



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 14th July, 2003

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- David Schofield (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman),
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown,
Dave Cask, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Tony Webber and John Varden.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to members of the Committee, the first of the 2003/2004 season. David also stated that he hoped in the future these meetings are kept to the point and no side meetings but that everyone will have the opportunity to have their say.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Rita Daniels and Richard Sago.

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

3. Matters Arising:-

10b. Date now confirmed as 28th March 2004 at Hadleigh Leisure Centre.

4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman had received a phone call regarding the Secretary's Computer which had, literally, worn out and was not worth repairing. After discussing the options with the computer expert and the Secretary and Treasurer the Chairman had agreed that a new computer, at a cost of £600 be purchased to replace Marions old one. The Committee formally approved this decision.

5. Secretary's report:-

Marion said that the Membership and Insurance renewal's were coming in, however, some clubs will need reminding that they are overdue.

The Winter Leagues will be circulated as soon as all entries are in, updated rules will be enclosed with this.

This Winter Leagues will have a change to who goes up or down, this is to make the divisions more even. Division 2 East will have 2 clubs relegated to Division 3, and Division 3 East will have 3 clubs promoted to Division 2.

The Cup and Plate draw will be made when all entries are in.

6. Press Officer's Report.

The Chairman started this report off by saying that he considered that Sally's role was better described as Match Secretary than Press Officer. Sally reported that the Summer Leagues are falling into place but several clubs still do not put what group they play in on their score sheet. Sally said that she has had a number of result sheets go to a different address so please make sure that the correct address is on the envelope. Her address is as follows:-

Mrs Sally Goodrich,
23 Edinburgh Gardens,
Claydon,
Ipswich
IP6 0DT. Tel/Fax 01473 831393
E/Mail J.S.Goodrich@freenet.co.uk.

Also for new contact persons a gentle reminder that a stamped addressed envelope with a score sheet will have an up to date league table on return.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Paul circulated a current bank statement to the Committee which was as follows:-

Community Account	£4526.70
High Interest Account	<u>£2582.90</u>
	£7109.60

The Chairman asked the Treasurer to provide a projection of income and expenditure for the year.

8. County Business:-

(a) Election of County Captain and Selectors:-

Before this election David reminded the meeting that these do not have to be members of this Committee.

Neil Jolly had been proposed before this meeting as County Captain and Tony Webber was nominated at this meeting. A secret ballot was held and the result was 9 votes for Tony and 2 for Neil, so Tony Webber was duly elected to be Captain for the coming 12 months.

The election of the selectors was next. Tony commented that having 3 selectors last year did not work efficiently as all selectors found it difficult to meet on the same evening. This year it was suggested that they had 4 selectors so that if one could not make it from their area perhaps the other one could. The selectors for the year will be Neil Jolly, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich and Derek Brown.

b) Durham Weekend:- 2nd and 3rd August 2003

The weekends preparations are well under way.

A pairs competition will be held on the Saturday afternoon with a dinner in the evening at Needham Community Centre. On Sunday the Suffolk County Team will play Durham County team, if anyone wishes to come and support this event they will be most welcome.

c) County Trials:-

These will take place on Sunday 7th September 2003. at Needham Market Community Centre.

Entry forms are attached to these minutes.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

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

Tony was re-elected as our delegate for next year

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

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

The Chairman congratulated all ECBA competition winners and organiser for a successful year.

A change to the constitution @ 3.1 was made to try and avoid damaging existing Counties with Metropolitan groups trying to form within existing areas.

The main aim is still to encourage new Counties to join the ECBA as they only have 9 member Counties at present.

Several new rules have been passed and these are enclosed with these minutes. Please get all members of every club to read these as they very important.

Sunderland had asked if they could become members but it was felt that they should look at their proposed constitution and apply again next year.

The report from Margaret Southgate who acted as delegate at the ECBA Committee Meeting on 5th July, 2003. is enclosed.
Richard Sago was nominated to act as our delegate for the forthcoming year.

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

- a) Burstall C.B.C. had asked if Clubs who provide equipment for the closed championships be recompensed in some way as we want more Clubs to bring equipment. It was agreed that Clubs may, if they wish apply for a donation from the Association of £10 per set of equipment with requests, in the first instance being made to the event Organisers.
- b) Paul Gouldings comments regarding payment from clubs at matches was withdrawn by him at this meeting.

12. Suffolk Closed Championships

It was agreed that the fee for entering these championships would remain at £3.00 per person.

