



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 15th July, 2002

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,
Dave Cask, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Richard Sago and John Varden.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to the new members of the
Committee, the first of the 2002/2003 season.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Keith Armes, Paul Cousins, Rita Daniels and Tony Webber. Good wishes were sent to Tony Webber as he was in hospital recovering from a hip operation.
2. The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
10d. Should have read Constitution and Rules.
4. The Chairman's Report.
The Chairman had no report.
5. Secretary's report:-
Marion had no report.
6. Press Officer's Report.
Sally reported that she had nothing really to report only that all Summer League fixtures were well under way and had not had any problems.
7. The Treasurer's report:-
Paul circulated a current bank statement to the Committee which was as follows:-

Community Account	£4329.00
High Interest Account	<u>£2559.47</u>
	£6888.47
8. County Business:-
 - (a) Election of County Captain and Selectors:-
Arvon Evans suggested that the Election of these should be postponed to the end of the year as the new year does not start until after the Nationals in November. Arvon also said that after the Nationals he would be standing down as a County player as he felt that he had reached the time to take a back seat, he also said that he had enjoyed his time bowling for the County . Some members felt that the election of a County Captain should be done at this meeting. Margaret Southgate proposed Neil Jolly and was seconded by Stephen Cain. Derek Brown proposed Tony Webber and was seconded by John Varden. A vote was taken. the result was 8 to 3 with Tony Webber being

elected Captain. The election of the selectors will be done at the next meeting as it was felt that Tony should be able to have a say. The members nominated are Arvon Evans, Derek Brown, Steven Cain, Neil Jolly and Jim Goodrich.

b) Durham Weekend:-

This weekend had produced quite a few headaches for Margaret and Marion as numbers have dwindled down to just 27 people on the Coach. It was suggested that another year all players and spectators will have to come on the coach as expenses soar when people cancel at the last minute. Help with expenses was asked for and the Committee said that the County could have this if needed but this should be a one off situation.

c) County Trials:-

These will take place on Sunday 22nd September 2002. at Needham Market Community Centre.

Dave Cask said that some Heritage Players do not agree with some of the judging so that is why not many from the Heritage area trial. Arvon said that marking these games is one of the hardest jobs in Carpet Bowls. Margaret suggested that 2 markers are needed on each mat. These suggestions will be sent to Tony Webber and the selectors.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

Tony Webber our delegate for this. His report is included with these minutes.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

The following is taken from a report by Andy Gilder who was our delegate at the A.G.M. of the above:-

The Chairman informed the meeting that the ECBA had been invited to Birmingham NEC to demonstrate Carpet Bowls to Disabled Groups and Councils. The Secretary confirmed that they have 9 member Counties in the association and thanked all counties and clubs who assisted in any way during the past year. The secretary also spoke of a distinct lack of communication from counties, and said it made life difficult regarding organising competitions and trying not to clash dates.

The Treasurer said that the books were balanced and audited.

3 people stood for the position of Chairman. Tony Cuthbert was elected.

Changes to the constitution were put forward. The proposal from Suffolk was passed with an amendment. Amendment to the rules were proposed and these will be issued as and when.

The new Chairman was asked of his intentions for his forthcoming year. His reply was that he intended to continue to promote carpet bowls. He would also look to gain a meeting with Meld Leisure Ltd and discuss their differences as he felt that they could work together rather than against each other. He felt that they work in different circles and could complement each other. He also made reference to Meld Leisure's work in bringing carpet bowls to many different people. David Schofield who attended the meeting then congratulated Tony Cuthbert on his comments and supported him unreservedly.

The following is taken from a report from Richard Sago who was delegate at the committee meeting.

Venues for County Championships were still being looked at.

New rule books were to be printed shortly.

David Storey reported that with the new rules being implemented training for County Referees will now be brought to the front and implemented fairly quickly.

Future A.G.M's will be held at the Champion of Champions.

Suffolk have to provide 6 sets of equipment for the County Championships at Hemsby in November.

Suffolk were congratulated on winning the County trophy at the Champion of Champions and Colin Page from Suffolk won the Singles Trophy.

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

- a) Fred Hunter (Martlesham C.B.C.) asked that the Committee look at Rule 2.ix of the Winter League. The Committee were unanimous for this to stay as it was.
- b) Peter Easter (Chelmondiston C.B.C.) asked if the Committee could look at getting a grant to buy more equipment. The Committee said that when such a time correspondence comes in this would be investigated.
- c) Thorndon C.B.C. expressed their concern in the Division 2 West Winter League where Clubs from this division had to play each other twice to make it worthwhile. This has resolved this year as 3 clubs were relegated from the 1st Division and only 1 club promoted. This year this will go back to 2 up and 2 down.
- b) Keith Armes brought up about any member of the Association turning up at Committee meetings. This is allowed but like all committee meetings you may only sit in and listen, you may not speak.

12. Winter League

- a) The Winter League is enclosed to clubs entering with these minutes.
- b) Cup & Plate:- This also is enclosed to those Clubs entered

13. Suffolk Closed Championships

Election of Sub-Committee:

Margaret Southgate and Richard Sago agreed to stand for this again, also it was proposed that Jane Sago be officially co-opted onto this committee as she had done a lot of work on this the previous year. This year 3 venues will be used. Leiston, Hadleigh and Moreton Hall. The format for these competitions were discussed at length, the Committee felt that the Sub Committee will make the final decisions.

14. Any other business

- a) It was suggested that we adopt the East Anglian Air Ambulance for our long term charity, but it was felt that which ever club organised the Charity day they should be able to adopt their own charity.
- b) John Hayward would like the format for the 2003 summer season looked at and suggested that 4 triples play. Comments to John please!!!

Date of next meeting will be 30th September 2002 at Needham Market Community Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05p.m.

Enc: Trials entry