



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 4th October 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),
Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, John Hayward, Judith Longman, David Mittell,
Richard Sago and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Mervyn Farthing and Mick Adams.
2. The Minutes of the previous last meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising.
 - a) The pocket size version of the English Carpet Bowls Rules which Suffolk have ordered are still with the printers and will arrive in due course.
 - b) David Cobbold submitted a pocket size version of the Suffolk playing rules for the Committee to consider. No decision was made as to the possibility of having these made available.
 - c) The matter of Rule 2v of the Suffolk Winter Playing Rules:
An Extraordinary Committee Meeting had been called to discuss this rule as there had been much concern regarding members being unable to play two games either due to frailty, shift work etc.
Further discussion on this matter took place in Any Other Business.
4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman thanked those who had attended the Extraordinary Committee Meeting and thanks were also expressed to those who assisted with the Summer League Play Off Day.
Sally Goodrich was also thanked for her continuing good work.
5. Secretary's Report.
 - a) A letter had been received from Stratford St Mary making reference to the Winter playing rules and this was read to the meeting.
 - b) DRAW TICKETS

The Committee had received a letter pointing out the legality of the way in which some Clubs are selling these tickets at bowls fixtures. It appears that they had adopted a system of laminating strips of five tickets in order that they can be re-used and putting the counterfoils into the draw also in a strip of five and when the draw takes place any strip that is drawn is not put back into the draw to give the purchaser another chance of winning. It must be pointed out that after consultation with the Local Council on this matter that this is an illegal way of running a draw. If Clubs continue to use this system, the counterfoil tickets should go into the draw separately from the other numbers on that strip thus giving the purchaser a chance of winning on every ticket they purchase. The only exception to this being if it is made absolutely clear that for every 5 ticket strip bought, the purchaser only has one chance of winning on that strip of 5 tickets.
 - c) Marion reported that Fornham All Saints would be rejoining the Association and Stratford St Andrew are applying to join.
 - d) Congratulations go to Burstall on winning the Summer League Play Offs, they were the outright winners with 8 points, a very successful day was held at Needham Market Community Centre, it was good to see that all 6 teams fielded a full squad of 12 players. Our thanks go to John Hayward for arranging this day for us.

The results are as follows:-

1st.	Burstall
2nd	Barking
3rd	Claydon
4th	Belstead
5th	Hundon
6th	Chelmondiston

6. The Press Officer's Report

a) Sally reported that the first round of the Joe Rice Cup had been played and the round in the Plate now comes into play. It was also reported that Debenham were late sending in their fixtures and have had 5 points deducted for this.

Sally stated that she had purchased a new printer for her computer and asked if the County would assist financially with this as its use was mainly for County business. She also pointed out that she would expect to have an arrangement whereby she would repay a proportion of the said amount should she resign from her position. It was agreed that the County would pay for this in full with it being written off over a four year period with repayments being made accordingly.

It was pointed out by Paul Goulding that the Secretary also uses her own computer and perhaps she should also receive some financial assistance towards this. Marion said that hers might need updating and that the matter could be discussed then.

b) It was also reported that Rattlesden had complained that Debenham might cause them to be late submitting their fixtures. It was pointed out that it should be noted that Clubs could submit their fixtures incomplete should another Club force them into this position.

7. Treasurer's Report

The balance at 4 October was as follows, the High Interest account stood at £3282.43 and the Community Account at £1144.72. The Bank Statements were passed round for all to see.

8. County Captain Report

a) The County Captain read out his report, a copy of which is enclosed with these minutes.

b) Reference was made to the County Trials held in September and it was reported that no newcomers made an outstanding impression. Keith Armes suggested that in future the 'Markers' for this event should meet prior to this event to give some continuity to the marking.

c) The next event will be the County Championships which are at Hemsby on the weekend of 29/31st October. It was agreed that the County Squad would receive £25.00 per head towards their expenses. Selectors who do not play in the squad will also receive a subsidy likewise.