Election of Sub-Committee:

Richard and Jane Sago and Margaret Southgate were asked if they would be willing to organise these again.

13. Any other business

- a) Margaret asked if the Committee meeting could be changed from 29th September to 22nd September as The East Suffolk Womens Institute have hired the Main Hall and the Car Park Would be full, this was agreed.

Date of next meeting will be 22nd September 2003 at Needham Market Community Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

Enc: Trials entry

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th JUNE 2003

The meeting was held at the New Astley club in Newmarket and was attended by representatives from all six Counties.

The first matter to be discussed was the fact that Lawrence Pullar has decided that he could no longer prepare the programmes for the Eastern Counties events. This was a pity as it was felt that the programmes were good and that with a little fine tuning could be even better. After much discussion it was decided that Maureen Giddens from Cambridgeshire should contact Lawrence, try to get his programme on floppy disc and then take over the job. The paperwork would not be in colour and it would be up to individual Counties to make photo copies of the details for their members.

Following the League Secretary's report and suggestion it was decided that each County should have at least two qualified referees available at the Eastern Counties events. It should also be made clear, that referees are only in attendance to decide the outcome, in the event of the Skips being unable to agree and not to measure on every occasion.

All the current officers were re-elected unopposed they were : --

Chairman	Margaret Southgate	Suffolk.
Treasurer	Jill Emms	Norfolk.
Secretary	Sandra Gammage	Hertfordshire.
League Secretary	Rob Washbrook	Hertfordshire

The Treasurer reported that the insurance for the Association had risen steeply last year and was likely to rise again this year. Therefore extra money would be needed. Fees for the forthcoming year were then agreed. The annual subscription will remain at £50, but the playing fee will rise by 50p per player to £3 for each event. The other change was, that each County will only be allowed to claim for the hire of venues and not for other expenses incurred (some Counties were trying to claim excessive amounts).

It was proposed that another meeting was needed during the year as it is too long between October and the following meeting, which is the AGM. It was decided the meeting should take place in February.

In any other business, it was proposed that we should try to change the dates of the Champion of Champions events, so that the Eastern Counties event takes place before the National event. This would be put to the English Committee, but could not change for a few years as bookings have to be made well in advance.

Suffolk proposed that the 2004 Eastern Counties Champion of Champions event should change slightly to combat the problem of overrunning the allotted time, as happened at the Braintree venue.

It was agreed that Suffolk should try things out when they run the event in 2004.

The Pairs will go from 3 woods to 2 woods and the triples and rinks will be given a bit more time to play their games

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

A BUSY TIME FOR ALL THE SUFFOLK CHAMPIONS

June has been a busy month for the County Champions, as they have had to play off in both the National and the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions events.

The first of these was the **National Championships** held at the Barnsley Metrodome and played over two days, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th June. Each of the four disciplines (Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours) had to play eight games to decide who would be the 2003 Champions.

The first session brought on the Suffolk Pair of Peter and Penny Harvey to play against the eventual Champions from Northumberland. It was a very hard fought game but it finally went to Northumberland by 10 Shots to 4.

Session two was for Triples and Fours and once again things went against Suffolk as both games were lost. Not a very good start to the campaign!

Things looked up in session three with the introduction of the Singles. Jeremy Brown the Suffolk Champion was off to an ideal start by winning his game 13 Shots to 3.

The Pairs also won by 12 Shots to 2, so they were feeling much better.

It was now the turn of the Triples and Fours again, this time the Four of Roy Lonsborough, Mick Watkins, with Andy and Sue Gilder pulled off a good win against Durham by 8 Shots to 7. Unfortunately the Triple of Sarah Dawes, Gary Weston and Colin Page continued to struggle and lost by 10 Shots to 12.

In the next two sessions all the Suffolk teams triumphed, the Single 19 – 2, the Pair 9 – 7, the Four 7 – 6 and at last the Triple got things together to win 15 – 3.

The Suffolk Single and Pair also won in the following session by 9 Shots to 8 and by 8 Shots to 3 respectively. The Triple were again pipped at the post by 5 Shots to 8.

The final games of the day gave the Suffolk Single a win 8 – 7, the Pair a loss 4 – 10, the Triple a very welcome win 6 – 5 and the Four a win 15 – 4. The Suffolk bowlers had now to hold their game together or improve as the case may be.

Sunday did not start too well for the County, as only the Fours managed a win in their first game. Winning by 17 Shots to 5, both the Single and Pair lost by the same margin of 5 shots to 7.

