



# Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre  
on Monday 24th March 2003

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,  
Steven Cain, David Cask, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich,  
Richard Sago, John Varden and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
  - a) County Trophies: Minute 11 of the previous with reference to making improvements to these. Marion reported that as the Trophies were returned they were mostly all being improved.
4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman thanked all those who had helped in any way with the running of the Suffolk Closed Championships.
5. Secretary's report:-
  - a) Marion reported that she received a letter of resignation from Committee member Paul Cousins. The Committee would like to thank Paul for his time he had given whilst a member.
6. Press Officer's Report.
  - a) Sally reported that the Winter League was now coming to an end. She also pointed out that some Clubs appeared not to have played the required fixtures prior to Christmas and would like to remind Clubs that it is specified as to the amount of games that should take place during this period.
  - b) Cup & Plate: A letter had been received from the Captain of Great Blakenham C.B.C. stating that a fixture could not be "fitted in" to the specified time by their opposing Club. On this same issue, the Chairman reported his conversation with representatives from the Club in question and the circumstances that resulted from this. The Committee accepted that he had been placed in this unfortunate situation whilst taking part in the Fours County Fours Championships in which he was participating and accepted his explanation. Further to this the County Committee ask that all Club Fixture Secretary's when arranging fixture dates to bear in mind that CUP/PLATE games which are allocated a window of time in which these are to be played, must take precedence over league dates.  
It was agreed that the Winter League rules would now make this situation clearer by adding that if a team cannot organise a Cup/Plate game in the time allowed then that Club would Forfeit the game.
7. The Treasurer's report:

Community Account	£3792.61
High Interest Account	<u>£2572.11</u>
	£6364.72

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Report:- Copies are enclosed with these minutes.
- b) Durham Weekend: Durham will visit Suffolk on the weekend of 2nd/3rd August and accommodation has been arranged for them at Claydon Country House Hotel. The evening meal on the Saturday evening will take place at Needham Market Community Centre as will the Bowls during the weekend.

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) No meeting had been held, The next meeting will be in two weeks time with the Annual General Meeting taking place on 6th June at 8.30p.m. prior to the Champion of Champions weekend.
- b) Weight of the Jack: It was agreed by the Committee that Suffolk should propose that the rule relating to this 1.8 ECBA RULES 2002 should revert as Rule 1.4 of the ECBA RULES 1999. The proposal would be that the jack weight should not be less than 8oz. and no more than 16oz.
- c) Essex have held two courses for referees. This course is available to all Suffolk members and anyone interested should contact Richard Sago Tel: 01473 742468 for more information.

11. Suffolk Closed Championships

- a) Juniors: The Chairman reported that he had run this event over the past 10 years and sadly numbers had shrunk from 30-40 to 18 this year. He added that although the numbers had reduced that standard of play had not and congratulated the winner.

Final Results :- Winner: Paul Davison. (Gt Barton)  
Runner Up: Richard McCleary (Sizewell)  
semi-finalists: Luke Keeble (Burstall)  
Tom Runnacles (Gt. Blakenham)

The Chairman was thanked for organising this event.

- b) Closed Finals Day:

This will take place at NEEDHAM MARKET COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2003 Due to some players qualifying in two or more disciplines this event and will commence at 10.30a.m. and run through to 3.30 p.m. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and your support for this event would be appreciated.

- c) A letter had been received from an entrant at Hadleigh who questioned his late arrival at this event. Whilst accepting that he had overslept, he felt that his place should not have been re-allocated as promptly as it was as the first end had only just begun. The organisers at this event pointed out that players are asked to sign in 10 minutes prior to these events, this had not taken place and a search for him was made and as a result of this a replacement player who was waiting to play and was given the place. The organisers also pointed out that because time only allows for 3 round robin games, should a player fail to arrive then those playing in those groups would only get 2 games throughout the day.

The organisers, on hindsight, felt that perhaps, in the heat of the moment, they had acted hastily but it is easy to be wise after the event.

- d) Closed Championships 2003/2004: The sub-Committee of these events asked if any thought had been given to these events for the coming season and should alterations to this year be made. The Committee would give this their consideration.

e) **SUFFOLK CHARITY PAIRS**

This event this year will be co-promoted between Nayland and Kelsale Carpet Bowls Clubs.

**THE DATE:** 1st JUNE **VENUE:** HADLEIGH LEISURE CENTRE  
**THE CHARITY** CANCER CAMPAIGN IN SUFFOLK

*PLEASE BOOK THIS DATE.. CLUBS WILL RECEIVE FURTHER DETAILS INCLUDING:*

*posters, entry forms, food order forms, leaflets explaining the work of this charity and raffle books. Please make every effort to sell these.*

12. Summer Leagues

Marion had supplied the members of the Committee with the list of Clubs entered in the Summer Leagues. The groups for this have been formed and were approved by the Committee and are enclosed to participating Clubs with these minutes.

13. Winter Leagues

It was agreed that the rule 1.i in the Winter League Rules will now read 16 bowlers with a minimum of 10 bowlers. This has been changed to encourage as many clubs as possible to take part. New Winter League rules will be sent out at the beginning of next season.

14. County Equipment:

As requests to use the County equipment have been received. Marion asked if a hire charge should be made. It was felt that as most of these requests would be for Charity events it would not be fair for them to charge for them and it was agreed that a donation would be appreciated.

15. Any other business

There was no any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.35p.m.

Date of next meeting 12th May 2003.

Paul Gouldings Telephone should have read 01284 789694

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