



# *Suffolk* **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 10th May, 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,  
Richard Sago and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Judith Longman.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. Sally Goodrich pointed out that Polstead were the third Division East winners and not Whatfield, and Stutton won the 2nd Division not Chelmondiston. This being noted the minutes were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising.  
There were no matters arising.
4. The Chairman's report.  
The Chairman thanked the Committee members who helped with the League Finals the previous day. Margaret Southgate and Tony Webber were congratulated on their election to the English Carpet Bowls Association Committee. Sadly Arvon Evans lost by the Chairman's deciding vote for the position of Referee.  
This being the final Committee meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association year the Chairman thanked the Committee for their years work.
5. The Secretary's Report.  
The Secretary thanked Rita Daniels for taking the minutes of this meeting in the absence of Judith Longman.  
Marion went on to say that she had sent Judith flowers during her stay in hospital on behalf of the Committee.
6. The Press Officer's Report  
Sally reported that all fixture lists had been received for the Summer Leagues.
7. Treasurer's Report  
The high interest account stands at £4047.86 and the Community Account at £3129.21 making a total of £7177.07, this includes money for the Charity Pairs day.
8. County Captain's Report  
Following the last Committee meeting, the County team played it's final Eastern Counties league match of the 98/99 season, this was against Hertfordshire at Needham Market Community Centre. Having played the last two games at Debenham Leisure Centre where there was no real atmosphere, it was pleasant to return to Needham Market where the surroundings are more to the team's liking. The season has been a disappointment to everyone concerned. At times the team had under performed and at other times the run of the green was against them. We were beaten this year by Cambridgeshire and Norfolk when playing at Debenham and by Essex at Braintree.  
We overcame Bedfordshire and played the best bowls of the season to beat Hertfordshire at Needham Market by 31 points to 5, scoring 178 shots to 97.

The plus side of the season for the selectors has been the fresh faces that have had their chance in the team. All of them have given their best under difficult circumstances (it is not easy to make the jump from club and league bowls to County level) and some have really impressed us with their efforts. The selectors now have a good idea of the makeup of the team that will contest the Eastern Counties and English County Championships and look forward to going one better than our second place of last year.

### FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

	Shots for	Shots ag.	Points
NORFOLK	820	593	122
ESSEX	778	663	107
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	573	513	103
SUFFOLK	730	680	93
HERTFORDSHIRE	617	805	68
BEDFORDSHIRE	469	734	47

#### 9. Eastern Counties C.B.A Report.

There had not been a meeting since the previous Suffolk Committee meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Ashley Centre in Newmarket on the 3rd June 1999.

There are still 6 counties playing in the East. There could be a possibility of 7 if Rutland formed a County Association.

Suffolk paid £55 to the Eastern Counties CBA this being a share of the outstanding balance at the end of the season.

It was felt that points at matches could be changed, several suggestions had been made but they have over-ruled. Likewise others had been made but had not been accepted. Perhaps this should be brought up again. Home and Away matches were suggested, this in turn would be a chance for a bigger County squad. It was agreed that this proposal be put forward before the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Counties C.B.A.

#### 10. English Carpet Bowls Association

(i) The Annual General Meeting was not well attended.

From Suffolk Margaret Southgate was elected Treasurer and Tony Webber as Development Officer.

(ii) The following alterations were made to the English Rules for playing Carpet Bowls

The third player may visit the head if invited to do so by the skip. (also) Whether playing or Directing, bowlers must not stand, kneel or touch the carpet.

Should a bowler after having been warned by the opposing skip persist in infringing this rule then one shot shall be deducted on that and each subsequent occasion. The only exception to this shall be when it is necessary for deciding the end after the last bowl of the end has come to rest.

**TO CLARIFY THE POINT TOUCHING THE MAT MEANS EVEN WITH A TOWEL DUSTER OR ANY LIKE.**

(iii) Champion of Champions is to held at Rotherham on the weekend of 5th & 6th June, 1999 when Suffolk will be represented by the winners of the County Tournaments, they are as follows:-

Singles- Jim Goodrich (Claydon)

Pairs- Steven Cain (Gt Blakenham) and Mick Watkins (Chelmondiston)

Triples- Sarah Lay, David Dedman and Colin Page (Hintlesham & Chattisham).

