



# Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

*The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association*

*held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday, 17th June, 2002*

Prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting the presentation of a cheque was made to a representative of the East Anglian Air Ambulance totalling £3,602.13. This money was raised by Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association through a Pairs Bowls Tournament, Raffle and the ECCBA Team Bowl. This year Stanningfield Carpet Bowls Club organised this event on behalf of the Association and they were congratulated for the enormous effort put into this event. When presenting the cheque, Arvon Evans, on behalf of Stanningfield thanked Marion Brown (County Secretary) for the assistance she had given them with the administration for this event.

The Chairman then opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

In attendance were representatives from the following Clubs:-

Barking	Belstead	Bildeston
Bramford	Brantham	Brockley
Burstall	Chelmondiston	Claydon
East Bergholt	Elmsett	Great Blakenham
Hintlesham & Chattisham	Ixworth	Kelsale
Martlesham	Offton & Willisham	Old Felixstowe
Polstead	Stanningfield	Stutton
Tattingstone	Thorndon	Whatfield
Woolpit		

1. Apologies for absence had been received from:- Capel St Mary, Hundon, Haverhill, Stratford St Mary, Dave Cask, Nancy & Jane Pitcher.

2. Approval of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.

Acceptance of these minutes were proposed by Keith Armes, and seconded by Derek Brown.

3. Matters Arising.

a) There were no matters arising from the floor of the meeting but the Chairman brought to the notice of the meeting item 10a and commented that Suffolk had put before the E.C.C.B.A. the idea of a junior match alongside a County Match. This was not found acceptable by the E.C.C.B.A.

b) The Chairman then pointed out the poster as displayed at the meeting advertising the new event that Andy Gilder was organising on behalf of Suffolk. This is to be held at Bildeston Village Hall on 1st September 2002 when a Junior bowler and a Senior bowler will partner each other. (Entry form enclosed)

4. Chairman's Report

Opening his report, the Chairman thanked all Suffolk League Secretaries/Captains for their hard work in arranging the league fixtures for both winter and summer league games and congratulated all League, Cup and Plate winners.

Commenting on County Tournaments, the Chairman thanked Richard Sago and Margaret Southgate as well as those members who regularly ran these

competitions at the various venues throughout the season.. Commenting on those who enter these competitions, the bowlers do so in the hope that they might get to the final. He then posed the question 'why then, go home as soon as you are defeated' It would be very encouraging to the organisers and players if more stayed to watch the final rounds.

Following the completion of the tournaments, the winners of each discipline or the runners up where the winners were unable to attend have progressed to play in both the English Champion of Champions and the Eastern Counties C.B.A. Championships with the following results.

Colin Page from Hintlesham & Chattisham C.B.C. had become the ECBA Singles Champion and Suffolk won the Team Championship. Also the Chairman congratulated Chris Cook & Wal Kittle (Chelmondiston C.B.C.) who earlier in the year had won the English Pairs at Hemsby.

The Suffolk Team, the chairman said had had an up and down year starting with a win against Durham to retain the trophy in the annual encounter.

The National Championships at Hemsby was not one of the best results, finishing in the lowest position they had ever occupied. The ECCBA Charity Team Bowl the team finished second, but the icing on the cake was winning the Eastern Counties League title for the 2001/2002 season.

Closing his report the Chairman thanked the committee for their help and assistance over the past year.

5. Secretary's report:-

Report attached

6. Treasurer's report.

Statement attached

The statement of accounts were presented. The Treasurer thanked Paul Daniels for Auditing the Accounts.

The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by Keith Armes and (Burstall) and seconded by Arvon Evans (Stanningfield).

7. Amendments to the Constitution.

(i) Proposed by the County Executive Committee that:-

Nominations for the Officers will only be accepted in writing from member Clubs 28 days prior to the meeting and not from the floor during the relevant Agenda item at the Annual General Meeting.

This was accepted by the meeting.

(ii) Proposed By Brockley and Gt Blakenham C.B.C's and seconded by Barking that:-

The Team Captain and Selector's to be chosen at the A.G.M. without the prerequisite for those individuals to be members of the Executive Committee.

A representative of those making the initial proposal was asked to make a presentation to the meeting. Following this presentation an AMENDMENT to this proposal was put forward by Bramford C.B.C. as follows:-

The Team Captain shall be elected at the A.G.M. and automatically becomes a member of the Committee but the selection of the selectors should remain in the domain of the Executive Committee them without them being members of the Committee.

The Chairman then made comment on the original proposal stating that the letter that had accompanied this stated that in their opinion the SCBA Constitution was not being complied with. He stated that he had sought advise on this and it was clearly not the case.

Following various comments from the floor the vote on these proposals then proceeded. The first vote was made on the amendment to the proposal. This was defeated being 8 for and 13 against and 3 abstentions.

A vote then took place on the original proposal. This was also defeated by 5 for and 16 against with 3 abstentions.

An amended Constitution will be sent to all Clubs after the July Executive Meeting.