In the next group of games the Suffolk Four and the Pair won comfortably by 9 – 4 and 8 – 4, but the Single was beaten by 10 Shots to 11 (very tight game) and the Triple by 3 Shots to 9. There were not many games left now, but there was still plenty to play for as teams were struggling to hold their form and the pressure was mounting.

In the penultimate group of games the Suffolk bowlers won all three of their games. The Single 12 – 6, the Triple 15 – 4 and the Four 9 – 4.

Championships positions could now change with the result of the last games to be played.

The singles title could go either to Suffolk or Northumberland, and the Fours title to either Suffolk or Cambridgeshire. The Triples and Pairs were playing to hold their position and to get points for the best team.

The final games finished with the Fours winning 9 Shots to 8, for Suffolk to claim the Fours Championship. The Triples winning 10 Shots to 2 to end up in fourth place. The Pairs drawing 9 Shots each to finish in fifth spot, Finally the Single to win 7 Shots to 3 to take the runner up position. The Suffolk players amassed 42 as a team and finished as runners up to Northumberland for the Team Trophy.

A wonderful weekend's bowling with congratulations to the Barking team of Roy Lonsborough, Mick Watkins, Sue Gilder and the Skip Andy Gilder for a terrific display over the whole weekend. Also to Jeremy Brown from Gt Blakenham, who was unlucky not to claim the Singles crown. Well done to both the pair and the triple who fought hard and did the county proud with their efforts.

National Champions for 2003

Singles – Northumberland

Pairs - Northumberland

Triples - Durham

Fours - Suffolk

Team - Northumberland

Eastern Counties Champion of Champions

Having been through all the pressure of the **National** Championship of Champions event. It was the case of having to go through it all again in the **Eastern Counties** Champion of Champions Competition. Hosted this year by Essex and held at the Braintree Leisure Centre on Sunday 15th June.

The competition was played on six mats, over ten sessions. With the Triples and Fours playing at the same time, followed by the Singles and Pairs.

The day began with the Suffolk Triple and Four being pitted against Essex and getting away to an ideal start by winning by 14 shots to 5 and by 9 shots to 6.

The Single and Pair now had their first game and once again they were off to a good start against Norfolk, winning by 15 shots to 10 and by 10 shots to 3.

Bedfordshire were the next hurdle for the Triple and Four to attempt to overcome. The Four managed it by 11 shots to 4 but the Triple lost by the same margin, 4 shots to 11.

Could the Single and Pair continue to win through, this time against Hertfordshire. The answer was yes, as they both romped home comfortably by 10 shots to 6 and by 13 shots to 5 respectively.

Session 5 was against Norfolk and the Triple were unable to hold them losing by 14 shots to 9, the Four however won again by 13 shots to 5.

Session 6 brought on Cambridgeshire, who are always difficult to beat. This continued to be true, as the Suffolk Pair were beaten by 7 shots to 4. The Suffolk Single however, was successful winning by 8 shots to 6.

In the next session the Suffolk triple got back to their winning ways by defeating Hertfordshire by 10 shots to 5, unfortunately the Four slipped to defeat by 6 shots to 9.

The eighth session brought another win for the Suffolk Single by 9 shots to 4. The pair however slipped for the second time losing by 4 shots to 8.

Only two sessions to be completed now, and Suffolk were still in with a chance of taking the team prize as well as the Fours and Singles.

It was not to be though, as both the Four and the Triple were beaten by Cambridgeshire with scores of 6 shots to 11 and by 5 shots to 9 respectively.

This meant that Suffolk could not take the team trophy home, but could still collect the Singles title. In the final session the Suffolk Pair won by 8 shots to 5 to finish as runners up. While the Suffolk single Jeremy Brown defeated his Bedfordshire opponent by 13 shots to 1, to claim his Eastern Counties title.

It was a great day's bowling by all the competitors, and played in a wonderful spirit.

Congratulations to Jeremy who had fought back well when he was in trouble, this would partly make up for his disappointment in the Nationals.

Commiseration's to the Suffolk four, who could not quite repeat their form of the Nationals and to the Suffolk pair who almost made it. Also to the Suffolk triple who tried so hard, but could not keep their form together over the number of games to be played.

It was a very good day for the Cambridgeshire team, taking three of the titles plus the Team prize. Suffolk took the Singles title and were runners up in the Pairs and in the Team.

Eastern Counties Champions for 2003

Singles - Suffolk

Pairs - Cambridgeshire

Triples - Cambridgeshire

Fours - Cambridgeshire

Team - Cambridgeshire