



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 28th November 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, Marion Brown (Secretary). Keith Armes, Tony Webber

1. Apologies for absence:- Paul Goulding, Rita Daniels,
2. The minutes of the meeting of 19th September 2005 were proposed by Richard Sago seconded by Margaret Southgate and confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
3. Matters Arising from 2 :
Item 3: Registration of Members -A letter was approved by the meeting to go out to all clubs
Item 5: The Secretary reported that Horringer has now joined the association
Item 6: The Six Counties had been booked at Brackenbury, Felixstowe for 9th April 2006.
4. Chairman's Report: - I would like to start my report by congratulating the County Captain, Selectors & Players for their magnificent victory at Hemsby over Durham and going on to take the English title despite some spirited opposition. This was a fantastic achievement and one and all involved should feel justly proud of.
Congratulations are also due to Jim Southgate for winning the supporters' pairs competition with Steven Walker from Durham and to Marion Brown & Shirley Watkins who were runners up. I understand that John Hayward who has organised the Suffolk Junior Championships during the last 14years, has decided to have a break and deservedly so. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to him for his efforts in promoting Carpet Bowls amongst junior players within this county, many of whom now play in the Suffolk Team.
Margaret Southgate who has been actively involved in the running of the Chairman's Triples on behalf of the County Sub-Committee has also decided to take a break at this time and I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big "Thank you" to her for a job well done.
Carpet Bowls within this County owes much to those who have been prepared to give of their time to promote the sport for the benefit of others.
5. Secretary's Report: Marion distributed new contact lists and 'dates of interest'
Correspondence – three letters had been received for consideration at this meeting
a) from Anne Blundell on behalf of Hoggards Green who had travelled to Martlesham for a Cup match with a full team only to be told just before the match started that Martlesham had decided as a protest about rules to field a minimum team of 10 players. This upset the visitors who after some consideration decided to honour the fixture but deplored the Martlesham action.
After a discussion the committee decided to write to Martlesham, with a copy to Hoggards Green, deploring the action taken by Martlesham which although within the rules was very damaging to the spirit in which games have to be played to ensure any future for Carpet Bowls. Surprise was felt as Martlesham had always been a club very vocal in their insistence that clubs must play with a full 16 players. Martlesham lost the tie over the two legs.

b) From Jim Goodrich – a circulated letter about cup and plate rules indicated that there was some confusion about the new rules and how they applied and the committee should clarify the position in these minutes: *The Committee had met on the 4th July following the AGM and decided the new rule about bonus points being denied to teams playing with less than 16 and that this would apply to Cup and Plate. All clubs were circulated with these decisions. A new set of rules headed Winter league, Cup and Plate Matches were sent to all clubs which embodied the changes.* The effect is that the rules for all matches are the same apart from the last one dealing with a tied cup or plate match.

c) From Chris Leach, Stutton – A letter had been circulated to the committee in which he suggested a different approach to matches with teams of less than 16 players affording a choice of two options. After discussion it was decided to defer it together with a separate suggestion of the use of loan players from a lower league to the end of the winter season.

6. Match Secretary's Report:-

Cup: the 2nd round in February : East Bergholt v Great Blakenham; Barking v Tuddenham; Hundon or Chelmondiston v Cockfield; Claydon v Brockley.

Plate 1st round in January: Somersham v Martlesham; Stanningfield v Bramford; Tattingstone Bye Hundon or Chelmondiston v Bildeston; Belstead v Needham Market; Barrow v Woolpit; Burstall v Offton & Willisham; Hoggards green v Brantham
League Tables circulated.

7. Treasurer's Report: - Our two accounts total £4299.27 and with a further £1843 banked from the closed championships gave a total of £6142 27.

8. County Business:- a) A report on the national Championships at Hemsby is circulated with these minutes. County Captain Tony Webber gave the following account of the Suffolk Bedfordshire Eastern Counties League match on the previous day.

On Sunday 27th November the Suffolk Squad who are supported by Portmac Joinery, started their defence of the League title with a match against Bedfordshire.

