



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 10th May 2004

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,
David Cobbold, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich,
and Richard Sago.

David Schofield opened the meeting, the final one before the Annual General Meeting by thanking the Committee for their support throughout the past year which had been a difficult one for him.

1. Apologies were received from Dave Cask, John Varden and Tony Webber.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - 6b) Polstead did not fill the fixture as mentioned in the previous minutes so consequently Tuddenham were awarded 10 points with shots as per the Winter League rules.
 - 6c) Marion reported the condition of the Chairman's Plate had been seen to.
4. The Chairman's Report.
 - a) The Chairman reported that George Rous who was the first Treasurer of the SCBA had died and that he (David) would attend the funeral.
 - b) The matter of the letter from Essex regarding an incident at a County match had been resolved with Essex, the letter has been withdrawn and the matter is now closed.
5. Secretary's report:-

Marion had nothing to report.
6. Press Officer's Report.
 - a) Sally reported that she had compiled a fairly comprehensive end of season report which she had sent to the E.A.D.T. but sadly they had chosen to print only the final two lines of her report. The meeting agreed that we can only send in these reports and hope that they will be kind enough to print them.
 - b) The results of the Closed Championships are as follows:-

<i>Singles</i>	<i>Steven Mayhev</i>	<i>Stanningfield</i>
<i>Pairs</i>	<i>Keith and Neil Jolly</i>	<i>Brockley</i>
<i>Triples</i>	<i>Kevin Salmon, Ellen Grube and Andrew Cooper. Hundon</i>	
<i>Fours</i>	<i>Diane Wolton, Dianne Curran, Margaret & Jim Southgate Bramford</i>	
 - c) The League/Cup & Plate Winners are as follows:-

<i>Joe Rice Cup</i>	<i>Barking</i>
<i>Runners Up</i>	<i>Brockley</i>
<i>Chairman's Plate</i>	<i>Hundon</i>
<i>Runners Up</i>	<i>Claydon</i>
<i>Suffolk Champions</i>	<i>Brockley</i>

Division 1 West Champions	Brockley
Division 1 East Winners	Chelmondiston
Division 2 West Winners	Needham Market
Division 2 East Winners	Stutton
Division 3 East Winners	East Bergholt

- d) League Trophies: It was pointed out the Trophies are automatically won by Division 1 East & West when all games are completed also to Division 3. Division 1 East & West then progress to the Play offs to find the League Champions. The winners and runners up then win other trophies. However, the winners of Division 2 East & West do not receive an award for winning their respective leagues, they only receive awards after they have played in the Play offs. The meeting agreed that an additional trophy will be awarded as per Division 1.

A new Division 3 Trophy has been purchased

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£1460.91
High Interest Account	<u>£2594.26</u>
	£4055.17

Trophies for the 2004/2005 Summer season have already been purchased and paid for.

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Report:- The County Captain was unable to attend the meeting so no report had been received.
- b) Champion of Champions It was agreed that those playing at Barnsley in this event would receive a £35.00 grant towards their 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 Needham Market on 20th June. No subsidy is given for this event.
- c) Roy Lonsborough will replace Kevin Salmon in the Triples as he is unable to compete.
- d) Durham Visit: Accommodation has now been agreed with the Van Mildert College, Durham.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) The Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held on 17th June 2004 at the New Astley Club in Newmarket.
- b) Eastern Counties Champion of Champions. Offers of help for this was requested as several Committee members are away on holiday. Sally agreed to help on the table and Margaret Southgate will purchase Raffle Prizes. John Varden will run the Raffle.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report
Report enclosed

11. Closed Championships

- a) Overall during the season the number of entries were slightly down on the previous year and the format was not acceptable to all. These points will be considered before the next season commences.
- b) Future Venues: This will be discussed at the July Committee meeting.

12. S.C.B.A. Constitution: A meeting had been held on 19th April to discuss amendments to be put forward to the English A.G.M, further to this a proposal for a resolution to be placed before the SCBA Annual General Meeting was discussed and it was agreed by a majority vote that this would be moved by the Committee at this meeting. Information regarding this and the AGM are included with these minutes.

13. Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman asked those present if they were prepared to stand for the Committee for the year 2004/2005. Most members expressed a positive reply.