8. The Election of the Officers, Executive Committee and Auditor .
- a) There were no nominations for the Officers positions other than those who held these positions during the previous year and the acceptance of these then took place and are included with these minutes.
  - b) Executive Committee  
There was no election for the Executive Committee as there were eleven persons willing to stand for the eleven places. These are included with these minutes.
  - c) The appointment of the Honorary Auditor. Paul Daniels had consented to fill this position and this was accepted by the meeting.
9. Annual Membership Subscription  
This will remain the same as last year of £25.00 per Club. Clubs will each receive details regarding full County Membership, Associate Membership and Insurance,
10. Any Other Business:-
- a) Fred Hunter from Martlesham C.B.C. asked the Committee to clarify the position regarding rule 14 and 2.9. with regard to the cancellation of fixtures at short notice.
  - b) Peter Easter (Chelmondiston C.B.C.) asked the Committee to look at obtaining more grant monies for the purchase of carpets for the use of Clubs at Charity events.
  - c) Paul Goulding (Treasurer) asked when a Club is found to organise next years Charity event that they might consider running this earlier in the year so as to clear the account of the income from this well before the closing of the annual accounts.
  - d) Thorndon C.B.C. asked if more Clubs could be found to play in Division Two West. They were told that this year there would be only one promotion to Division One West but there would be 3 relegation's from this division in order that numbers would be made more even.
  - e) A representative from Ixworth C.B.C. asked if a P.A. system could be used at this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

A draw for prizes which had not been claimed at tournaments then took place.

## Secretary's Report

Mr President Mr Chairman and Fellow members.

Club Membership numbers remain strong at 105 with 5 Associate Clubs. I find this most encouraging and hope that all Clubs will again become Members of the S.C.B.A.

Our Chairman has already commented on the closed championships and the County successes so I shall not dwell on these.

The Winter and Summer leagues and the Joe Rice and Chairman's Plate competitions continue to be a great success and all those who take part in them thoroughly enjoy the social and competitive bowling that they provide. Other competitive bowling in Suffolk is provided by the Suffolk Coastal and Bury Leagues.

Moving on - the Insurance scheme for equipment has continued to be very popular and numbers this year has increased to 235 sets of equipment. May I again warn Clubs who rely upon their Village Hall insurance that it is very probably inadequate and certainly will not cover you in transit and in use elsewhere. The Association scheme is provided as a service to members and is NOT a profitmaking venture. I have been able to negotiate again with brokers Sutton Winson and I have to say that it has gone up £105, but spread through all the clubs the increase will only be minimal.

Our Chairman had spoken about the Charity Tournament but I would like to say a very big thankyou to Arvon and his team of helpers from Stanningfield C.B.C. I think the amount raised is an all time record. We shall be looking for another club to organise this for the coming year, its hard work but very rewarding.

May I give our thanks to Rita for being my minute secretary again this year, also to Shirley Watkins for her excellent photographs taken over the past year, Shirley turns up time after time with a camera of some sort in her bag.

I thank the Committee for their support over the last year it's not all plain sailing but we usually get there in the end. I would also like to thank Derek, he helps after each meeting to label envelopes and stick on stamps, this takes quite a while.

This ends my report

Thankyou

Marion Brown  
17th June, 2002

# SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## Income & Expenditure For Year Ending 31st May 2002

<u>INCOME</u>	2001/2002	2000/2001	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2001/2002	2000/2001
Opening Bank Balance at 1/6/01	£3,502.34				
Membership Subscriptions	£2,255.00	£2,080.00	SCBA Meetings	£78.00	£85.00
Eastern Counties Refund	£179.40	£314.00	ECCBA League Fees	£300.00	£300.00
Associated Member Clubs	£75.00	£90.00	Eastern Counties Expenses	£379.40	£434.00
Club Raffle Fees	£345.00	£520.00	New Equipment	£1,654.53	£24.00
Raffles	£1,823.10	£1,640.00	Raffle Prizes	£720.00	£720.00
Suffolk Closed Championships	£3,543.20	£3,660.00	Sports Hall Hire (Championships & Finals)	£2,740.50	£2,894.00
Joe Rice Cup & Plate	£140.00	£150.00	Pairs Refund	£6.00	
Winter League	£690.00	£720.00	Champion of Champions Expenses	£375.00	£525.00
Summer League	£380.00	£430.00	Lottery Registration	£17.50	£17.00
Insurance	£1,093.00	£1,068.00	Insurance	£1,029.00	£2,808.00
County Matches & Trials	£551.00	£496.00	County Matches & Trials	£2,016.00	£1,219.00
Charity (2000/2001)	£2,264.57		Charity (2000/2001)	£2,205.00	
Charity (Air Ambulance)	£3,894.40		Charity (Air Ambulance)	£3,894.40	
Club Trophy Purchase	£55.50		Trophies & Engraving	£1,424.68	£891.00
Awards For All	£1,434.00		Photocopying & Stationery	£525.49	£635.00
Rule Books	£5.00		Postage	£322.21	£446.00
Bank Interest	£14.77		Telephone	£204.50	£245.00
			Delegate Expenses	£142.33	£80.00
			Correspondance	£82.69	
			Bank Charges	£9.00	
			Accountants Fees	£146.87	
			Closing Bank Balance at 31/5/02	£3,972.18	

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Treasurer - P Goodling  
Auditor - P Daniels