9. Eastern Counties C.B.A Report

Margaret Southgate reported that the next meeting would be on 21st October and Marion Brown agreed to attend as delegate. The matter of a constitution for this association is to be put in place and this matter will be discussed at this meeting. The Secretary will distribute copies of this to this Committee to peruse and report back as this will not be confirmed until the next AGM.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association

a) A letter had been received from the Chairman of this Committee with reference to comments made by Suffolk's representative at the previous meeting of this Committee. Our representative, Arvon Evans reported that he has taken exception to the Chairman's comments and has resigned forthwith.

b) Contracting out of Competitions/Tournaments.

The English C.B.A. are retaining the right to run the Champion of Champions and the National Championships.

c) Cleveland will not join the Association this year.

d) Development Officer's report.

Tony Webber has had inquiries from 3 sources in Hampshire and 1 on the Isle of Wight who he will visit in the next two weeks. Three clubs in Nottinghamshire are showing interest in the game and Tony thought that Nottinghamshire would be more likely to join the Association than Cleveland at this stage. West Sussex have not progressed any further with regard to joining.

11. Suffolk Pairs Qualifying Tournament

- a) Both venues are confirmed as booked. ENTRIES FOR THIS EVENT CLOSE ON 23RD OCTOBER. Margaret Southgate made inquiries into who would supply the catering at Hadleigh. It was confirmed that Rita Daniels would provide this service. Catering at Woodbridge School would be provided by the School.
- b) The question of the date for the Suffolk Closed Championship Finals was raised as the original date of 16th April 2000 had been booked for the English Pairs at Hemsby. This day will now be 2nd April 2000.

12. Any Other Business

- a) Rita Daniels suggested that a Suffolk v Heritage League or similar take place again this season. The date of 9th January 2000 was set with the venue being Needham Market Community Centre.
- b) John Hayward reported on a fund raising committee which has been set up to provide funds for those playing in the County Squad. This Committee was set up during the Durham visit weekend and is not a sub-committee of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association and consequently Suffolk CBA will not handle the funds of this Committee. This Committee will subsidise squad members expenses for the County Championships. Each member will receive £30.00. The Committee Officers are as follows:- John Hayward (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Treasurer) and Andy Gilder (Secretary). John reported on two fund-raising events they are organising, these being a Quiz at Gt Blakenham on 15th January 2000, the charge for a team of 4 will be £20.00 and this includes Supper. The next being a Team Bowl to be held at Woodbridge School on 28th May, 2000. The charge for this will be £18.00 for a team of 6 with 5 assured games.
- c) Rule 2v.
The outcome of the extraordinary meeting regarding this winter league rule was that the rule as it was the previous year is reinstated and the Clubs have been informed accordingly.
- d) Margaret Southgate asked for 23rd January 2000 to be included in the calendar for the Barrow Mixed Pairs.
- e) Marion reported that she had provisionally booked at the Consort Hotel for the Rotherham weekend for next year on the weekend of 3rd/4th June 2000. Only one night accommodation will be needed as play will not commence until 12 noon on the Saturday.
- f) An appeal by Judith Longman for a member of the Committee to run the Woodbridge venue for the Suffolk Pairs qualifying tournament resulted in David Mittell with Gt Blakenham giving this due consideration.
- g) Paul Goulding proposed a vote of thanks to Arvon Evans for the term he had served on the English C.B.A Committee and pointed out that a replacement would be needed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m

Next meeting will be held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday, 29th November, 1999

SIX COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 1999

The 1999 Six Counties Championships were hosted by Essex and took place at the Braintree Leisure Centre on Sunday 26th September.

The event commenced with the presentation of the Eastern Counties League Trophy to the winners Norfolk. The day's bowling then began at 10. - 15 and was played on 12 mats.

Suffolk's first session of four games was against Norfolk and we got away to the worst possible result, losing all four games. It appeared to me that in most rinks our middle order bowlers were being outplayed, and as the ends were going by, our bowlers were forced into trying to make things happen. This results in weighted woods to open up the head in order to score more than the odd shot, which in our case did not happen. I have to admit that at the time and the way we were performing there appeared to be only a crushing defeat awaiting us.

However I was wrong, as the team picked themselves up and began the uphill struggle to get back into the match. In the second session we picked up 6 points, in the third we got all 8 points and at the end of the fourth session we were level in the lead with Norfolk on 20 points, a wonderful comeback and a great tribute to the fighting spirit within the squad.

