

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 20th September, 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,
Carl Buckle, Steven Cain, David Cask, David Cobbold, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich,
Richard Sago, John Varden and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies for absence - None, all present.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and with the inclusion of the decision to fund a small shortfall for the Durham trip caused by withdrawals were confirmed and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) A quote for our insurance has been asked for from Frank Winter of Jack High.
 - b) Margaret Southgate and Marion Brown completed the cup and plate fixtures.
 - c) Paul Goulding has recruited an Honorary Auditor acceptable to the Committee - Karen Bradbury.
 - d) The deficit on the Durham Trip was £11.65 which was agreed for payment.
 - e) A letter was sent to Jill Emms paying tribute to her contribution to the Eastern Counties CBA on her ceasing to be Treasurer.
4. Chairman's report:- Nothing to report.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - a) Additions to bowls dates - 17th April 2005 Old Felixstowe Charity Triples.
22nd May 2005 - Squad Team Bowl at Hadleigh.
 - b) Junior/Senior Tournament, cancelled as only 7 entries .
 - c) The Secretary has visited the Caithness firm and negotiated the purchase of the trophies for the forthcoming closed championships at a substantial discount for which the Committee congratulated her.
6. Match Officer's Report.
 - a) Summer leagues - Final tables had been sent out to all club contacts. Finals day had gone well and with Marion and Derek and Tony Webber playing with the help of Sally, Ali and Jim Goodrich, John Varden, Joy Hall, and Shirley and Mick Watkins was greatly appreciated.
Results - Points- Barking 8, Stanningfield 8, Offton & Willisham 6, Stutton 6, Elmsett 2, Tuddenham 0.
Congratulations to Barking who won on a shotback.
 - b) Winter leagues - Only a few matches played and we were still in the first leg of the cup 1st round.
7. The Treasurer's report:- as of 20.09.04

Community Account	£1932.31
High Interest Account	<u>£4099.13</u>
	£6031.44

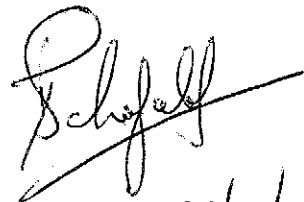
£1500 has been transferred from the Community Account to the interest bearing account.
The interest is small and is balanced by an absence of high bank charges.

- a) County Trials:- Tony Webber reported that they had gone well although he had some difficulty finding sufficient invigilators. He was pleased that some players had come back and tried different positions. These will be a guide to the selectors who will be meeting in the near future.
- b) Closed Tournaments - Richard Sago reported that entries for the triples were slow coming in and confirmed all clubs had been informed there would be no catering facilities at Hadleigh, The Secretary undertook to ask Hadleigh Leisure Centre and a van caterer about the possibility of facilities at later events.
- c) Champion of Champions - The Chairman asked the meeting to clarify SCBA policy of who represents Suffolk in the absence of our Champion/s. The English CBA allows each county to choose its own system. The Eastern Counties CBA asks for Champion or runner up. After a thorough debate it was decided on a vote of 8 to 6 that the Champion, runner up, third then fourth, as required, would be our representative rather than reverting to anyone from the previous year.. This would have implications for the organising of the closed tournament finals.
- d) The Durham Weekend- a full report has been circulated to all club contacts. Thanks to our Secretary Marion for all her hard work and it had been a worthwhile and enjoyable event. The date for next year was 6/7th August in Suffolk.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report
No further meeting to date. Tony Webber was not available to attend the next one on 14th October at New Astley and the meeting thanked Paul Goulding for his offer to attend.
10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report
Due to the illness of the national secretary our representative Paul Goulding had not received early enough notification to enable him to attend on 25th September. The meeting was grateful to accept Steven Cain's offer to attend.
11. Martlesham letter:-
a Letter had been received from Martlesham Carpet Bowls Committee before the SCBA AGM on the question of the Winter League Rules for teams playing less than 16 players. The matter had been raised by other clubs at the AGM and there had been strong feelings expressed from many clubs that the present rules were not fair. The Committee had decided that this meeting would discuss the matter. A wide ranging and thorough debate than took place after which a sub committee of John Varden, David Cobbold, Keith Armes, Margaret Southgate and Carl Buckle was appointed to report back to the full committee not later than the meeting after next with options and recommendations for a decision to be made.
12. Any other business.
Margaret Southgate asked about personnel for Raffles for SCBA finals and Juniors - this was left to be decided later. She also asked for the amount of subsidy for the National Championships at Hemsby, it was confirmed by the committee that it would be £30 per player plus team captain and two selectors unless they were playing.
Jim Goodrich asked whether the practice of changing the Jack between games in a match was an issue we should consider. He was asked to bear this in mind and raise it before we published any new Winter league Rules.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45p.m.

Date of next meeting 29th November, 2004.


29/11/04

SUFFOLK v DURHAM 2004
"The annual encounter"

This year it was the turn of Durham to host the competition and play took place at the Pelton Community Centre, on the weekend of 7th and 8th August. As usual a pairs competition was organised for the Saturday afternoon with each bowler from Suffolk pairing up with a bowler from Durham. In all 41 players went up from Suffolk, which made for a really good afternoons bowling. Most of the Suffolk county squad were playing as were most of the Durham team, so obviously the standard of bowls was of a very high calibre. After playing the group games, then the play off rounds, the finalists at last faced each other. They were Steven Cain partnering Liz Gawman versus Jeremy Brown partnering Peter Woods. After a hard fought battle Jeremy and Peter came through as the worthy winners.

When this part of the proceedings was completed, we all piled on to the coach and made our way to our accommodation at the Van Mildert College. As it was a very hot day we were glad to have a break and be able to freshen up. However we were soon off again, this time to the Whitworth Hall Country Park Hotel where a terrific meal had been laid on for us. By the time we had finished the meal, had a few drinks and a lot of chat it was time for the off again, back to the college and bed (at least for most of us – some decided to try out the college bar).

After breakfast on the Sunday we went back to the Community Centre for the County game. The play was on four mats with each rink playing four games against different opposition over six sessions.

Suffolk went ahead from the start by winning the first session by 5 points to 3.

The second session was tied at 4 points each.

Session three again belonged to Suffolk at 6 points to 2.

Session four was once again tied at 4 points each.

The fifth session saw Durham fighting back, as they took the points at 6 to 2.

This meant that the final session would decide the match, as Suffolk had just a 2 point lead. The Suffolk bowlers were up to the challenge and won the session 6 points to 2 and the match by 27 points to 21. The shots tally was also close at 192 to 185 in favour of Suffolk.

The win for Suffolk is important, but even more important is the friendliness on show between our two Counties. This is a long standing fixture in our bowls calendar and anyone who has taken part either in Suffolk or in Durham realises that they part of something special. This was truly a great weekend and I recommend it to everyone.

Roll on next year when we will be the hosts, probably at Needham Market.

Tony Webber
County Captain