



# *Suffolk* **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre  
on Monday 13th May 2002

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, Sally Goodrich, Richard Sago, Margaret Southgate, John Varden and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Keith Arms and Andy Gilder.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
  - a) 10a) Paul Goulding apologised to the meeting for not attending the E.C.B.A. meeting as he was unwell.
  - b) 13b) Andy Gilder, in his absence, had written to the Chairman stating his intention to not stand for election to the S.C.B.A. Committee at the Annual General Meeting and at the same time asking if the Committee would wish for him to continue to organise and run the Junior/Senior event to be held at Bildeston on 1st September 2002. The Committee agreed that he should be asked to continue to do this.
4. The Chairman's Report.

Since becoming Chairman I have tried to run an informal meeting as possible and allowed members to not only have their say but talk across the floor, now I find that certain members do not know the difference from 'chit chat' and 'meeting business' as the last two sets of minutes of meeting have been questioned by members not in attendance at these meetings.

I have no wish to discuss these matters further as I (and other members I have spoken to) honestly cannot recall the instances questioned.

The result of all this means that from this meeting onward all points of view must go through the chair. I am sorry about this as I feel it will make for duller meetings, but trust you can see the reasons why.
5. Secretary's report:-
  - a) Marion had very little to report except to state that she had received two letters from Clubs who have equipment for sale. (see end of minutes)
  - b) St Helen's Church in Ipswich had made contact asking for help with the setting up of Carpet Bowls and she said that Tony, Derek and herself had made a visit and are doing a demonstration shortly. Marion also said that the Club would be run for the benefit of a group of refugees and those in need who meet at this venue.
6. Press Officer's Report.

Sally reported that the Summer League games are underway and that she now has an Email address which is :- j.s.goodrich @ freenet.com.uk and that she is in the process of setting up a web site.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£3584.87
High Interest Account	<u>£2773.56</u>
	£6358.43

This includes £1637.73 for draw tickets already sold for the Charity event being run by Stanningfield and a further £180.00 was handed to Paul for the same cause tonight.

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Report:- Copy is enclosed with these minutes.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

At the forth coming A.G.M. on 27th June, it was stated that Jill Emms would not be standing for the position of Secretary but was willing to continue as Treasurer, Sandra Gammage (Herts) is willing to stand for the position of Secretary. Suffolk will support the nomination. The Suffolk delegate at this meeting will be Tony Webber.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) Report enclosed.
- b) Players representing the County at the Champion of Champions will each receive a subsidy of £35.00 for accommodation & travel expenses. The Committee send their best wishes to all players representing Suffolk at this competition. Entry fee of £50.00 was due from Suffolk.
- c) David Schofield had written to this Committee stating he wished to stand for the position of Chairman at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. This was discussed at length and as a result of this the Committee agreed by a majority vote that they would move his nomination.
- d) The County had received some proposed amendments to the constitution to be placed before the A.G.M. An analysis of these were also put before the meeting. It was agreed by the Committee that, with only one exception these changes were unnecessary.
- e) The Suffolk delegate at this meeting will be Andy Gilder.
- f) Margaret Southgate asked the Committee to support her nomination for the position of Treasurer. This was agreed.
- g) (i) Richard Sago proposed that Suffolk C.B.A. place the following amendment before the E.C.B.A. A.G.M.:- That all nominations should be received in writing 28 days prior to the A.G.M. This was agreed.

11. Annual General Meeting, to held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 17th June 2002.

It was agreed that the Committee would also propose the same amendment to Suffolk C.B.A. Constitution at the Annual General Meeting. Those present at this meeting were asked if they were prepared to stand for the Committee for the forthcoming year and all agreed that they were. There are however vacancies which need to be filled. Nominations will be taken from the floor but it would be helpful if those willing to have their names put forward to let Marion know then voting slips can be prepared beforehand. *To remind all Clubs the date and place for this is 17th June, 2002 at Needham Market Community at 7.30.p.m. SEE YOU THERE !!!!*

12. Suffolk Winter League, Cup and Finals Day

- a) The Chairman thanked all those who had helped on this day the winners were as follows:-
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| Joe Rice Cup.     | Brockley                |
| Chairman's Plate. | Great Blakenham         |
| League Division 1 | Stanningfield           |
| League Division 2 | Hintlesham & Chattisham |
| League Division 3 | Brantham                |

13. Insurance

The Secretary asked if it was the wish of the Committee that she inquires of prices from the insurers that were used during the current year. This was agreed.

14. Any Other Business:

- a) As this was the final Committee meeting before the A.G.M. the Officers were thanked for the work they had done this past year.
- b) Durham Weekend: The cost of this will be £48.00 per head inclusive of travel, accommodation and the evening meal.
- c) The Committee would like to thank Shirley Watkins for the expert photography at events during the past year.
- d) National Championships: All those elected have been informed. A vehicle would be hired to transport equipment which Suffolk would be taking. Margaret Southgate stated that the E.C.B.A. would pay for this.

This concluded the business at this meeting.

The minutes of a special meeting held at Needham Market Community Centre on 14th April, 2002.

1. Suffolk Closed Championships Day

A letter which had been previously received by this Committee regarding a complaint from an individual member about a rink which replaced another had replied to the letter stating that no correspondence would be entered into from individuals and that should such persons have a grievance this kind of action should be placed before the committee through their Club. The Committee decided what action would be appropriate and wrote to those concerned with this incident voicing the meetings opinions.

