



# Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of  
The Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
Held at Needham Market Community Centre  
On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2005

## The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Those present:** John Varden, (Chairman) Jim Goodrich, Richard Sago, Carl Buckle, Keith Hull, Mick Watkins, Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), Sally Goodrich, David Cobbold, Derek Brown, Paul Goulding ( Treasurer ), Marion Brown ( Secretary). Keith Armes, Steven Cain, Rita Daniels, Tony Webber

1. Apologies for absence:- None

2. a) The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005 were taken as read and confirmed by the meeting as a true record with the correction at item 10 to read Jason Ellis (not John) and signed. Tony Webber felt that we should circulate full reports with the minutes instead of a summary and offered to help with the paperwork.

b) Record of decisions taken at the special meeting called on 4<sup>th</sup> July:

i) Following the discussion at the A.G.M. regarding the Winter League playing format, it became clear there was discontent. After much discussion it was decided for the benefit of the smaller clubs that we must think again. Consideration must also be given to those Clubs who always field 16 bowlers. Therefore the Committee have made the following decision:

***Teams may still play with a minimum of 10 but teams playing with less than 16 players will forfeit the additional points awarded for shots at the end of the match.***

ii) The Treasurer presented an adjusted Annual Statement of accounts. The amount of £150.19 at miscellaneous income was deleted and income from Raffles increased to £1370.29 and entries for Trials £90 and rule Book 50 pence added to eliminate the Miscellaneous heading.

Margaret Southgate proposed, Keith Armes seconded and the meeting agreed to adopt the accounts

iii) The Match Secretary reported that an electricity failure had left a match unfinished. The meeting agreed that in this case and in the case of any unfinished match due to whatever circumstances, the whole match should be replayed.

3. Matters Arising from 2 a) - None

4. Chairman's Report: -

I would like to start my report by thanking members of the committee for their time and constructive views at the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July to resolve the issue of Winter League rule changes. Personally, I feel there was little option but to look for a compromise solution based on the feelings registered, and vote taken, at the AGM by the retiring Chairman (*the decisions of that meeting are recorded above*) I therefore hope that all clubs will now support this new initiative for the future prosperity of the game, and I wish to thank all who have taken the time to make a contribution.

I have asked Marion to include in the next County Calendar details of venues and times of County Matches to encourage bowlers to come & support our county players.

It would be great if we could encourage more members into carpet bowls generally and any initiatives would be very welcome. In conclusion I would like to continue the customary circulation of reports in advance of our committee meetings, where practical, as this does help keep meetings running to time.

5. **Secretary's Report:** - A letter had been received from The Needham Market Community Centre inviting us to take part in their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary entertainment on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September by joining other clubs in a performance to interest and delight an audience. Mick Watkins promised to give the matter some thought and would contact the Secretary.  
The new Lavenham Club had written to say thank you for the demonstration that Tony Webber and Derek Brown had given on 6<sup>th</sup> May and they now had 40 paid up members. They enclosed a donation of £30.
6. **Match Secretary's Report:-** None – League Tables circulated.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** - Our two accounts total £6136.43 at the same stage last year the total was £6927.75 which in view of our one off capital spending compares favourably.
8. **County Business:-**
  - a) **Election Nominations**  
County Captain – Tony Webber by David Cobbold seconder Jim Goodrich  
Selectors - Steven Cain by Jim Goodrich seconder sally Goodrich  
- Neil Jolly by Margaret Southgate seconder Rita Daniels.  
There were no other nominations and all were appointed. The Chairman thanked them for their efforts in a successful year. Tony Webber said that the new system of three selectors had worked well which the results bore out.
  - b) **County Trials** – Details will be circulated with the minutes. Help will be needed for marking.
  - c) **Durham Weekend** – 7<sup>th</sup> August, the trophies are being prepared , Rita Daniels offered to provide refreshments including a salad lunch on the Sunday. Tony Webber will arrange the mats and the County Squad will be requested to cope with the raffle.
  - d) **County Matches** – Tony Webber and Mick Watkins arranging mats for the fixture at Great Blakenham and Rita Daniels will provide refreshment at the two home games.
9. **Organisation of Closed Championships:-**
  - a) **Election of Sub Committee** – The meeting thanked Richard and Jane Sago and Margaret Southgate for all their work in the past year and the Chairman nominated them to continue with the rest of the members seconding. There were no other nominations and Richard Sago accepted with the proviso that Venue selection must be a matter for the committee.
  - b) **Venues/Refreshments** - After a long discussion encompassing many possible venues it was decided to endeavour to use those giving reasonable access to all parts of the County. The secretary would liase with Richard Sago on predicted numbers and check out availability of venues after which the question of refreshment could be dealt with.
  - c) **Raffles** – Margaret Southgate suggested that the lump sum for prize purchases for all relevant competitions should be slightly reduced to £500 which was agreed. The Chairman offered to arrange organisation on the day which the meeting gratefully accepted.  
At this point the Chairman initiated a discussion on the SCBA Charity Pairs which clubs were now reluctant to organize and it was decided that the Committee would assume the responsibility and there would be a Charity Pairs event probably on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006 with all the attendant matters to be discussed at future meetings.

10. Winter league/Cup and Plate:-  
The Committee reiterated the earlier decision of relegation of the bottom two clubs and promotion of the top two from the previous season. The closing date for entries had not been reached and final figures were not known. Any imbalance between East and West would be reviewed for the 2006/7 season.
11. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:-  
a) Tony Webber provided a full report which will be circulated with these minutes.  
b) Election of Delegate – Tony Webber was nominated by Magaret Southgate and seconded by everyone else- there were no other nominations. Tony expressed his enjoyment of this role.
12. English Carpet Bowls Association:-  
a) Report – the 3<sup>rd</sup> June meeting was attended by Derek Brown and the 2<sup>nd</sup> July Meeting by delegate Tony Webber accompanied by the Chairman. Derek said there had been some uncomfortable moments. John Varden commented that he had experienced a reasonable reception at his meeting. Full reports will be circulated with these minutes.  
b) Election of Delegate – Tony Webber was the only nomination (by Keith Hull and David Cobbold) and was duly appointed.
13. Matters arising from the AGM:-  
The only matter not dealt with was the promise by the Committee to discuss and decide about registration of club members. The meeting decided that it would deal with this matter and make a decision at a future meeting with any implementation necessary taking place in 2006.
14. Any Other Business:-  
a) Mick Watkins reported that from enquiries made Andy Gilder had ascertained there was insufficient support to enable the Junior/Senior tournament to be run this year.  
b) Marion indicated that the AGM next year could be on 12<sup>th</sup> June , one week earlier than normal, which would give clubs more time to meet deadlines afterwards. The Treasurer concurred and could close his books at the end of April each year. The meeting accepted these changes without dissent.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm. The next meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005

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