The match was played at Gt. Blakenham village hall, as our normal venue at Needham Market was unavailable. The format for the day was also changed to using 3 carpets instead of the usual 4, because of the space available. This meant 6 sessions instead of 5 to play the 18 games in the match. Play commenced at 10. —30 and continued non-stop throughout the day. The first session went the way of Suffolk with 2 tight games and a comfortable one. 6 Points and 24 -14 shots to Suffolk. Sessions 2 and 3 went the same way as Bedfordshire were overwhelmed by a determined Suffolk team, who even when things didn't go their way, managed to grind out a result and take 6 Points in each session. Session 4 saw Bedfordshire get their first hard won point by drawing one game. Suffolk 5 Points, Bedfordshire, 1 point. In the next session Bedfordshire got their only win, by taking a game by 8 shots to 7 with the final wood of a game. This was the last success for the visitors, as Suffolk won the final 3 games, to post their highest ever total in the league.

Final Score -Suffolk 33 Points and 201 Shots. Bedfordshire 3 Points and 96 Shots.

b) Closed Championships:-

The Chairman and the Committee wished to place on record their thanks to the organisers of the championships and their helpers for all the hard work. The pairs at East Bergholt had required 19 carpets and had been an enjoyable day thanks to Richard Sago and his team. Rita Daniels and her team had run the Tunstall venue and was thanked. Richard Sago gave credit to his team, mainly in Burstall shirts, and to the clubs who regularly help with equipment. He also confirmed that we were seeking a venue in the west of the county for 6 to 8 mats and would welcome information from any member on possible locations.

Richard then gave details of all the successful teams to date as follows.

Results 23rd October 05 Triples.

Gt Blakenham A Tom Runnacles Sam Runnacles Rita Runnacles	Stanningfield B H Sayer D Varley G Clampin	St Mary's Haverhill A A Hammond L Buckton K Buckton	Kelsale B * Mike Daniels Paul Daniels Joe Mew
Kelsale A Laurie Rook Sylvia Cask David Cask	BrockleyA Sue Jones P Jones B McKay	Belstead B * Margery Turner Sue Holder John Holder	Kelsale C * Rita Daniels Oscar Mew David Fiske

20th November 05 Pairs.

Hundon C Linda Sadgrove Ralph Sadgrove	Stanningfield C Trevor Bean Gaynor Mayhew	Barking C Mick Watkins Roy Lonsborough	Hundon A Ellen Grube Kevin Salmon
Bildeston C Sue Cousins Paul Cousins	Belstead B * Sue Holder John Holder	Kelsale B * Rita Daniels Oscar Mew	Kelsale A * Paul Daniels Joe Mew

* Already double games at finals day

c) Junior Championships - in view of John Hayward stepping down(see item 4 above) a discussion ensued in which the committee accepted the kind offer of Jeremy Brown to organise the event next February. Tony Webber volunteered to assist him.

d) Mick Watkins speaking for the County Squad sub committee said that they had made a presentation to Margaret Southgate for her fund raising activities (see item 4 above) and that Portmac Joinery would also be sponsoring a Player's Player of the year award voted for by members of the County Squad.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association.:-

Tony Webber provided a full report which will be circulated with these minutes.

10 English Carpet Bowls Association:-

Our delegate Tony Webber provided a full report which will be circulated with these minutes.

10a SCBA Charity Tournament 16th July 2006. - To date: the administration by Rita and Paul Daniels; Promoter Margaret Southgate. The committee approved 1) Proposal by Margaret Southgate, seconded by Sally Goodrich that it be in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society with the local branch being the beneficiary. 2) Proposal by David Cobbold, seconded by Richard Sago that it be a 4's competition at Brackenburg, Felixstowe with 14 mats and 70 teams. This would be on the next agenda but meanwhile the committee were anxious to find a sponsor willing to provide £250 for trophies and hopefully to present them on the day. **Clubs are asked for their help in identifying potential sponsors and donators of raffle prizes.**

11. Any Other Business:- Keith Hull had been asked to raise the matter of smoking at club match venues. The Committee understood that it was objectionable to a great many bowlers and although the rules dealt with it at the carpet it would be difficult to impose it on the club venue. Carl Buckle reminded the meeting that we were looking for a caterer for the County events and were open to offers.

The meeting closed at 10 pm. The next meeting is on Monday 30th January



ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUFFOLK SWEEP THE BOARD AT HEMSBY

The English Carpet Bowls Association Championships were held at Seacroft Holiday Village in Hemsby during the weekend of 28th to 30th October 2005.

