



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

*The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association*

held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday, 19th June, 2000

The Chairman opened with a warm welcome to all.

In attendance were representatives from the following Clubs:-

Barking	Belstead
Bramford	Brantham
Brockley	Burstall
Chelmondiston	Claydon
East Bergholt	GreatBlakenham
Harkstead	Hoggards Green
Hundon	Ixworth
Kelsale	Martlesham
Nayland	Offton & Willisham
Old Felixstowe	Polstead
Rattlesden	Risby
Somersham	Stanningfield
Stratford St Mary	Stutton
Tattingstone	Theberton
Thorndon	Walpole & Cookley
Woolpit	

1. Apologies for absence had been received from:- Richard Sago (Committee member) and the following Clubs:- Kesgrave, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Tostock and Barrow.
2. Approval of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
Acceptance of these minutes were proposed by Tony Webber and seconded by Jim Southgate.
3. Matters Arising.
 - a) Ray White (Polstead) raised the question of playing with less than 16 players in the Suffolk Winter League. The Chairman Trevor Girling said that he would refer to this in his report and it would be dealt with later if this was acceptable.
 - b) Under 4 (Chairman's report) The winners of the 1999 English Pairs were Steven Cain and Mick Watkins (not Adams).
4. Chairman's Report
Referring to the Suffolk Winter League as previously questioned by Ray White. The Chairman reported that last season, in trying to find an acceptable format, the County Committee had acted hastily in making alterations and then decided to revert back to the old system but agreed that a radical change of format was needed. Trevor continued that the transportation of carpets had been a problem and in order to relieve this, the County have now purchased 4 of these and when funds allowed, more would be bought. In the mean while co-operation from Clubs would be needed. Trevor then continued by congratulating the Suffolk team on being runners-up in the Eastern Counties League, the Gt Blakenham Triples for winning their discipline at the English Champion of Champions at Rotherham and to the Four from Brockley on winning the Eastern Counties Championships on the day previous to this meeting. Suffolk also won the team trophy.

5. Secretary's report:-
Marion reported that there are 108 full member Clubs in Suffolk and 11 associate members (Clubs from other Counties)
It is hoped in the near future Gosbeck and Rougham would join.
Commenting on the County Charity Bowls Tournament , Marion reported that Tithe Barn organised this for the County this year and a profit of £1800 was made which was shared between S.E.N.S.E. and The Children's Hospice. Marion continued by reminding the meeting that the County Would be seeking another Club to run this event in the coming year.
The Insurance system proves to be successful with 225 units of equipment being insured through the County. Marion reminded Clubs who did not insure their equipment through the County but relied on Village Hall insurance to cover theirs might find that this could be disputed by Village Halls and in any case Clubs would find that they would not have cover when equipment was in transit.
Marion concluded her report in stating that 4 members of the Committee would not be standing for re-election this year and also thanked Rita Daniels for her assistance with taking the minutes of the meetings.
6. Treasurer's report.
Accounts attached.
The Treasurer pointed out that the item repair to computer should had read purchase of printer.
The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by Margaret Southgate (Bramford) and seconded by Keith Armes (Burstall).
7. There were no amendments.
8. The Election of the Officers.
a) Before this item was dealt with, a question was put to the meeting by Steven Cain (Gt Blakenham) as to why the County Captain is elected in Committee and not at this meeting. Keith Armes (Burstall) and a member of the Committee pointed out that this position is not that of an officer and Ray White (Polstead) said this is not a requirement of the Constitution to fill this position at this meeting.
b) Election of Chairman:
John Hayward had previously indicated that he was prepared to stand for this position. No other offers were received. David Schofield (County President & member of Offton & Willisham) proposed this nomination and Roy Eyles (Stratford St Mary) seconded, this was approved.
c) Vice Chairman
Margaret Southgate (Bramford) had indicated that she would be prepared to hold this position and with no other nominations, Ray White (Polstead) proposed and Sheila Hill (Hoggards Green) seconded this nomination and was carried.
d) Honorary Secretary
There being only one nomination of Marion Brown for this position which was proposed by Keith Armes (Burstall) and seconded by Judith Longman (Harkstead) and was carried.
e) Honorary Treasurer
Again there was only one nomination, that of the previous Treasurer, Paul Goulding. This nomination was proposed by Trevor Girling (Claydon) and seconded by Sally Goodrich (Claydon) and was carried.
f) Press Secretary:
Before this nomination was dealt with, Mick Watkins (Chelmondiston) questioned whether this position deals solely with results for the press or did the roll cover publicity as well, and if it did, due to the commitment of dealing with results, should these two positions be separated to try to gain more coverage on the publicity side.