Rinks- Sue Gardner, Andy Gilder, Stan Aldous and Roy Lonsborough (Barking)

(iv) The Chairman asked Arvon Evans if he would be willing to continue as the delegate but he is slightly reluctant to do so, his reasons for this were mainly that most Counties appear not to give their delegates the mandate to make decisions on their behalf and consequently decisions are not being made. It was suggested that Suffolk send a strongly worded letter to ask the English Committee and the Counties to allow the delegates to do this to enable decisions to be made.

(v) The outgoing secretary should have dispatched the minutes and rules from the A.G.M and had not yet done so.

#### 11. Suffolk Competitions

(i) A Roll of Honour of the winners of all Suffolk Closed Championships is enclosed with these minutes.

- (ii) County Trophies  
The County had encountered many problems with the return of these from Clubs who had won these the previous year and when they were returned they had not been engraved. It was pointed out that some recipients were not aware that it was their responsibility to do this. It was decided that in future all County trophies will be held for eleven months and then returned for engraving by the County.
- (iii) The suppliers of the trophies which were to have been presented at the League finals day on the 9th May had not made the delivery in time for the morning session presentation which caused much embarrassment to the organisers.
- (iv) Paul Goulding pointed out that there appears to be a lack of communication within the Committee with regard to the running of events.
- (v) It was pointed out that some players were aware at the County Finals day that some of the final games particularly those in the semi-final stages had been played on the same mat. In reply, it was stated that mats had been predetermined before games started.
- (vi) League Clubs, it is noted, continue to play short of the expected number of bowlers even though there were players spectating. It was agreed however that no rule had been broken but perhaps there should be some penalty system.  
This item will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

12. CHARITY PAIRS

- (i) **THE VENUE FOR THE CHARITY PAIRS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL FROM HADLEIGH LEISURE CENTRE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ALL CLUBS ENTERING HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.**
- (ii) Meld Leisure have kindly agreed to supply the equipment on this occasion but as 24 sets are required other sets might have to be supplied.

IT WAS AGREED TO POINT OUT THAT THE EQUIPMENT AS SUPPLIED BY MELD LEISURE IN THE PAST IS OWNED BY THEM AND IS NOT, AS SOME PLAYERS BELIEVE, OWNED BY THE COUNTY. THIS MAY ALTER IN THE FUTURE AND CLUBS MUST BE AWARE THAT WHEN ENTERING COUNTY COMPETITIONS THEY DO SO ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY THE EQUIPMENT IF ASKED.

- (iii) It was agreed that all Committee members would attend the Charity Pairs and they would arrive at 8.30 a.m. and not leave until the conclusion of the event. All other help with the preparation and clearing away of equipment will be greatly appreciated. Macmillan Cancer Care Nurses will attend during the day and they will be asked to make the draw for the 3 major prizes, thereafter the draw will be made and the winning tickets will be displayed for prizes to be claimed.

13. INSURANCE

All clubs have been notified that Insurance Premiums are now due, please let the Secretary have this as soon as possible.

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Details for this are enclosed.

15. CATERING

Further to the resignation of the previous caterers it was agreed that Rita Daniels having catered at the County and League Finals should continue to provide this service for County events.

16. Any Other Business

Champion of Champions to be held at Rotherham as previously mentioned in these minutes.

A member of the team has asked if it is possible that the County might allocate two nights accommodation in order that he will be able to attend to support the members who play on Saturday morning. This request was refused as a decision was made to pay assistance to the Rinks and Singles players for two nights accommodation and the Triples and Pairs would have one nights assistance as they do not play until the Saturday afternoon.

The Competition, East v West held at Needham Market on Wednesday 10th May proved a very successful event, the East came out the winners by 12 points to 4, its hoped to hold such another event to include the Heritage League.

The meeting closed at 10.45p.m.