



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 1st October, 2001

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

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

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Keith Armes and Andy Gilder.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:-

12 (a) Clarification on this minute was sought and this should have read as follows:- WEST DIVISION TWO (2) THE PROMOTION OF ONE (1) TEAM AND THE RELEGATION OF THREE (3) TEAMS SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT WINTER SEASON (2001/2002)

4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman commenced his report by congratulating the Suffolk County Team on their win on the previous day in the Eastern Counties Six Counties Championships (report enclosed) and continued again congratulating those concerned with the organisation and participation in the Durham visit weekend and the Summer League Play-offs.

5. Secretary's report:-

The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Andy Gilder suggesting a Junior and Senior Pairs competition when a junior member would partner a senior player. Andy stated that he would be prepared to organise such a competition. The committee agreed that Andy should be given the go ahead to do so, the Secretary will confirm this with him.

6. Press Officer's Report.

- a) Sally reported that she had received some results from games already played in the Winter league. She continued by reporting that some clubs are still not marking which league they are playing in on their result sheets.
- b) Sally continued stating that Hundon had still not confirmed in writing if they will be playing in the winter league competitions.
- c) The matter of the number of players Rivers 1 & 2 would have available was of concern to the league as they have in the past had difficulties with numbers and on some occasions cancelling fixtures at short notice. Sally reported that she had listed the names of those who have played for this team to date and stated that each team have played with 13 members and that she can foresee difficulties with these teams should some members not be available at short notice.
- d) Clubs who play 2 teams are asked, when declaring their players to write Christian names as well as surnames on the sheets.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

a) Community Account	£5801.14
High Interest Account	£1147.99
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 168.00</u>
	£7117.13

Relating to the figures, the Treasurer pointed out that £2025.00 is the amount raised at the Charity Carpet Bowls Tournament. This meeting urged the organisers to distribute this amount to the beneficiaries as soon as possible. It was agreed that Marion would collate the necessary addresses of the three hospices.

- b) The Treasurer reported that the money awarded from Sport for All had not to date been paid into our account. It was reported that this organisation (Sport for All) had misplaced the referee's report on our behalf so, our referee will be sent another report to complete.

8. County Business:-

Captain's Report:- A copy of the Six Counties Championships is enclosed with these minutes.

- a) Durham Visit:- Marion read out a letter that she had received from the Chairman of Durham County Carpet Bowls Club with reference to their visit to us in August. He expected a better result for his team but Suffolk were on top form over the whole weekend, he also sent a very special thankyou to Rita Daniels for providing the evening meal, a very professional performance. He also sent thanks to the people who took the Durham people back to their hotel in the evening. He ended by saying the whole weekend was first class the bowling very good (if only)!!

- b) County Trials:- Tony Webber reported that he considered the Trials this year were an improvement on last year and that most of the current County Squad performed well also one or two new people were promising.

- c) Raffles:- The Chairman said that, upon Judith Longman's retirement from the Committee we found ourselves with nobody responsible for the running of these at County events and asked for a volunteer from the Committee, thank you to John Varden for coming forward and agreeing to help in this matter.

- d) Refreshments:- Margaret Southgate asked to have dates confirmed as some venues provided this service and others did not.

- e) County Closed Triples:- It was agreed that the numbers were such that this event would be run in groups of 5 teams thus giving everyone 4 games as opposed to 3 previously. This may not be the case in all the County Qualifying events this year as the space for the number of carpets at any venue i.e. Moreton Hall in particular, would control this and this situation would set the precedence for all games at any of the qualifying events.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

There had been no meeting since our last meeting, the next meeting date is 11th October. Paul Goulding agreed to act as delegate at this meeting. Margaret Southgate reminded the Treasurer the affiliation fee is due to be paid at this meeting.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) Eight members were in attendance.

- b) This Committee were looking at new venues for National events, Gunton Hall and Butlins at Skegness have already been viewed. Richard Sago reported that a venue of a more central position than Hemsby would hoped to be found.

- c) Due to the crossover of bowlers playing for neighbouring Counties the E.C.B.A. require Counties to lodge a copy of their constitution with them.

- d) On the development front organisations in Maidenhead and Oxford have shown interest in the sport. Any Clubs with Carpets which are no longer any use to them and would like to sell them are asked to release them to be sold on to E.C.B.A. so they can be used as starter units for new clubs. Richard Sago (Suffolk delegate) will put Clubs in contact with the person concerned with this.
 - e) English C.B.A. Rinks event will be held on 5th May, 2002 at Braintree.
 - f) Champion of Champions event will be held at Barnsley.
 - g) At the next meeting a decision on the timing/control of English events will be made. Delegates will be asked to vote on these being played to time or whether the number of ends should be reduced. Our delegate will vote for the timed option on the agreement of the Suffolk committee.
 - h) The question of a First Aider at events was raised by E.C.B.A. It was stated that this should be considered. Rita Daniels reported that the Leiston venue has this facility available at all times. The Secretary thought that Stowmarket venue also had such a facility.
11. Any other business.
- a) Rita Daniels asked if a date for the Annual Suffolk/Heritage game could be set. Sunday 6th January 2002 was suggested. Marion to see if Needham Community Centre was available.
 - b) Paul Goulding asked why Suffolk plays the Heritage League and not the Bury League. It was explained to Paul that Heritage had requested such events and no approach had been received from the Bury League.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20p.m.

Date of next meeting 26th November, 2001.