12. Any Other Business:

There was no any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30.p.m.

Date of Next Meeting is the A.G.M. on Monday 14th June, 2004.

Next Committee meeting is booked for 19th July 2004.

Please amend you contact list as follows:-

Whatfield - Fixtures - Don Ellis 01787 371136

Tithe Barn, Sproughton - Secretary - R Jones, 53 Church Lane, Sproughton, Ipswich. IP8 3AY - Tel no 01473 744093 - also Fixtures - Mrs Rosemary Jones same address and telephone.

Hoggards Green - Secretary - Mrs Susan Park, 76 Middleton Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 7NT. Tel no. 01787 379727

Thurston - Secretary - Mrs Joy Stiff, Hill House, Church Road, Thurston, Bury St. Edmunds. IP31 3RU. Tel no 01359 232100

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AGM: -Friday 4th June 8.30pm Barnsley.

Next committee meeting Saturday 10th July Rotherham.

Away

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION (EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2004)

SUFFOLK v NORFOLK

The match took place on Sunday 21st March at the Banham Community Centre and turned out to be a nail biting affair.

Norfolk are a difficult team to play against at any time and playing on their own mats they are a very formidable side indeed.

The day started out badly for Suffolk, as Norfolk won three games and halved the fourth in the first session. (Nfk 7 points – 33 shots, Sfk 1 point – 24 shots).

Session two was better as Suffolk fought back to win three games with Norfolk taking the fourth (Sfk 6 points – 33 shots, Nfk 2 points – 30 shots).

The third session was drawn with both counties winning one game (2 points each)

Session four went to Norfolk as they won two games and halved one. Suffolk halved one game and won one (Nfk 5 points – 31 shots, Sfk 3 points – 22 shots).

This meant that Suffolk were trailing 12 points to 16 going into the final session, also behind in the shots 96 to 108. Two of the Suffolk rinks got off to a good start in the fifth session and went away from their opponents. The other two were having a titanic struggle in their games, as Norfolk fought to retain their lead in the match. At the end of the session Suffolk had won all four games (two of them were very close) and stolen the match. (Sfk 8 points – 44 shots, Nfk 0 points – 17 shots).

The match was played in a wonderfully friendly atmosphere, with both teams showing their appreciation of any really special shots played. The way Carpet bowls should be played at all levels. I was particularly proud of the way the Suffolk squad fought during the match, heads never dropped when shots went against them and they stuck to our drawing game to win through at the end. Well done team.

BS Norfolk
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21/03/04



Tony Webber

Captain

FOR INFORMATION ONLY - 9th February 2004

To SCBA Exec Cttee Members

CONSTITUTION – This is in the way of a preliminary paper setting out why I believe a small change is needed to our constitution to allow a future AGM to make changes to certain rules.

I wish to submit for your consideration at our next meeting a wording for a resolution to the next AGM. I will submit it in good time for circulation before the next SCBA Exec Cttee meeting but this paper should reduce the amount the Hon Sec will have to distribute with any agenda.

History:

*The SCBA Exec Cttee in October 2002 made a change to **the Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls** as there needed to be an immediate ruling to legitimise the use of jacks owned by all clubs. (the national ruling has since been slightly changed). It was done for good reason and in good faith. However there was no follow up to amend the constitution at the first opportunity (June 2003) and in consequence we now appear to be in a small way in conflict with our own constitution.*

Since then another new national rule has come in for criticism and has brought about a general call for it to be removed, at least from Suffolk.

It would be prudent now to consider recommending a slight alteration to our constitution to allow us to amend the national rules at our AGM, if required, in a way to avoid any possible challenge and to tidy up the situation.

Notes:

Relevant Rules Extracts from the current Constitution

1 ii) The Association shall:

ii) f) become members of the ECBA, should the Committee so decide, **and adopt the ECBA Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls.**

3 i) The administration of the Assoc, **subject to the overriding authority of the AGM....** Shall be vested in an Exec Cttee.

