



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 19th July 1999

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),
Mick Adams, Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Mervyn Farthing, John Hayward,
Judith Longman and Richard Sago

1. Apologies were received from David Mittell and Tony Webber.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising.
It had been stated that Eastern Counties would discuss a change of scoring for County Matches at their next meeting. This had been done but still no alternative scoring had been decided on.
4. The Chairman's report.
The Chairman had no report as such. He thanked everyone for standing for re-election at the AGM and said that it would be nice to have another year working together.
5. The Secretary's Report.
Correspondence:- The Secretary had received a very nice letter from Geoffrey Darlington, the Macmillan Cancer Relief Area representative thanking us for a lovely evening at the AGM and reiterating how grateful his organisation is for the money raised at our Charity Pairs.
Freckenham had sent a letter stating that they are ready to join the Association, the relevant papers will be sent out shortly.
Rev David Streeter from Stradbroke CBC had dropped a letter off that evening requesting his club be allowed to enter County Competitions again. After discussion it was agreed that up to six youngsters would be accepted for the Junior's Tournament next March, as a starting point.
6. The Press Officer's Report
Sally reported that the Summer League was progressing well, some clubs were not entering their 'Group Letter' on their results sheet and this made it more difficult to locate quickly to enter results, you can see that this does cause a minor problem with the possibility of receiving possibly 44 sets of results in any one week. We should be doing all we can to make the Press Officer's job as easy as possible. We are now getting fairly frequent press coverage with regular report tables published even if they are not the right ones.
7. Treasurer's Report
The balance in hand is down this year compared to this time last year, with the Current Account standing at £236.53 and the High Interest account at £3264.86 making a total of £3501.39 however, the Secretary has cheques in hand to the value of approximately £2500 (subscriptions, Winter League & Cup entries) which will bring the total up to similar to this time last year. Some monies were still outstanding for payment to County Champions who represented the County at Rotherham, but these would be paid this week.
8. Election of County Captain
a) As Tony Webber (as County Captain) and Derek Brown and Arvon Evans (as selectors) were all prepared to stand again it was proposed by Judith Longman and seconded by Keith Armes that they should be re- elected.

- b) Plans for the visit from Durham for the weekend of 7th and 8th August were going ahead. There will be 28 visitors. Play will commence at 1.00 p.m. on Saturday at Needham Market Community Centre with a Pairs competition each pair consisting of 1 Durham and 1 Suffolk player. The County match to be played on the Sunday. The dinner for the Saturday evening has been booked at the Barking Fox sitting down at 8.00 p.m.
- c) County Trials have been booked for Sunday 5th September, 1999. to be held at Needham Market Community Centre. Entry forms accompanies these minutes.
- d) County Competitions:- Tony Webber and Mick Adams indicated that they will not be available next season to organise these, consequently a new sub-committee was set up consisting of Paul Goulding and Judith Longman with assistance from Trevor Girling and Marion Brown.
9. Eastern Counties C.B.A Report.
The Annual General Meeting was held at New Astley on the 3rd June. Marion and Derek Brown represented Suffolk. The role of Honour Book had been purchased and entries made up to date. The increase in the playing fees for Eastern Counties Competitions have helped the finances. Norfolk were congratulated on winning the League. At the Champion of Champions event it was pleasing to note that Neil Jolly (who was standing in for Jim Goodrich) was the only player undefeated all day. A constitution had been produced in Draft form and had gone out to all members and will be discussed at the next meeting. In its final form it will be adopted at the next AGM. The next meeting of the Eastern Counties will be in October.
10. English Carpet Bowls Association
Arvon Evans reported that prior to play at the Champion of Champions at Rotherham the Chairman, Secretary and Referee of the ECBA decided that there should be penalty points incurred for slow play. Our Suffolk delegate felt that this was inappropriate as it had not been included in the Rules for the Competition and does not appear in English Carpet Bowls Rules. He felt that the matter could have been dealt with by the Referee having a word with the offending players. There should be a guideline on times for games, perhaps clearly stated at the beginning of any Competition. Our delegate was concerned that the sub-committee formed to explore the possibility of contracting out National Competitions reported to the meeting but only distributed 2 pages of a 3 page document. Margaret Southgate who is the ECBA Treasurer was able to answer this query, that in her opinion the page in question contained some figures that were irrelevant to the enquiry. Delegates names need to be sent to the ECBA Secretary and Arvon Evans is prepared to continue to represent Suffolk. We thank him for his valuable contribution. He concluded his report by informing the meeting that Cleveland is forming a new County Association and have applied to enter the National Championships at Hemsby.
11. Matters Arising from the AGM
Change of rules for the Winter League. From the floor Ray White (Polstead) suggested that if less than 16 players presented for a match, those to play a second time should be drawn from all those present. Mick Adams proposed that this should be adopted in the Suffolk Winter League Rules this was seconded by Arvon Evans. ***The rule 2 v) will now read as follows:- If a team has less than 16 bowlers available for a match then those who shall play a second time shall be chosen by lottery from all available players. The names shall be drawn by the opposing Captain before the first game commences. Positions of play shall then be decided in the normal way with due regard being paid to Rule 2. iv).***
A new set of Winter League Rules will accompany your Winter League Fixtures.
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS CHANGE OF RULE BEFORE ATTENDING ANY MATCHES.
Mick Adams noted that in the past Clubs that attended the AGM had been listed and he would like to see that practice continued in future years.
The co option of a single candidate who was unsuccessful in the attempt to join the Committee was raised. At the present time the Constitution allows for only 11 elected members. The Committee agreed to look at this number in the future and if necessary suggest an alteration to the Constitution at the next AGM.
12. The draw for the Cup and Plate Competitions then took place and all Clubs should have received these. Please remember that these games take precedence over League Fixtures and **MUST** be played during the designated two week periods allocated.

