

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 25th March 2002

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,
Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Andy Gilder, Richard Sago, John Varden and
Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Sally Goodrich and Steven Cain.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - (10) Tony Webber asked that the report by the delegate at these meetings be printed in full.
10(e) after - Junior members - please insert 'should'
Further to this item of last month there are now guidelines and a form for parents of Junior club members to complete and the County Committee strongly recommend that Clubs take this advise. Each club will receive one copy of this form with these minutes and ask if this form is kept on Club files for future use.
 - 12(a) The exact amount raised for the Air Ambulance at the Eastern Counties Team Bowl was £405.00.
4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman thanked all those who had helped in any way with the running of the Suffolk Closed Championships. Margaret Southgate, in particular was thanked for co-ordinating the purchase of the raffle prizes for these events.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - (a) Marion reported that due to an oversight on her part that she had allowed her membership to a club to lapse. She pointed out that she is now a fully paid up member of Offton & Willisham C.B.C.
 - b) Correspondence:- Marion had received two letters and she was instructed by the Committee on the form of which these replies should be made.
6. Press Officer's Report.

In the Press Officer's absence Marion reported that the Joe Rice Cup final would be between Brockley and Tuddenham St Martin, and the Chairman's Plate between Great Blakenham and Tithe Barn, Sproughton.
7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£3500.02
High Interest Account	<u>£2546.56</u>
	£6046.58
8. County Business:-
 - a) Captain's Report:- Copies are enclosed with these minutes.
 - b) Durham Weekend: The cost, because numbers are not finalised has not been established.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

There was no report . The next meeting will be held in June.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

a) There was nothing to report. The next meeting will take place on 6th April and Paul Goulding will represent the County at this meeting.

b) The Annual General Meeting of the ECBA will take place on Friday 7th June, 2002 on the eve of the Champion of Champions competition.

It was questioned why the events organised by the ECBA takes place in areas where there are no Carpet Bowls being played. It was pointed out that the Barnsley venue is excellent and this was the reason for the event to take place there.

11. Suffolk Closed Championships

a) Juniors: The result of this was a repeat of last years final and of last years result with Clint Watling of Leiston St. Margarets being the winner and Joel Fisk from the same Club being runner up.

The semi-finals were Richard Battle also from Leiston St Margarets and Stephen Mead from Snape.

The Committee agreed that the bowling on the day was superb and all those competing were to be congratulated. 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) Finals Day:

Due to some players qualifying in two or more disciplines this event became a longer day than would usually be expected.

Some questions were raised with regard to replacement teams playing but the Suffolk Committee backed the decision of the sub-committee to play the runners up of the venue where the venue qualifier was unable to play. This followed precedents made in previous years.

The committee wished to express their thanks to Jane Sago for acting as secretary to the sub-committee.

c) The Suffolk Champions for the season 2001/2002 are as follows:-

SINGLES	Winner -	Colin Page (Hintlesham & Chattisham)
	Runner up	Walter McCann (Brockley)
PAIRS	Winners -	Andrew & Ellen Cooper (Hundon)
	Runners up	Steven Cain (Gt Blakenham) Andy Gilder (Barking)
TRIPLES	Winners -	Mark, Angela & Michael Ashman (Barrow)
	Runners up	John Austin, Margaret & Jim Southgate (Bramford)
FOURS	Winners -	Sue Gardner, John Walton, Roy Lonsborough, Andy Gilder. (Barking)
	Runners up	Stan Beston, John Austin, Margaret & Jim Southgate (Bramford)

Congratulations to all the Suffolk Champions and the Committee wish them well when they represent Suffolk in April.

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) Marion advised the committee that Mary Puttergill, the manager of Needham Market Community Centre has been asked to retire and she asked the meeting if it was thought appropriate to show our thanks to her with a gift for assistance she has accorded Suffolk C.B.A. The meeting agreed.

b) Junior /Senior partner bowls event which is being organised by Andy Gilder on behalf of the County on 1st September 2002 will be held at Bildeston.