2. The Committee also received a complaint regarding an item discussed at the previous meeting which had involved members of the Committee. It was decided this would not be discussed further.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55p.m.

Date of next meeting: A.G.M. Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 17th June, 2002. Agenda enclosed.

A new contact list will be sent to all clubs directly after the A.G.M.

Fornham All Saints C.B.C. have a Good condition Greengauge, Latex backed Carpet for sale Contact J. Chapman, on 01284 701769

Stratford St Mary C.B.C. has two Carpets for sale in reasonable condition - any offer considered. Contact Roy Eyles. on 01473 415079

# SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2001 / 2002

### Suffolk v Bedfordshire

The final game of the season was played at Needham Market Community Centre on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Going into this fixture Suffolk were 8 points behind Cambridgeshire and holding second place in the league. It meant that we needed a good result against Bedfordshire to overtake the leaders.

The County Selectors decided to make a few changes to the team, in order to fine tune the rinks and hopefully to help the team result. As it turned out the Suffolk squad were really up for this match and played some of the best fighting bowls we have had this season.

Bedfordshire came into this match on a high, having beaten Hertfordshire in their previous fixture. Although they played some good bowls, they were never allowed to get on top of a determined Suffolk team.

The match was played to the 4 carpet format over 5 Sessions as usual.

Right from the off Suffolk set out their stall in a positive manner by winning all 4 games in the first session, and scoring heavily.

8 Points to 0. 55 shots to 18

Session two was not quite as positive, but nevertheless Suffolk won it by 3 games to 1. 6 Points to 2. 34 Shots to 23.

The third session was even with both teams winning 1 game and Bedfordshire scoring the most shots.

2 Points each. 14 Shots to 16.

In session four Suffolk were again fighting hard and took all 4 games. One game in this session seemed to be lost but the rink fought back to win it on the last end.

8 Points to 0. 51 Shots to 19.

By the last session Suffolk were in an unassailable lead and this is the time when the team sometimes starts to fade in competitions. This time however there was none of it. The players were very focused and still played as if it were the first session allowing us to win the session by 3 games to 1.

6 Points to 2. 37 Shots to 26.

#### Final Score

SUFFOLK ----- 30 Points. 191 Shots

BEDFORDSHIRE ----- 6 Points 102 Shots

Following the match everyone was on edge, wondering how Cambridgeshire had got on in their match with Essex.

It transpired that Essex had won by 22 Points to 14, making Suffolk the Champions for this season.

I find it ironic that Suffolk should win this season having lost one match and drawn another, when last season we won all our matches and were denied the title.

#### FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 2001 / 2002

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SHOTS FOR</u>	<u>SHOTS AGST</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
SUFFOLK	782	630	112
CAMBS	777	621	104
ESSEX	746	680	95
NORFOLK	676	705	95
BEDS	625	801	67
HERTS	599	768	67

ECBA Committee Meeting. Sat 6th April 2002.

There were apologies from Herts and Tyneside.

Under matters arising; 1. Suffolk have not supplied the secretary with a calendar of our events to enable her to issue a National calendar detailing the major tournaments held both north and south.

2. The ECBA do not wish to become involved with any company providing Carpet Bowls Holidays.

3. Durham informed the meeting that next year the ECBA Rinks will be held at Maiden Castle on the 30th March.

Under correspondence the letter from Meld Leisure was referred to but as the matter had already been dealt with in matters arising it was not discussed and there will be no further action. I did however ask if I could read out the comments which Tony had asked Paul to make, this I was permitted to do.

The secretary stated that the programme for the Champion of Champions, entry forms for the ECBA Triples and the booking forms for the National Championships in November were to be distributed after the meeting.

Treasurer reported a total of £11,7422.01 in the bank, this being made up as community account £96.85. Business Premium account £115.93. and the High Interest account £11,529.23.

The Referee reported that two people had qualified as referees and he hoped two more would follow shortly and those in the south as soon as he could make the arrangements. We were given 2 pages of suggested changes to the rules and these would be put to the AGM. He also felt that the weight of the Jack should be standardised at 10oz and it was agreed that the ECBA would purchase 18 jacks for use at ECBA tournaments.

The Development Officer said that there was a small league operating in Herefordshire and they are hoping to form an Association. There is a club up and running in Oxfordshire as well as one in Ripon. A vote was taken on the 3 proposals regarding new counties wanting to join the Association and the Herts proposal giving new counties the following options. 1. Pay 50% membership, with 2 representatives able to attend meetings but no voting rights but be permitted to enter any open competitions. 2. To pay membership and have some rights as existing members. I voted for this proposal as I felt it was the nearest to Suffolks opinion.

The County Championships in November were discussed, Suffolk are on the rota to take 6 carpets. there will be a friendly pairs as usual and these would be run by Maureen and Barry Giddens.

Under AOB I read the letter which Paul had been sent re. time and place of AGM and that all ECBA events should be rotated round the Country, however, the delegates felt that they did not wish to make any changes at present to the set up of our tournaments, after all the triples and rinks are already rotated North and South.

Tony Cuthbert asked the question, what if Bedfordshire won the Eastern Counties League but looking back at early minutes of the ECBA I cannot find anything that says the League winners have to be members of the ECBA.

Potters would be interested in staging the Championship, and the delegates asked that it be investigated further to see if a deal similar to Seacroft could be negotiated.

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m.

Margaret Southgate (Delegate)