

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 30th January 2006**

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 Rita Daniels, Steven Cain

1. Apologies for absence:- Paul Goulding

2. The minutes of the meeting of 28th November 2005 were proposed by Tony Webber, seconded by Keith Armes and confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.

3. Matters Arising from 2.

Item 3: Registration of Members -A letter had been received from Polstead indicating they would provide their number of bowlers but not any names. All clubs are urged to complete their registration forms as soon as possible.

4. Chairman's Report: - A reply had been received from Martlesham in response to a letter from the Committee regarding their fielding a team of 10 in a cup game. The contents were discussed and accepted by the Committee as closing the incident.

Paul Goulding had written to the Chairman and Committee regarding the closure of the Meld Organisation. From the early years of Carpet Bowls David Schofield and Tony Webber have played a major part in the development and formation of County and National bodies and events and eventually to providing bowls holidays. This year will see the last English Pairs at Hemsby in April and it is hoped that it will be a celebratory occasion.

The Committee wished to associate itself with the sentiments of the letter and placed on record its appreciation of the contribution made by the individuals and Meld to Carpet Bowls.

5. Secretary's Report: Marion had received a request from a youth group at Framlingham for a demonstration of Carpet Bowls. Tony Webber agreed to help Marion on March 1st and Rita Daniels agreed it would be a good idea if her grandsons, the juniors Oscar and Jo Mews, could attend and demonstrate their skills.

6. Match Secretary's Report:- *Plate 2nd round* in February : Somersham v Stanningfield; Tattinstone v Chelmondiston; Belstead v Barrow ; Offton & Willisham v Hoggards Green.

7. Treasurer's Report: - In Paul's absence Marion presented his report. The two accounts total £5354.25. Exact comparisons with the previous year are difficult but the situation appears healthy.

8. County Business:-

a) A report on the last match (another win) is enclosed with these minutes.

Suffolk are still heading the table 9 points clear of Cambridge who they meet in a crunch match at Soham on 19th February. Captain Tony Webber expressed his satisfaction with the way the County squad were performing and the meeting congratulated their efforts.

b) Closed Championships:- Richard Sago reported that the Singles entry at 122 was about 50 lower than last year and resulted in using only one venue at Hadleigh with 16 mats. The entries for the Fours were encouraging and East Bergholt had been booked.

c) Junior Championships :- The 6 entrants would play at Burstall on 26th February in a championship run by Jeremy Brown. Committee members who were free on that day and it was hoped many others, would support what is always a demonstration of skill and fun and our hopes for the future.

d) Charity Tournament 16th July 2006:- The local Multiple Sclerosis Society has been contacted and should be represented on the day. Brackenburg at Felixstowe has been booked, refreshments are being arranged by Rita Daniels, the raffle to be organised by Marion and Margaret with the main prizes of TV combi set, Hamper and DVD player printed on the tickets. **Clubs are asked to help with other raffle prizes (contact Marion) and to support this event by selling the 20 books of tickets that will be sent out (£1 a book).**

Committee members will assist in unloading and laying out the venue, specific volunteers are the two Keiths, David, Jim and Derek and others will be needed.

Sponsors have not been found to date, Keith Hull clarified that a sum of £200 plus was being Sought.

Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association.:-

There had been no meeting but Suffolk would host the 6 Counties Championship at Brackenburg on 9th April, 12 mats were needed which Tony Webber and Mick Watkins would arrange with Rita Daniels able to arrange refreshments. Jane Sago was volunteered to purchase raffle prizes which would be reimbursed by Eastern Counties and she would also purchase those for the Closed Championship Finals on 2nd April.

10 English Carpet Bowls Association:-

Our delegate Tony Webber provided a full report of a meeting he and the Chairman attended at Rotherham on 7th January which will be circulated with these minutes.

11. Summer leagues:-

After much discussion about the need to refresh the summer season and bring about a slightly different mix of teams in local leagues a proposal by Keith Armes seconded by Tony Webber that each match be for 12 people as now, but in 4 triples, with otherwise the same rules as for 2005 was carried unanimously. The effect would be to slightly shorten the length of matches but the committee hoped contribute to a relaxed enjoyable evening. The invitation going out to Clubs would be rephrased to encourage a different mix of teams.


12. Any other business:-

1)Richard Sago said that Nacton had a mat for sale.

2) Steven Cain raised the question that the County Squad received some subsidy from the National Association and from SCBA for the nationals which would be in Blackpool in November. He felt that it would benefit the team if they all travelled on a coach and that all the subsidy be used to defray the cost. Tony Webber supported this view but pointed out that decisions could not be made at this meeting and that it should be placed on the next agenda so that all views could be properly considered.

3) The meeting re-iterated its intention to consider the effect of rule changes to the Winter season and suggestions from all sources at the end of the current season. Sally Goodrich undertook to produce a breakdown from the match details for the committee.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm. The next meeting is on Monday 20th March


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