christmas Present!

Mervyn Farthing asked whether it would be possible to get League Tables to the Clubs on a regular basis. This is not feasible but can we remind Clubs that if you send a stamped addressed envelope together with your results Sally will be happy to send them to you.

Ron Smith will again be running a coach to the Blackpool Rinks, please Contact him on 01284 810512 if you would like a seat.

The meeting closed at 9.48 p.m.

Next Meeting 8th February, 1999

On behalf of your Committee I would like to extend Best Wishes for A Very Happy Christmas and New Year and lets hope 1999 will be just as good as 1998