



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 26th March 2001

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Derek Brown, Steven Cain, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Judith Longman, Richard Sago, Margaret Southgate, John Varden and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Keith Armes, Andy Gilder, Sally Goodrich, and Mick Watkins.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) (6) It was pointed out that League results are only sent to those Clubs who send stamps to the Press Officer for this purpose.
 - b) (8b) Tony Webber making comment on this minute pointed out that Officers of the committee do things out of committee when things have to be planned and asked not to shoot people down if volunteers plan ahead.
 - c) (8c) It was agreed that a notice would be printed on future entry forms to the effect that bowlers could request an alternative venue to the one which the organisers would naturally consider placing them to enable them to play against different competitors.
 - d) (8d) Tony pointed out that after it had been clarified at a previous meeting that Shirley Watkins would take all photographs relating to Suffolk events this in fact did not happen at the Suffolk Junior Championships.
 - e) (10) Tony referring to this minute that the ECBA was formed to improve the image of the game and to bring Carpet Bowls to a larger section of the Community, and to improve the status of Carpet Bowls to Grass Roots level, he felt that they had made very little effort to do this.
4. The Chairman's Report.
 - a) The Chairman said that he had no intentions to open old wounds, referring to the previous meeting and pointed out that it was important to work as a team.
 - b) The Chairman thanked the Tournament Committee who had organised the Suffolk Championships.
 - c) Junior Championships: All those who had assisted with this event were thanked.
 - d) Finals Day: The Chairman made reference to those bowlers who entered qualifying rounds knowing that they would not be available to play in the finals.
 - e) Suffolk Champions: Referring to those bowlers who had become Suffolk Champions in more than one discipline, the Chairman pointed out that it would not be possible for these persons to bowl in two events at the Champion of Champions, the rules do allow for replacements to be made. In the events where replacements are needed these places will be filled by the runners up.
5. Secretary's report:-

Marion reported that she had received the following correspondence:-

 - a) The first was from Stutton C.B.C. with a suggested resolution for the Annual General Meeting, with reference to insurance cover for equipment. The Secretary will reply to this letter.

- b) The second letter was a suggested proposition for E.C.B.A. to clarify rule number 2.12.
- c) A letter referring to item 11 of the previous minutes would be replied to by the Secretary.

6. Press Officer's Report.

In the Press Officer's absence Margaret Southgate reported that the Joe Rice final would be between Barking and Brockley and the Chairman's Plate between Bramford and Great Blakenham.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£3432.26
High Interest Account	<u>£1143.59</u>
	£4575.85

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Report:- Copies are enclosed with these minutes.
- b) Refreshments: It was decided that the arrangements for the County Events would remain as they have been for the past two years.
Rita was thanked for all the hard work she and her team have done preparing and serving refreshments at all our Suffolk events.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

There was no report . The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held at the New Astley Club in Newmarket on 7th June 2001. 28th June .

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

There had been no meeting since this Committee last met.
A copy of a letter had been received by our delegate from Bedfordshire C.B.A. who in turn had requested that a copy was sent to each member of this Committee to consider. The contents referred to the future of Bedfordshire within the E.C.B.A. and the draft rota to supply equipment to tournaments. The delegate was advised of the committee's comments and asked to use his own discretion at the meeting.

11. Suffolk Closed Championships

- a) Juniors: Comment was made not only to the high standard of bowling but also to the way in which these youngsters conducted themselves throughout this event.
- b) Closed: It was reported that there still remains a problem with Clubs providing equipment for events and that next year the organising committee will tell Clubs with their playing times if they are to supply these.

12. Summer Leagues

The groups for this have been formed and were approved by the Committee and are enclosed with these minutes.

13. Any other business

- a) Paul Golding suggested that the Annual General Meeting of the Association should alternate between the East and West of the County.
- b) Richard Sago distributed draw books for Committee members to sell for the Suffolk Charity Bowls day on 20th May, 2001. Draw books for clubs are enclosed with these minutes.
- c) Sponsorship: Marion reported that it is hoped that a sponsor for the County Squad had been found but this is still in the early stages.
- d) Marion asked if it would be possible for her to have the Association membership and the Insurance for equipment to start from the same date. This was agreed by the Committee, Marion would look into this.

- 14. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20p.m.
Date of next meeting 14th May 2001.