- c) It has been brought to the notice of this Committee that some Clubs are playing with bowls that are NOT a matching set.
WILL ALL CLUBS NOTE THAT THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION RULE 1.3 READS 16 BOWLS, 8 OF EACH COLOUR, ALL MADE BY THE SAME MANUFACTURER ETC., AND THAT NO BOWLS OTHER THAN THIS MATCHING SET SHALL BE USED IN A GAME.
14. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20p.m.
Date of next meeting 13th May 2002.

All Clubs should have received the entry form for the Suffolk Charity Tournament organised this year by Stanningfield Carpet Bowls Club, also enclosed were the Raffle books for this. Please support this event if you can by entering the pairs competition and selling as many raffle books as you can. The Charity chosen is The Suffolk Air Ambulance, as you may know from the local papers they are in need of as much money as possible, and we would like to add our contribution to this worthy cause.

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2001/2002

SUFFOLK v ESSEX

Suffolk's latest match in the Eastern Counties League took place on Sunday 17th March. As the Needham Market venue was not available the games were played in Woolpit Village Hall. As well as a different venue, the match was played using a three carpet format as the hall would not take four carpets comfortably. This meant that there would be six sessions instead of the usual five.

The match turned out to be one of two distinct halves with Suffolk pulling away in the first half and Essex fighting back in the second half. Many of the games were won or lost by one shot, making the match nail-biting at times.

Session 1 went to Suffolk by two games to one with the shots at 29 to 24

Session 2 went even better with Suffolk winning all three games, although the shots were tight at 24 to 21.

Session 3 also went the way of Suffolk by way of three games to nil, with the shots looking better at 32 to 14.

Essex came back into the match in Session 4 by winning one game and halving one, the shots were 22 to 19 in favour of Essex.

Session 5 was a repeat of the previous one with Suffolk winning one game and halving another. The shots this time were even at 25 each.

The final session went to Essex by two games to one, with the shots also going to Essex 34 to 25.


The final result was a win for Suffolk by 24 points to 12.

Shots also went to Suffolk by 154 to 140.

A most enjoyable day's bowling, although Suffolk would have liked a few more points to help in the league. The format worked well and the venue was also a success. With spectators being able to watch the play from above as well as eat their salad lunches etc. supplied by Suffolk's first class catering team.

When all these things fall into place it makes Carpet Bowls what it is. Not just a game, but also a social occasion for everyone's pleasure.

Tony Webber



Captain

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2001/2002

SUFFOLK v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The annual encounter between Suffolk and Cambridgeshire took place this year at Milton on Sunday 17th February. This was Suffolk's third away game of the season, the next two will be on home ground.

Both teams were aware that this would be a hard fought match, being between the two top teams in the League and so it turned out to be.

From the Suffolk point of view it could not have started off worse, as we lost all four games in the first session. 8 points to nil, with shots being 37 to 23 against us.

The second session was an improvement as Suffolk drew this at one 4 points each. However the shots were against us once more at, 35 to 28.

In session three there are only two games played and Suffolk came out on top here, winning one and halving the other, 3 points to 1. The shots also went to Suffolk by 17 to 9

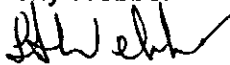
Suffolk slipped back again in session four by losing two games winning one and halving the other. 5 to 3 in favour of Cambridgeshire. The shots in this session were equal at 28 each,

To save the match Suffolk ~~needed~~ needed to win all four games. Alas this was not to be and the session was halved at four points each and 35 shots each.

The final score was a win for Cambridgeshire by 22 points to 14, with the shots being very tight at 144 to 131 in favour of the winners.

My final thoughts on the day are, that the match was played with the of spirit of friendly competition, hard but fair. With many of the games being won by narrow margins and on another day there could have been a completely different result.

Tony Webber



Captain