In the next two sessions both Norfolk and Suffolk scored the same points a 6 and a 5. The seventh session was against Bedfordshire and unfortunately we went down in two of the three games, picking up just 2 points. At the same time Norfolk were having problems with Hertfordshire, losing one, drawing one and winning the third to collect 3 points. This meant that the final session would decide the title, Suffolk needed to win all three games and Norfolk to lose one, for us to run out winners. This was not to be, Suffolk duly won the three games, but so did Norfolk, and were declared the worthy 1999 champions.

After the disastrous start the squad came back brilliantly and did us all proud.

Final Result

Norfolk	40 Points
Suffolk	39 Points
Cambridgeshire	31 Points
Essex	27 Points
Bedfordshire	22 Points
Hertfordshire	21 Points

Please read, any comments to me by Tuesday 19th

Proposal for a constitution for the Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association

1. **OBJECTIVES**

The Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association is established to :-

- 1.1 Promote Carpet Bowls in the Eastern Region
- 1.2 Represent the interests of all it's members in any appropriate way
- 1.3 Arrange, administer and manage various forms of competitive bowls matches between individuals and member counties.
- 1.4 Form links with other Associations and counties as appropriate.
- 1.5 Adopt the ECBA rules for playing Carpet Bowls

2. **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Association shall have the following powers

- 2.1 To invest monies of the Association not immediately required for it's day to day running, as may be thought fit, subject to such conditions, (if any) and such consents, (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law.
- 2.2 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of it's objectives and no portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to members of the Association for salary, or fees, with the exception of legitimate out of pocket expenses incurred in the pursuance of the Association objectives, and honorariums approved by the A.G.M.
- 2.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the handling of all the Association's money in an approved account. Money in this account shall be authorised for disbursement upon the signature of the Treasurer and the Chairman. The Treasurer shall render to the Annual General Meeting a precise audited account of said money.
- 2.4 The financial year shall begin on the 1st May and end on the 30th April.
- 2.5 In the event of the Association being disbanded all money, after the settlement of debts and liabilities, shall be distributed equally to member counties.
- 2.6 The Secretary shall keep records of all business transacted at the meetings of the Association.

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

Each member shall be an Association formed to represent a County or Metropolitan Borough in the Eastern Region.

4. **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 4.1 The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting before the end of June each year. At least 35 days written notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be given to each member.
- 4.2 The Association shall hold an Ordinary General Meeting at least once between Annual General Meetings.

5. ***PROCEEDINGS FOR AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

- 5.1. Only counties actually present at the Annual General Meeting may vote. No proxy or postal votes are acceptable.
- 5.2. Any persons of a member county or of those seeking membership may attend. Any person may speak but only one representative from each Member County may make proposals or vote.
- 5.3. A proposal put to the vote shall be determined by a show of hands unless a motion is put and agreed that particular proposal be conducted by a secret ballot.
- 5.4. Any changes in the constitution may only be made at an A.G.M. and must receive at least two thirds of the votes available at the meeting. All other general rule changes to be decided on by a simple majority.
- 5.5. All proposals for an A.G.M. must be submitted 21 days prior to the meeting.
- 5.6. In the case of equality of votes for any resolution not requiring a two thirds majority, the Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote.
- 5.7. The following posts must be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
League Secretary
Auditor
- 5.8. Nominations for Officers will be accepted in writing from member Associations and also from the floor during the relevant agenda item at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.9. The level of fees shall be set at the AGM.
- 5.10. 50% of members shall be a quorum providing all members have been properly notified of the Annual General Meeting.

6. ***ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS***

- 6.1. The Association shall hold Ordinary General Meetings as necessary but must adhere to 4.2.
- 6.2. 35 days written notice shall be given for Ordinary General Meetings.
- 6.3. All proposals for an Ordinary General Meeting must be submitted 21 days prior to the meeting.
- 6.4. The powers and methods of voting shall be those described for the Annual General Meeting.

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- 7.1. A meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman or Secretary if the need arises or upon request from a member, provided written details of the business to be discussed is submitted to the Secretary and signed on behalf of at least 30% of the member counties.
- 7.2. At least 14 days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to all members.
- 7.3. The powers and methods of voting shall be those described for the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.4. Should the need arise, through death or resignation, a temporary Officer can be elected at an Extraordinary General Meeting to hold office until the next AGM.

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