



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 12th May 2003

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Derek Brown, Steven Cain, David Cask, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Richard Sago, and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Keith Armes, John Hayward and John Varden.

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

3. Matters Arising:- There were no matters arising.

4. The Chairman's Report.

The Vice Chairman in the Chairman's absence read out the written report by saying that at this time things were rather quiet as it is the period between the Winter and Summer league games. Since the last meeting the highlight was the Finals Day of the County Closed Championships and thanked Richard Sago and his team for their work on the day but at the same time we were not to forget the work put in by others beforehand. He said that all winners were to be congratulated and hoped that they will perform well at the Champion of Champions. John then reported that he was disappointed that the final league tables did not appear in the Evening Star but the meeting was re-assured that they had appeared in the East Anglian.

5. Secretary's report:-

a) Marion reported that she had received the entry forms from Andy Gilder for the Junior/Senior tournament to be held at Needham Market on Sunday 31st August 2003. (Entry form enclosed)

b) A proposal for the constitution had been received from Polstead C.B.C. this will be forwarded to clubs for discussion prior to the A.G.M.

6. Press Officer's Report.

a) Sally reported that the Summer League fixtures were all in and that 8 results had been received.

b) The results of the Closed Championships are as follows:-

Singles	Jeremy Brown	Gt Blakenham
Pairs	Penny & Peter Harvey	Offton & Willisham
Triples	Sarah Dawes, Gary Weston & Colin Page	Hintlesham & Chattisham
Fours	Sue & Andy Gilder, Roy Lonsborough & Mick Watkins	Barking

c) The League/Cup & Plate Winners are as follows:-

Joe Rice Cup	Offton & Willisham
Runners Up	Gt. Blakenham
Chairman's Plate	Tithe Barn, Sproughton
Runners Up	Claydon

Suffolk Champions	Stanningfield
Division 1 West Champions	Stanningfield
Division 1 East Winners	Tithe Barn, Sproughton
Division 2 West Winners	Hundon
Division 2 East Winners	Claydon
Division 3 East Winners	Old Felixstowe

In summing up Sally's report Tony Webber added that the Finals Day the day before this meeting as being most enjoyable, it was also commented on that it was nice to see so many from Old Felixstowe C.B.C. turn up to receive their award for winning the Division 3 League, also on their appearance as all were in full club colours.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£2800.84
High Interest Account	<u>£2578.68</u>
	£5379.52

8. County Business:-

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

b) Champion of Champions It was agreed that those playing at Barnsley in this event would receive a £35.00 grant towards there travel and accommodation cost as has been the practice in previous years. These same players would compete in the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions at Braintree on 15th June. No subsidy is given for this event.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

The Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held on 26th June 2003 at the New Astley Club in Newmarket. Tony Webber will act as delegate for Suffolk C.B.A.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

a) Richard Sago reported that work was in progress to encourage the game of carpet bowls to develop in Nottinghamshire. Some enquiries had been received with regard to referee training and this would be held in conjunction with Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. There was again some debate on the rules for Carpet Bowls and there will be a proposal put before the E.C.B.A. Annual General Meeting with regard to these.

An application from Sunderland had been submitted to join the E.C.B.A. The English Triples Tournament will be held in Hertfordshire on 14th September 2003.

The treasurer was reminded that a fee of £50.00 was payable to the E.C.B.A. for Suffolk's entry into the Champion of Champions.

b) Arrangements were made with regard to the booking of Hadleigh Leisure Centre for the English Rinks on 28th March 2004. (Date to be confirmed)

11. Closed Championships

A discussion took place as to the format for these events for the forthcoming year, it was decided that the Sub-Committee for this which would be formed after the Annual General Meeting would decide upon this. It was agreed that the three venues as used during the 2002/2003 season should be retained.

12. Annual General Meeting, to held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 16th June 2003.

Those present at this meeting were asked if they were prepared to stand for the Committee for the forthcoming year. The Chairman will not seek re-election, also Arvon Evans has said that after 14 years on the Committee he feels that he would like a rest, Arvon was thanked for all his hard work and dedication whilst on this committee.

There will however be vacancies which need to be filled. Nominations from clubs must be sent to the Secretary 28 days before the A.G.M. as no nominations will be taken from the floor.

To remind all Clubs the date and place for this is 16th June, 2003 at Needham Market Community at 7.30.p.m. SEE YOU THERE !!!!

12. Any Other Business:

- a) The Suffolk Charity Tournament:

Rita Daniels reported that there has been an excellent response to this event with regard to the entries.

In the absence of the Chairman on this day Margaret Southgate Vice Chairman will present the prizes to the winners of the competition.

- b) Arvon Evans on his retirement from this committee wished the sport well.
c) Derek Brown thanked Arvon on behalf of the Committee for the time and effort he had put into his time on this Committee.
d) Marion Brown asked that in future might there be a rota for laying out equipment for the home games for County fixtures. Too many members of the Team are not making themselves available for this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.44.p.m.

Date of Next Meeting is the A.G.M. on Monday 16th June, 2003.

Next Committee meeting is booked for 14th July 2003.

On Wednesday 7th May it was the annual competition East v West.

This is a friendly evening and resulted in a win for the West 11 to 5.