



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 5th February 2001

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Andy Gilder, Judith Longman, Richard Sago, Margaret Southgate, John Varden and Mick Watkins.

1. Apologies were received from Derek Brown, Steven Cain, Sally Goodrich, and Tony Webber.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
There were no matter arising.
4. The Chairman's Report.
The Chairman had nothing to report to the meeting.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - a) The Secretary reported that she had received the following correspondence:-
 - (i) The first was from two bowlers who, for personal reasons, have moved Clubs during the early part of the season.
The Club which they have joined asked these players if they had already played in a league/cup game for their previous club this season and were made to understand that they had not and subsequently included them in their team. However, when the records were checked it had been discovered that these bowlers had in fact taken part in a game with their original club. The Committee, in this letter had been asked to adjudicate on this situation. They were asked to decide whether these players may continue to be included in their new team for the remainder of the season. It was pointed out that the rules of the Suffolk C.B.A state that bowlers may only play for one Club in any season unless they seek the approval of the County Committee first. Therefore it was proposed by Andy Gilder and seconded by Arvon Evans that the rules must be upheld. These players will be informed that they will not be eligible to continue to play in league/cup games for the remainder of the season but would be eligible to play in the Summer season.
 - b) The second letter was from East Bergholt C.B.C who thanked the County for organising qualifying games in their area but added that it was a shame that there was such a long wait between games with two groups playing on each carpet
6. Press Officer's Report.
In the Press Officer's absence Margaret Southgate read the report.
Sally reported that she was dismayed to receive a telephone call following the previous meeting with regard to minute 6b regarding the posting of the Suffolk league results on the web-site www.carpetbowls.co.uk.
The phone call was made by Rita Daniels, a member of this committee with the contact number to arrange for a copy of the results (as sent to all League

clubs) as and when they are compiled so that these arrangements could be put in place following the decision of this committee to post the results on the web-site. Rita apologised profusely if Sally had taken offence regarding the contact she had made with her.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£1841.16
High Interest Account	<u>£1142.59</u>
	£2984.75

8. County Business:-

a) Captain's Report:- Copies are enclosed with these minutes.

b) Durham visit: A member of the Committee had taken offence that some initial work had taken place regarding this event.

As in previous years, the Secretary had made inquiries regarding the accommodation/entertaining of the Durham bowlers who would be the guests of Suffolk C.B.A. in August, an event which takes place each year alternating between the two counties. The inquiries that Marion had made and on which no decision had been taken, was that she had sort menus/prices from Rita Daniels (who it was agreed by this committee would cater for County events where venues do not have catering facilities on site) to cater for an evening meal so that this event could take place wholly at Needham Market Community Centre.

Subsequently, the majority of the committee having heard the suggestions put before them accepted that these arrangements should proceed.

c) County Pairs Closed Championships:- Some complaints were passed on to this meeting with regard to bowlers playing against the same people at the same venues for each discipline. It was pointed out that if players request a change of venue, the organisers would endeavour to place them elsewhere.

It was pointed out that even if some bowlers felt like this regarding these event, the number of people actually taking part has increased on previous years and the whole idea of running these events in this way, over the four venues was to encourage this to happen.

d) Junior Closed Championships:- The Chairman reported that he had received 20 entries for this event.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

Margaret Southgate reported on this item and said that there had been a problem at the Team Bowl with slow play. It was accepted that this is a problem when an event such as this was not played to the whistle but it was strongly felt that County matches should never be played to strict timing.

To try to resolve this problem, Arvon Evans suggested that a referee should be appointed to deal with these situations. Arvon agreed that he should ask to have this included on the agenda of the next meeting of this committee for discussion in order that this could be taken to the Annual General Meeting of the ECCBA to be held at the New Astley Club in Newmarket on 7th June, 2001.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

Margaret Southgate gave the following report:

The meeting was attended by 7 Counties. Under matters arising those Counties who had supplied equipment at the National Championships were thanked.

The Secretary reported that she had heard various comments to the effect of WHY are we in the ECBA, what does it do for us. Those Delegates and Officer's present all agreed that they were trying to move the game of Carpet Bowls forward and probably at grass roots level bowlers couldn't see

what we did for them, but surely our aim is to eventually provide more tournaments which they can enter, if they wish, and to lay the foundation for the future. During a discussion on future venues for our events it was suggested that perhaps it would be possible to hold a series of tournaments over a week at Hemsby, i.e. Champion of Champions, National Championships and a Singles Championship. The Secretary and Treasurer undertook to make enquiries when they visit Hemsby to organise this years Championships. The treasurer reported a very healthy bank balance of £9936.26 The visit by the Chairman and Secretary to Farnham last October had gone well, and the community centre hope to purchase equipment and set up Carpet Bowls by March.

Under the review of the Championships I passed on the comment of this Committee that we would like to see results posted after every session, this will be looked into. Comments were also made regarding the meal times both Lunch and Dinner and these problems will also be investigated.

