



# Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre  
on Monday 16th July, 2001

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Steven Cain, Rita Daniels, Andy Gilder, Sally Goodrich, John Varden and Tony Webber

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to the members of the Committee, the first of the 2001/2002 season.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Arvon Evans and Richard Sago.
2. The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-  
There were no matters arising.
4. The Chairman's Report.  
The Chairman commenced by reminding the Committee that following the retirement of two members of the Committee, the Committee is in fact two members short of the maximum number allowed but he continued that this was not a problem as he felt that nine ordinary members plus the Officers was a sufficient number. The Chairman continued by reminding Committee members to address the chair when they wish to speak.
5. Secretary's report:-  
Marion reported that membership renewals were slow coming in and that she has had to make numerous telephone calls to chase them up.  
To date one Club, Monks Eleigh, has chosen not to renew their membership. At the same time Marion reported that some clubs who insured equipment last year has not done so this year, please check that your club is fully insured.  
AWARDS FOR ALL:- Marion reported that the County, having applied last year for funds to purchase new equipment had been refused, however, she applied again in April of this year and only on the morning of this meeting had a letter saying that the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association had been allocated £1,434.00 for the purchase of equipment. As you may know we purchased 4 new carpets last year. This Committee have agreed to purchase 5 sets of woods, and one new carpet, making our stock to 5 complete sets. A proposal by Andy Gilder and seconded by Keith Armes that this should be recommended and was carried.
6. Press Officer's Report.  
Sally reported that she had received a complaint from a Club with regard to the number of bowlers Rivers One had available for a match with only seven players, having to concede a walkover and another time when the Rivers Two team cancelled a fixture with only two hours notice.

The question again arose with regard to the home teams expenses for the evening when this happens. On both of these occasions the home team was entitled to claim these from the visiting team. The meeting questioned if this Club was really in the position to run two teams as you are only allowed to play in one team only, this would be pointed out to them. Further to this, a letter had been handed to a member of the Committee to question the ruling given by us to a similar situation earlier last season when a Club cancelled a fixture with 24 hours notice. It was pointed out that 24 hours was the time limit set out in the rules where no penalty should be incurred for out of pocket expenses.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£6414.07
High Interest Account	<u>£1146.86</u>
	£7560.63

Included in the Community Account is £1963.94. which is the amount that was raised at the Charity Carpet Bowls Tournament held at Hadleigh. This meeting agreed that the County should donate £61.06. to round this up to £2025.00. which would then be divided three ways between the Children's Hospice, The Ipswich and the Bury St. Edmunds Hospices.

8. County Business:-

(a) Election of County Captain and Selectors:-

It was agreed by the Committee that these should remain the same as last year with Tony Webber being elected Captain and he would again be joined by Arvon Evans and Derek Brown as selectors.

b) Durham Weekend:-

The party of 27 visitors from Durham should arrive in Suffolk at lunchtime on Saturday 4th August. Twenty Four of their party would be bowling during the weekend which includes a social bowl on Saturday afternoon and a team competition finishing at about 3.p.m. on Sunday.

c) County Trials:-

These will take place on Sunday 23rd September, 2001. at Needham Market Community Centre.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

a) At the Annual General Meeting of this Association it was reported that Cambridgeshire were the E.C.C.B.A. 2000/2001 Team Champions.

b) It was reported that the Public Liability insurance has been paid by the Association

c) The Officers remain the same as the past year.

d) It was clarified that host Counties may elect to use 3 carpets for E.C.C.B.A. competitions if this is fitting for their venue.

e) There would be no change to the points system. Suffolk had proposed that match points were awarded but this was rejected.

f) It was suggested by Suffolk that a trial Junior Tournament between the Counties should be organised but this was rejected.

g) County Associations would be required to supply markers for E.C.C.B.A. events.

h) An incident which had occurred at an E.C.C.B.A. event with regard to a bowler foul bowling was discussed at it was agreed that the situation should have been dealt with by the skips concerned instead of one of the said skips insisting that his Captain be called to witness the situation.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

a) The Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd June, 2001. at Rotherham at the Champion of Champion Championships. Over a third of those involved in this competition attended the meeting.

- b) It was reported that Nottingham have requested some coaching sessions and had made enquiries on how to form a County Association and join the E.C.B.A.
- c) Bedfordshire explained why they had pulled out of the Association.
- d) At the Committee meeting of this Association on 30th June the Committee had visited the Metrodome at Barnsley and had decided that this would be the venue for the 2002 Champions of Champions and this would be held on 8th and 9th June at a cost of £600 for the two days.
- e) National Championships to be held at Hemsby on 2nd to 4th November 2001. Norfolk and Hertfordshire would be responsible for supplying the equipment. Suffolk would be responsible for the Raffle.
- f) Future events:- English Triples Soham, Cambs. 16th September 2001  
English Rinks Braintree 5th May 2002
- g) Umpires for English Events:- Training sessions will in future be held to achieve a level of continuity for events. This will take form of a tutorial with an examination on the rules of the game, referees duties, measuring and a question session.

11. Matters arising from the A.G.M.

- a) A letter had been handed to the Chairman at the A.G.M. which was a matter for the Committee. This questioned who replaces a bowler should this person have become a Suffolk Champion and was unable to play in the Champion of Champions, a situation which arose this year. The answer to this is that the runner up would automatically be asked to bowl but this year the runner up had already qualified to play in another discipline and would not be free to bowl in two disciplines. This was resolved by asking last years winner to play. It was felt the concern shown by the correspondent in this letter was that several members from the same club were bowling in this event. The Committee felt that this should not be a problem to him.
- b) The small number of Clubs attending this meeting was of some concern to the Committee. The suggestion that this should in future move around the County on a regional basis was rejected in favour of remaining at Needham Market which is central to Suffolk.

12. Winter League

- a) The small number of teams in Division Two West is of concern to this Committee who have tried to resolve this situation by asking some teams to voluntary to make a move to this division from the east but without success. This season, it was agreed that the teams in the West 2 Division would play each other twice, playing 2 home and 2 away games against each other. Next Winter session (2002/2003) however, it was decided that there would be only one (1) promotion to Division One and three (3) relegation's in order to even up the numbers.
- b) Cup & Plate:- As all entries had not yet been received, it was agreed that the Officers of the Committee would meet to make the draw later.
- c) In future the closing date for entries would be set earlier and would be strictly adhered to.

13. Suffolk Closed Championships

- (a) Election of Sub-Committee: Two members of this Committee were not seeking re-election. However, Margaret Southgate agreed to stand and Richard Sago would be asked and a suggestion of another person was put forward and this person would be asked.

14. Any other business

- a) Margaret Southgate advised that Suffolk would be Team number 7 at the National Championships.

Date of next meeting will be 1st October 2001 at Needham Market Community Centre  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05p.m.

Old Felixstowe Carpet Bowls Club have 2 sets of Camelion Woods for sale please contact John Varden on 01394 278105