Rita Daniels (Kelsale) in Sally's defence pointed out that she was of the opinion that Sally's remit in dealing with results did not cover the job of promoting Carpet Bowls for Suffolk. Mick Watkins said he accepted what had been said and asked that the Committee give due consideration to this point. The meeting continued with the nomination to fill this position. Sally Goodrich had indicated that she would be prepared to continue in this position and nomination was proposed by Mick Watkins (Chelmondiston) and seconded by Eva Rolph (Nayland) this was carried.

g) Executive Committee

There were 13 nominations for the 11 executive places.

A ballot followed for the 11 Committee members required and the following were elected:-

Arvon Evans	Stanningfield
Keith Armes	Burstall
Derek Brown	Elmsett
Rita Daniels	Kelsale
Judith Longman	Harkstead
Richard Sago	Burstall
Tony Webber	Offton and Willisham
Steven Cain	Great Blakenham
John Varden	Old Felixstowe
Mick Watkins	Chelmondiston
Andy Gilder	Barking

h) Honorary Auditor

Trevor Girling (Claydon) proposed and Joan Catchpole (East Bergholt) seconded the approval of the previous Auditor being Claire Utting.

9. During the counting of the nomination papers for the election of Committee Members, Judith Longman made a presentation with regard to County Tournaments. She made various references to the success of those who won County competitions and about their representation in playing for Suffolk in the Champion of Champions and Eastern Area Championships.

The second part of the report covered the running of the County Qualifying Tournaments and the proposed alterations. The proposal is that these should take place in four areas, north, east, south and west and provided suitable venues could be found, it is possible that only winners or winners and runners-up would progress to finals day. Judith went on to comment on the difficulties in getting Clubs to provide equipment and she has looked into the possibility of organising a hired van to make pick ups of carpets on the day previous to competitions and the return of these to the Clubs at the end of the day with members transporting the remainder of the equipment in cars. She appealed to those present, should they own a suitable means of transport or knew of somebody who would be prepared to do this job (and be paid) would they please let the Committee know.

County Team Report

Tony Webber, County Captain covered various aspects that had not already been mentioned in other reports, chiefly that the County Team were runners-up in the Eastern Counties Championships and 3rd at Hemsby in the National Championships. In the Eastern Counties League Suffolk had high hopes of a win (with a little assistance from other teams) of winning this but Norfolk came out winners, Suffolk did well to beat Cambridgeshire but Norfolk destroyed Bedfordshire (a win by Bedfordshire would have helped Suffolk)

In the Charity Team Bowl, Suffolk won this for the 3rd time in 4 years. It appears that the other Counties cannot split their rinks and still win a team bowl where Suffolk appear to be able to do this.

10. Annual Membership Subscription

The Treasurer suggested that there should be an increase in this and suggested that this should be raised to £25.00. Of this, £20.00 would be the fee to belong to the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association and £5.00 would be put to the purchase of raffle prizes for tournaments. This was proposed by Andy Gilder (Barking) and seconded by Chris Leach (Stutton) Judith Longman (Harkstead) proposed and John Varden (Old Felixstowe) seconded that the fees for Associate members (these are Clubs who are situated in another County) should be increased to £15.00. This was carried.

11. Any Other Business:-

a) The question of subsidies paid to players who represented Suffolk at the Champion of Champions at Rotherham (these are the bowlers who won the four disciplines in the Suffolk tournaments as opposed to County team players) was raised by Trevor Cain (Gt Blakenham) and could there be a fairer way of distributing this money. Margaret Southgate replied that it was agreed that each bowler would receive £28.00 for 1 night accommodation and £30.00 for petrol per discipline. It was agreed that the Committee would look at this with future events in mind.

b) Winter League Format

Referring back to this question, the new Chairman said that a format had been suggested by an Ad Hoc Committee which has been formed from members of the executive committee to look into this but on reflection it was clear that this would not work. reasonable contributions by way of suggestions for a new format had been asked for in the last Committee minutes of which all Clubs would be in receipt of, only one had been received. However, it was pointed out that 12 bowlers would be the minimum number required to play in the Winter league games.

