



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 8th February, 1999

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Trevor Girling (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman)
Marion Brown (Secretary), Sally Goodrich, (Press Officer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown,
Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Mervyn Farthing, Judith Longman, Richard Sago
and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Paul Goulding, John Hayward, and David Mittell
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising.
Margaret Southgate asked if any progress had been made on the purchase of County Badges. Tony Webber had details of price and availability also a possible supplier for new jerseys, he was asked by the committee to put an order in hand. Arvon Evans asked whether a date had been fixed for the visit from Durham. A provisional date of the 6th and 7th August, 1999 has been fixed but the Secretary is still awaiting confirmation from Durham.
4. The Chairman's report.
The Chairman had received further correspondence from Hintlesham and Chattisham requesting leniency concerning the penalty points imposed on their club for failing to send their fixture list in to the Press Officer by the 1st September. After further discussion, the committee unanimously upheld their decision to deduct 10 penalty points from the club. Taking into account the extenuating circumstances clemency had already been shown as the correct penalty should have been 25 points (see minutes of meeting Monday 20th July, 1998) the Press Officer did not receive the fixture list until 5 weeks after the beginning of the season. The Secretary was asked to write to Hintlesham and Chattisham laying out all relevant details, and we trust that this matter can now be laid to rest.
A letter had been received from the Caterers putting their side of the problems that were experienced at the County Match held at Debenham Sports Hall as reported in the last minutes. They were unhappy at the report of the incident however, the fact remains that on the day they ran short of food and this was embarrassing for the County as we were entertaining the Cambridge Team. The Chairman undertook to speak to the caterers again.
5. The Secretary's Report.
Marion had little to report this time, however she had also received correspondence from Hintlesham and Chattisham and also from Stratford St Mary who were in support of them.

6. The Press Officer's Report

We are now down to the Semi-Final stage of the Joe Rice Cup and Plate Competitions. One match had been delayed because of bad weather but thanks to all clubs who have played their designated matches in the allotted dates. A letter had also been received regarding the penalty points, it was agreed that the Secretary would attend to this.

7. Treasurer's Report

In his absence Paul Goulding had sent in the latest financial information. The Community account stands at £2383.17, the High Interest account at £2528.28 making a total of £4911.45.

8. County Captains Report. See attached.

9. Eastern Counties C.B.A.

Nothing to report other than the fact that Suffolk won the Teambowl event on the 3rd January. A full account of which is in the County Captains Report

10. English Carpet Bowls Association

There is not much to report at this time, the next meeting is on February 27th. Very little progress is being made with regard to sub-contracting the National Tournaments in spite of a special committee meeting which was held in September last year. Arvon Evans remarked that when he was first involved with ECBA 6 years ago they appeared to be committed to a 4 year plan but to date this has not got off the ground.

On the development side Tony Webber together with Derek Brown had been to Herefordshire and had received a good response, as they had in Nottinghamshire. There were a further 2 villages interested in the Bristol area, so interest in Carpet Bowls is continuing to spread.

11. Competitions:

The Singles at all 3 venues had gone extremely well. There was a problem with the heating at Hadleigh and it didn't really get warm all day, also at one stage during the afternoon the entire hall was plunged into darkness - fortunately not in the middle of a game. Congratulations go to the following people who qualify for the finals on April 18th :-

Bury St Edmunds	Neil Jolly (Brockley)
	Michael Ashman (Barrow)
	Roy Lonsborough (Barking)
	Noddy O'donoghue (Hundon)
Leiston	David Cask and Tony Heater (Walpole & Cookley)
	A Burgess (Rivers)
	Stephen Cain (Gt Blakenham)
Hadleigh	Simon Parker (Bildeston)
	Eddie Simpson (Elmsett)
	Laurie Rooke (Nayland)
	Jim Goodrich (Claydon)

A vote of thanks was given to all people who had organised and run these Competitions at each of the venues. All these organisers reported that as usual there had been a major problem with obtaining and/or laying and rolling up carpets.

We must stress to all Clubs who enter these Competitions that without Carpets these Competitions cannot take place.

All the people who work on the day (and rarely are these days hassle free to the organisers) give up their whole day and fit in competing around their duties. It is appalling that they also have to put up with a lot of aggravation about equipment. The Committee do not accept the attitude generally around about transporting Carpets. Once again may we stress that the Carpets that Tony Webber transports around to different competitions **DO NOT** belong to SCBA they belong to English Pairs.

WE FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT THIS PROBLEM THAT IF YOUR CLUB, IF ASKED AND IS NOT WILLING TO TAKE A SET OF EQUIPMENT TO ONE OF THE VENUES YOU SHOULD NOT ENTER THE COMPETITION

We hope that Clubs will take this information on board and that the situation regarding equipment will improve so that these Competitions can continue. The Junior Tournament will take place at Needham Market Community Centre on the 7th March and once again will be run by John Hayward, who is asking for help on the day. Because of the small entry there will not be a raffle.

12. Charity Pairs 23rd May. 1999

Marion has had an excellent response so far from the letters that have been sent out seeking Sponsorship and Raffle Prizes. Books of Draw Tickets accompany these minutes and we urge you to encourage all members to sell as many as possible. Please support this worthy cause, we are sure you all know of someone who has needed to contact The Macmillan Nurses, they are in the process of setting up a Norfolk and Suffolk Branch.

The Heritage League have undertaken to run the Draw on the day.

Hadleigh have agreed to do the Catering.

Claydon will run the Tombola.

We are asking every Club to donate at least 1 item for the Tombola please, these can be given to any Committee member - before the day- or collection points will be available at the 4's Competition next month both at Hadleigh and Leiston.

More Draw Books are available from the Secretary.

13. Any Other Business

Sally had a query about names for the contact list which she passed on to Marion. Can we please remind Clubs that any change of contact should be sent to the Secretary.

In his absence Marion had received a note from John Hayward enquiring why the numbers for the Triples Competition had been so unequal at venues. This is purely a geographical problem, not easily resolved. We do try to accommodate people at their nearest venue if at all possible. From the Triples Competition 8 people will go forward from Hadleigh and 4 from Leiston owing to the different numbers at these venues.

Tony Webber reported that he and Judith Longman had been looking at the Sports Dome at Woodbridge School with a possibility to holding next seasons Competitions there. Bury Sports Centre is costly and not very co-operative. We have actively been looking throughout the year for alternative venues.

With the whole County being such a large area to cater for and the uneven distribution of Clubs throughout the County, it is virtually impossible to cut the travelling time for everyone. On the whole competitors seem pleased with the round robin format, and the sub committee set up to look at this are doing a difficult job to the best of their ability.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Next Meeting 29th March, 1999