3 iii) e) gives express power to Exec Cttee to propose amendments to the Constitution

3 iii) a) The Exec cttee shall have express power to... deal with matters **not covered by the Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls...** (Implying that the AGM is the place to decide such changes)

Regards to all



David Cobbold

To all members of SCBA Executive Committee for meeting on 22nd March 04

Following my Information Paper circulated at the last meeting 9th February regarding the need to formalise existing and future local variations on the ECBA Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls. The following is for your consideration to sponsor a change to the constitution at the next AGM.

The current Constitution says:

1. Name and Object

ii) The Association shall

f) become members of the English Carpet Bowls Association, should the Committee so decide, and adopt the English Carpet Bowls Association Rules for playing Carpet Bowls.

At the end of 1 ii) f)

Remove the full stop at the end of the rule and add

subject to any alterations decided by a resolution carried at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. In the event of a change to the published English Carpet Bowls Association rules prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Association the Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend the application of any such rule change until the date of the next Annual or Special General Meeting

If the above is agreed there would need to be a resolution put to the AGM in order to ratify the decision made by the Exec Committee to ignore the new rules about the weight of jacks.

I think it would meet with general approval if the most recent ECBA change involving the introduction of delivery areas and boxes met the same fate.

My view is that without a supporting decision at our AGM under our Constitution the freedom for the Executive Committee to act in the best interests of Carpet Bowls in these matters is severely limited and open to challenge.

The ideal situation of course is for the ECBA to reconsider their rules and to pass only well supported and workable rules but others may say that in present circumstances that is an unlikely scenario.

David Cobbold



Resolutions for Annual General Meeting : for final approval at SCBA
Executive Committee meeting on May 10th 2004

Following agreement by the SCBA Executive Committee to propose a resolution on the SCBA Constitution at the forthcoming SCBA AGM enabling the SCBA to vary the English Carpet Bowls Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls the following is the proposed resolutions from the SCBA including two variations of those rules to follow any successful passing of the initial resolution

The initial enabling resolution agreed on:

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Weight of Jack

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Rule 1.3 delete '457mm (18ins)' and substitute '2 inches'

Rule 1.4 delete entire rule.

Rule 9.2 delete the first sentence

The above resolutions will then bring the rules for playing in line with current practice in league matches and other Suffolk Competitions.

SCBA Exec Meeting 10.5.04

Further to the formal proposals, already circulated, for rule changes for Playing carpet Bowls the below is how the rules would read after such changes.

Weight of jack

Rule 1.9 The Jack shall be 63.50mm (2.5ins) in diameter and weigh between 8 and 16 oz.

Delivery Area Boxes

Rule 1.3 There shall be a delivery space at the centre of each end of the carpet which shall be 457mm (18ins) wide marked by two guidelines which shall measure 2 ins in length

Rule 1.4 Completely deleted (this one described how to draw the box)

Delivery

Rule 9.1 The forward motion on which a wood is released must pass between or through the 457mm (18in) delivery space, which shall be demarcated by the guidelines and the blocks

(We don't change this one at all but it relates to the following one)

Rule 9.2 Should a bowler after being warned by the opposing skip or a referee continue to infringe this rule then that wood shall be declared dead, stopped and removed from the carpet.

(We have removed the requirement to release the bowl in the delivery area)

The following proposal sent to you was partly incorrect, it should have read:-

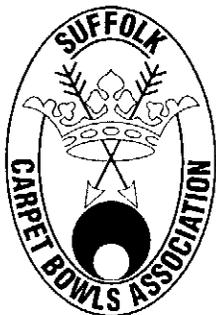
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Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

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If it is your Clubs intention to propose a change to the Constitution then that proposal MUST be received by me on or before the 1st June, 2004. A proposal received after that date will be too late and will NOT be considered at the AGM.

Nominations for Committee must also be sent to me in writing 28 days prior to the AGM. No nominations will be taken from the floor.

**Annual General Meeting at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday
14th June, 2004 at 7.30 p.m.**

ECBA Committee Meeting 10th January 2004. 12.00pm - 5.10pm.

Chairman congratulated Cambridge on their win at the National Championships at Hemsby in November.

However he stressed great concern at behaviour and language at Karaoke and general attitude during leisure time and asked counties to try and control their members.