12. A draw was made for prizes that had not been claimed at tournaments.

13. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2000

	INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	1999/2000	1998/1999	1997/1998	1999/2000	1998/1999	1997/1998
Membership Subscriptions	£1,895.00	£1,898.00	£1,893.00	Affiliation Fees	£120.00	£155.00
Raffles	£1,601.13	£3,216.67	£1,500.39	Raffle Prizes	£761.84	£846.83
Winter League	£765.00	£772.00	£750.00	Trophies	£1,127.69	£894.26
Summer League	£430.00	£444.00	£440.00	Sports Hall Hire	£2,521.00	£2,416.20
Singles Championships	£450.00	£604.00	£634.00	Photocopying And Stationery	£480.82	£743.24
Pairs Championships	£744.00	£918.00	£884.00	Insurance	£1,307.74	£1,239.70
Triples Championships	£552.00	£602.00	£780.00	County Matches	£1,874.42	£4,240.95
Fours Championships	£576.00	£720.00	£816.00	Charity & Other Tournaments	£2,700.00	£249.99
Joe Rice Cup	£155.00	£185.00	£185.00	Sundries	£397.22	£26.00
Insurance	£1,683.75	£1,926.50	£1,149.50	SCBA Meetings	£100.00	£71.00
County Matches	£585.00	£3,005.00	£664.00	Postage	£501.27	£493.49
Charity & Other Tournaments	£0.00	£1,457.00	£668.00	Telephone	£227.00	£215.80
Bank Interest	£88.97	£153.34	£167.51	Bank Charges	£10.00	£29.13
Sundries	£175.00	£25.00	£16.50	Catering		£0.00
Charity Contra	£187.06			Champion Of Champions Expenses	£765.00	£67.00
	£280.00			Delegate Expenses	£62.42	£114.32
				Purchase Of Photocopier		£0.00
				Contra Charity	£280.00	
				New Carpets	£1,471.69	
				Repair To Computer	£119.99	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	£10,167.91	£15,926.51	£10,547.90		£14,828.10	£11,802.91
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SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2000

	1999/2000	1998/1999	1997/1998
Balance Of High Interest Account	£2,319.29	£4,047.86	£4,934.50
Balance Of Current Account	£1,141.65	£2,765.53	-£936.97
Insurance Prepayments		£1,307.74	
Funds Available At Year End	£3,460.94	£8,121.13	£3,997.53
Profit/Loss Made During Year	-£4,660.19	£4,123.60	-£836.01

ROLL OF HONOUR

1999/2000

SUFFOLK LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for the Scapa Leisure Surfaces Shield

WINNERS - TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN

JOE RICE CUP

WINNERS - BROCKLEY

CHAIRMAN'S PLATE

WINNERS - BARROW

MICK McNEIL SPORTS SHIELDS

East Suffolk Champions - TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN

West Suffolk Champions - BROCKLEY

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS for the Chips Ltd. trophy

BRAMFORD

THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS for the Shire Sports trophy

ORFORD

SUFFOLK SINGLES CHAMPION

Sue Jones (Brockley)

SUFFOLK PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Mike and Paul Daniels (Kelsale)

SUFFOLK TRIPLES CHAMPIONS

Jeremy Brown, David Mittell and Steven Cain
(Great Blakenham)

SUFFOLK FOURS CHAMPIONS

Keith Jolly, Ian Mott, Walter McCann and Neil Jolly
(Brockley)

SUFFOLK JUNIOR CHAMPION

Richard Mittell (Somersham)

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE SUFFOLK v HERTFORDSHIRE

The latest match in the league was against Hertfordshire at Potters Bar. Where Suffolk needed as many points as possible after the defeat by Norfolk to stay on top of the league and possibly go on to take the title.

The Match followed the usual format using 4 mats and playing over 5 sessions with each rink playing 3 games.

In the first session Suffolk won 2 games halved 1 and lost the other.

The second session was much the same as Suffolk won 3 games and lost the third, it was becoming obvious that Hertfordshire had improved their team since our last meeting and were not about to give us an easy passage.

The third session where only two teams compete worked out better for Suffolk as they won both of them. It was still a close call, as the scores in those games were 9 Points to 7 and 8 Points to 7.

The fourth session was even as both teams won 2 games

In the final session Suffolk managed to win 3 games and lose 1

The final score was

Suffolk 25 Points and 167 Shots

Hertfordshire 11 Points and 124 Shots

On the same day Norfolk were playing Essex and drawing 18 – 18 and Cambridgeshire were playing Bedfordshire also drawing 18 – 18. This meant that Suffolk were still at the top of the table.

The last batch of games, to be played on Sunday 9th April sees Suffolk take on Cambridgeshire, Norfolk play Bedfordshire and Essex against Hertfordshire. It promises to be a tense weekend.