The competition began on Friday 28th with a match between the winners of the Northern league – **Durham** and the Eastern Counties League winners – **Suffolk**. Six rinks from each County played off over 11 ends, with Suffolk winning 3 games and halving 1. Durham won 2 games and halved 1. The shots tally was 59 to 46 in favour of Suffolk. This meant that Suffolk were off to a ideal start by winning this first event and the team were in a confident mood for the main job ahead.

The main tournament is run over two long days with the first game starting at 9 o'clock and the ninth game starting at 7 o'clock in the evening each day. This a long time for the players to hold their concentration and is tiring, particularly by Sunday afternoon. Each day's play is in 9 sessions on 12 carpets, with each county using 3 rinks per session. 3 rinks from each county play 5 games on the first day and 3 on the second day. While the other 3 rinks play 3 games on day one and 5 on day two.

Suffolk's first opponents were Essex, a much improved team over the last two seasons, but Suffolk took 2 games and Essex took 1. (Suffolk 4 points and 28 shots.)

Session 2 was against South Tyneside and again Suffolk won 2 games to 1. (Suffolk 4 points and 26 shots.)

This was to be the way the whole day went for the Suffolk rinks. There were a number of tight games and a few comfortable games but no easy ones as the standard was very high. After the final session on Saturday, Suffolk had scored 32 points and had won 2 games in each session. Not an ideal situation but at least the team were in second spot behind Cambridgeshire with all to play for.

The Sunday was a re-run as regards the order of play, but now the 3 rinks that had played only 3 games had to start first in order to have their next 5 games.

Essex were proving to be strong again but Suffolk won 2 games to the 1 of Essex and by 40 shots to 21. (Suffolk 4 points)

Session 2 against South Tyneside was the best so far as Suffolk won all 3 games. (6 points and 37 shots.)

The next session brought on North Tyneside, this time Suffolk were back to winning just 2 games. (4 points and 30 shots.)

Session 4 was against Durham, who were determined to get their own back on Suffolk, which they did by taking 2 games to Suffolk's 1. (Suffolk 2 points and 23 shots.)

Hertfordshire were next, and they played well enough to take just 2 points from Suffolk. (Suffolk 4 points and 33 shots.)

The session against Norfolk saw Suffolk really struggle as they only managed to collect 1 point by halving a game. (Suffolk 1 point and 26 shots)

Was this the end of Suffolk's push for the title? The team would have to bounce back immediately as the next session was against Cambridgeshire who were also pushing for the title. The Suffolk players were really fired up now and after the hardest fought and noisiest session of the weekend took all 3 games. (Suffolk 6 points and 32 shots).

At this stage Suffolk were 3 points ahead of Cambridgeshire and needed to win at least 2 games in the final session to be sure of victory. The session was to be

against Northumberland who can be very good on their day, so with the result still in the balance Suffolk still had work to do. As it turned out the Suffolk team was just too strong and were not about to fall at the last hurdle and won all 3 games. (6 points and 46 shots.)

This was a fantastic weekend for the Suffolk team who thoroughly deserved the win, particularly after the way they fought back in some of the games when it looked as though things were going against them. Each year the standard of bowling is improving and there are no easy games, so all players have to concentrate that much more, or they can find themselves being beaten by less fancied teams.

Suffolk Team : -- D. Allum, T. Bean, J. Brown, S. Cain, C. Cook, A. Cooper, P. Daniels, S. Davey, A. Gilder, A. Goodrich, J. Goodrich, S. Goodrich, E. Grube, N. Jolly, R. Lonsborough, S. Mayhew, D. Mittell, C. Page, A. Pooley, E. Simpson, C. Pinson-Roxburgh, T. Runnacles, M. Southgate, R. Sadgrove, M. Watkins.

The Suffolk squad are supported throughout the year by Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association and Portmak Joinery.

While the main tournament was taking place a pairs competition was being played for team supporters. This was won by Jim Southgate of Suffolk aided by Steven Walker from Durham, runners up were Marion Brown and Shirley Watkins of Suffolk.

Tony Webber
County Captain

FINAL RESULT

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>SHOTS For</u>	<u>SHOTS Agst.</u>
1. SUFFOLK	65	514	395
2. CAMBRIDGESHIRE	61	538	375
3. DURHAM	56	470	434
4. NORFOLK	56	453	444
5. NORTHUMBERLAND	53	474	447
6. HERTFORDSHIRE	46	425	496
7. ESSEX	42	465	448
8. Nth. TYNESIDE	31	399	547
9. Sth. TYNESIDE	24	390	536