ECBA competitions were next on the agenda, a Rinks event is being run by Northumberland on 1st April this year, with it moving South next year to Braintree. 2/3rd June will see the Champion of Champions being held at Rotherham (entry fee per team £50.00) with the Association AGM being held on 2nd June at Herringthorpe Leisure Centre. We are then bringing back the ECBA Triples competition, Cambridgeshire have volunteered to host it at Soham on Sunday 16th September 2001. It will then move north in 2002 when South Tyneside will run it. Finally there will be the National Championships at Seacroft from 2/5th November, at present we do not have any prices for accommodation but we do not anticipate a large increase on last year. At the AGM the Association will submit a change to the Constitution that there is a development Officer for North and South. Northumberland intend to put a rule change forward, an addition which will be 3.6. The date for the next meeting is 31st March at the Toby Lodge.

11. Winter League Format 2001.

The Chairman opened this discussion asking that, through these minutes all those who had submitted ideas for a new format should be thanked for their submissions.

A full and lengthy discussion took place on this with all suggestions looked at again. However, it was decided that the system in place this season so far of 4 games of 4 bowlers with, ideally, 16 in a team but with a minimum of 12 allowed was working reasonably well and that this should continue. Therefore, no changes will be made to the winter format for next year.

12. Any other business

- a) With Club memberships dropping rather rising, Andy Gilder asked what would be the situation if 2 Clubs from different divisions amalgamated. Which division would they play in?. The Chairman said as this had not happened this would be discussed as and when this situation arises.
- b) Judith Longman inquired if County team Sponsorship was still being pursued. The Secretary reported that all requests have been either refused or ignored but she will continue to contact companies. If any member knows of a company or business who might be interested in sponsoring the team would they please let the Secretary know.
- c) Date for the Calendar: Barrow Ladies Tournament 12th August, 2001.
- d) Paul Goulding asked if there was a possibility that those members who travelled to Durham to support the team last year could be included in the Saturday game on the return visit this year. This request will be borne in mind.

13. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01p.m.
Date of next meeting 26th March 2001.

Enc: Summer League Entry Form

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CAPTAINS REPORT 5/2/01

The Eastern Counties Charity Team Bowl for 2001 was hosted by Essex and took place at the Braintree Leisure Centre.

The competition consists of six counties fielding four teams of seven players (a rink, a pair and a single). Each team plays against its equivalent from the other counties. At the end of play, all points and shots gained are added together to determine the winning county. There are fifteen sessions to contest each one being singles, pairs or rinks.

Over the years Suffolk have had a very good record in this competition, having won it more times than any other County. As usual we arrived at the venue in a positive frame of mind, determined to do well.

The first session saw the singles in action. We usually get away to a good start, but this time however it was not to be, two of the Herts. players were really up for it and sank our bowlers taking 4 points

The pairs then took on Norfolk and true to our league form won all four games to grab the 8 points, this cheered up the team immediately.

The rinks now went on for their first effort, playing against Essex. Normally Essex do not play well against us, in spite of having some good bowlers. Today was to be different as we only managed to take 4 points in the rinks, 2 points in the pairs and 4 points in the singles.

Suffolk also came unstuck against Cambridgeshire, managing to collect 3 points from the rinks, 2 points in the pairs and 2 points in the singles.

Bedfordshire, although not having a great team gave us a certain amount of trouble and managed to take important points from us. We managed 5 points in the singles and pairs and 6 points in the rinks.

Hertfordshire were not so successful in the pairs and rinks as they had been in the singles, but they still managed to trim a few more points from us. Suffolk's points were 6 in the pairs and 6 in the rinks

Norfolk played better in the rinks and singles than in the pairs but Suffolk still took the most points, rinks 4 points, singles 6 points.

A slightly disappointing day as we dropped some silly points, but that of course is what makes the game so interesting, and we still ran out as runners up. All players did their best, but unfortunately it doesn't always come good. The points dropped against Cambridgeshire really caused our downfall as it turned out.

Final result Cambridgeshire 77 points

Suffolk 67 points

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Since the last County Committee meeting the Suffolk team have been involved in two matches. The first was against Norfolk in the Eastern Counties League. The second was the annual Eastern Counties Team Bowl.

The match against Norfolk took place at Needham Market Community Centre on January 21st. Norfolk came to us happy that they had not lost an Eastern Counties match in over two years. The Suffolk squad however, were not impressed with this record and were determined to end it. Having played well against Bedfordshire (admittedly not the strongest of sides) the Suffolk team only needed some fine tuning to give it a bit extra. All the new players were retained, to see how they would cope with the extra pressure, as experience is vital at this level of competition and some players who were unavailable for the Bedfordshire match were brought back in to the team.

In the first session of five, Suffolk got off to a good start by winning three of the four games each with a comfortable margin. The mats right from the beginning caught many of the players out, as they were very slick and bowlers had trouble coping with the speed. The Suffolk team picked the mats up quickly and this made all the difference to the scores. Session score 6 – 2

The second session went much the same as the first with Suffolk taking three games, although the scores were a bit tighter. Session score 6 – 2

In session three there are only two games played and these were halved with each side having a comfortable win. Session score 2 – 2

Suffolk then won the next session, again three games to one. Norfolk were now coming to terms with the speed of the mats, but it was too late as the home team had already won the day. Session score 6 – 2

The final session saw Norfolk at last come good, reversing the scores by taking the session by three games to one Session score 2 – 6

Final Score Suffolk 22 points. 156 shots

Norfolk 14 points. 139 shots