Secretary's report: Results of county championships distributed. A meeting took place with regard to 2004 championships and the date will be 29th Oct - 1st Nov. at Hemsby. Accommodation will be from £96 to £114 per person.

Seacroft are proposing a bowls weekend on a B & B basis from £15 per person per night at the end of Feb 2005.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £12,103.

ECBA County Championships: Long discussion regarding the length of games and proposals for future events. Suggestion for 2004 will be 10 ends instead of 11 but same time allowed with marshals to keep eye on progress.

Rinks 2004 - 48 entries - now full as of 8th Feb
Triples 2004 - entry form to be sent out.

ECBA Competitions at Seacroft: Concern with regard to EEC legislation and staff working hours. Possibility of having to change format. Attached suggestions to be considered.

ECBA Potters: I noticed on last minutes (27.9.03) at which I was not present, that the Open Rinks 2005 was to be combined in the Potters tournament and I felt this was wrong, but the committee had already agreed this was to happen. My concern was for those bowlers who were unable to attend midweek events.

It was decided to support Potters for 2004 May event. Prices have been pitched to run as a taster event with no cost to ECBA. Ian Stirling of Potters attended the meeting to discuss any points the committee had. He hoped for a minimum of 350 people but the restaurant has capacity for 620.

Constitution: Long discussions took place regarding proposals to be considered at next ECBA committee meeting in April - see attached.

Review of Constitution.

The following suggestions had been previously put forward for consideration by counties.

- Officers should be entitled to vote on all matters. Essex suggested that if the Officers were entitled to vote then each member County/Metropolitan Borough should have 2 delegates each with a vote. Of the other attending counties 2 were in favour and 3 were against Officers having a vote.
- Requirements should be stipulated for what does a new member county supply an acceptable constitution. It was agreed that the ECBA should set out to any potential new county exactly which articles they would expect to see appear within a constitution.
- Should there be deferred membership? The Chairman outlined what he meant by deferred membership, and stated that this could be a further option to those already in existence. It was generally felt by the delegates that we should not have this option if a county wished to join then they should be encouraged to do so under the current options. Should a new member wish to take part in the County Championships and Champion of Champions events, they should be made aware of the possibility that they may have to wait till we secure an alternative venue or make significant changes to the formats for either or both of those events before they become members.
- Review of membership and eligibility to take part in ECBA events. It was felt that this had been covered whilst discussing the above point.
- Travel Subsidy should a new member benefit immediately? The majority of those attending felt that any new member joining as a full member should be entitled to the same subsidy as any other member. Whilst it was also suggested that a member should not receive a subsidy in the first year of their membership.
- Should there be a minimum requirement set for attendance to meetings to maintain membership. It was suggested that members of the ECBA should be expected to have a delegate present at either 75% of meetings, or they should not miss 2 consecutive meetings both suggestions excluded the AGM but did allow for extenuating circumstances. Members would lose the right to vote till the first meeting after the following AGM. It was stated that for a member not to be represented at a meeting already meant that member was having to accept whatever was agreed by those attending.

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**SUGGESTED OPTION FOR CHANGES TO HELP THE
NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONS KEEP TO THE PROGRAMME.**

**The following counties have responded with suggestions, which you should discuss with your committees
before the meeting on 3rd April.**

North Tyneside propose that we combine options C and D.

This would mean that we would reduce the number of ends to 10 but still have a 75 minute playing time and insist on players being in the rooms ready for their games at least 5 minutes beforehand. Having someone in each room for players to register with.

Essex proposes an alternative to the 4 suggestions.

That the restaurant opens at 5.30 p.m. and closes at 7.30pm.

This would allow players from the session that started at 4.30pm to go for their evening meal along with some spectators. They would be able to watch the final few ends of the games that started at 5:45pm and be ready to play in the final session due to start at 7:00pm. Those that played the penultimate session must go straight in for their meals as soon as they have finished their games, this would mean that they would be able to watch the last 4 or 5 ends of the final session.

What would we gain?

Everyone should get his or her evening meals.

We would not have to reduce the number of ends being played.

Hemsby will have no excuses if there is not sufficient food for everyone.

Hemsby would not be able to use the EU working directive for lack of staff at Breakfast.

We may be able to bring forward the presentation.