13. Any Other Business:

Judith Longman resigned from being the Minute Secretary effective after this meeting and Rita Daniels agreed to take over this job. The Chairman thanked Judith for all she had done at the Committee Meetings. Judith also asked the Treasurer and the Committee to 'Write Off' the supply of car stickers left. Many years ago a substantial number had been printed but since 1996 when they had come into her keeping very few had been sold and in spite of "giving them away" (for a Donation to the current charity) during the last 2 years not many had been purchased. The Committee agreed to this course of action. There is still a supply of "Suffolk Ties" and it was suggested that these should be taken along to County Matches and be offered at the reduced price of £5.

Arvon Evans said that ECBA had taken up the suggestion made at the AGM to produce a booklet of Carpet Bowls Rules (small enough to be kept in a shirt pocket) this could be done for a few pence and it was agreed for the County to purchase one for each club and distribute them. If individuals wish to purchase their own in excess of that they will be available at a probable cost of 50p.

Summer League Play Offs to be held on the 19th September, 1999. John Hayward undertook to organise this for us.

LAST YEAR'S HOLDERS **PLEASE** RETURN THE TROPHIES TO MARION BROWN BY THE 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1999.

John Hayward asked if it was possible for the County to buy carpets. There is a lot more to be considered than just the purchase, such as somewhere to keep them, someone to be responsible for them, transport, insurance etc. If anyone can help out on any aspect to do with this the Committee will be very pleased to hear from you. It would certainly help with the current problem of carpets for Competitions but has to be properly researched and your Committee plan to consider all options.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND INPUT

Next Year's Charity will be run by Tithe Barn, Sproughton on the 21st May 2000 at Hadleigh High Leisure Centre. Their Charity chosen is to be split between "SENSE" and The East Anglian Childrens Hospice. The next meeting of the Bowls Council will be at Needham Market on the 13th October, 1999 and they have asked for a copy of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Diary.

The Committee was asked if it was possible to instigate a penalty for not sending in results or for sending them in late? perhaps it will be sufficient to remind clubs through these minutes that it is important to send results to the Press Officer as soon as a match has been played and certainly within the week. This is essential to keep up to date with the results to produce the League Tables (and get them printed).

The meeting closed at 10.18 p.m.

Next Meeting 4th October, 1999