



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 18th September 2006**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: John Varden, (Chairman) Marion Brown (Secretary), Rita Daniels (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich, Sue Jones, (~~Vice-Chairman~~), Steven Cain, Peter Jones, Keith Hull, Mick Watkins, Jim Goodrich, David Cobbold, Derek Brown, Richard and Jane Sago, Neil Jolly (County Captain)

1. Apologies for absence: - Keith Armes. Pat Lingley
2. The minutes of the meeting of 17th July 2006 were proposed by Peter Jones, seconded by Keith Hull and confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
3. Matters Arising from 2.
Item 5. Cup and Plate survey- The Chairman has sent out a further letter to clubs requesting a response which will be discussed at the November meeting

4 Chairman's Report: -

I would like to welcome Neil Jolly as County Captain to the meeting and look forward to his input In person or by way of reports during this year. I would also like to welcome Jane and Richard Sago as they were on holiday for our first meeting in July. Jane has agreed to arrange the raffles at the county events and has been working in the background as part of the County Competition Sub Committee for some time now without due recognition.

The Suffolk versus Heritage match organised under a new format was held at Tuntstall Village Hall Proved to be a most enjoyable event and my thanks go to Keth Armes and Rita Daniels for the organisation of the Suffolk representative team who incidentally won the trophy. Chris Tilbrook of the Heritage league made us all very welcome and provided some unexpected gifts to the top teams.

Yesterdays Summer league Finals competition held at Needham Market was a very friendly session and my thanks go to Marion Brown for the administration and Mike Watkins and Jeremy Brown who organised the mat laying and clearing up. Congratulations to the winners Barking and all the section winners who attended, a full results sheet accompanies these minutes.

May I finish my report by reminding those clubs who haven't replied thus far to the Club membership request and the Joe Rice Cup/Chairmans Plate survey. The executive Committee can only represent your views when we know what they are, so please help us help you.

- 5 Secretary's Report and Correspondence: Marion had received a letter from the college where the SCBA had provisionally booked accommodation for the Durham trip but then shortly afterwards had cancelled the booking. It was for a claim for cancellation fees which appeared unreasonable. The meeting agreed to seek advice before responding.
A letter of thanks had been received from the Multiple Sclerosis Society for the donation of £2,484.23 raised at the SCBA Charity 4's tournament at Felixstowe. The money went to the local South Suffolk branch.

6. Match Secretary's Report:- Sally reported that the Summer league finals went well under the new format which was planned to be reviewed at the November meeting. To assist the committee ***all clubs are asked to forward any views they have regarding the changed Summer league format*** and any suggestions for the future would form part of our discussions.
10 Winter league games had been played to date and the cup matches begin this week.
7. Treasurer's Report: - The Treasurer circulated a full report of income and expenditure and a financial statement which was discussed.
8. County Business:-
 - a) County Trials: Neil Jolly gave a full report which accompanies these minutes. There were 40 bowlers taking part and immediately afterwards the selectors met to select the Suffolk Squad. Thanks were due to the markers and more would be sought in future trials to ease the load. All those trialing have been sent letters.
Neil thanked Marion for all the help she had given him.
 - b) Closed Tournaments: It was reported that Risby was not available to us for the date we wanted which was disappointing. Richard Sago said that this would affect the Pairs event. The first event would be the Triples which under its new 'play to the end' format was attracting new entries.
 - c) National Championships (Blackpool): 35 people would be traveling on the coach and early dinner sitting could be booked for the 1st night through Mick Watkins.
 - d) Mick Watkins reported that the future sponsorship payments from Portmak for team uniforms would be made direct to the SCBA.
9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association.: Derek Brown had nothing to report.
10. English Carpet Bowls Association:- A report from Mick Watkins accompanies these minutes.
11. Equipment: Meld had offered the SCBA first refusal on their equipment and we had responded by indicating an interest in their master mats and bowls. The meeting endorsed this action and a proposal by Richard Sago, seconded by Peter Jones that we purchase two complete sets providing storage at Needham was available was carried with none against. We would then have 8 mats at Needham.
12. Any other business:-

Sally Goodrich asked for permission to seek to store 3 SCBA mats at Bildeston between the team practice and the match at Bildeston. The meeting agreed subject to insurance cover.

Peter Jones asked that we consider a development initiative for target areas within Suffolk. The Chairman welcomed this as complementing his research and policy and asked David Cobbold to liase with Suffolk ACRE for Village Hall contacts and information to establish a structure for the Committee to take this forward.

Jane Sago wanted to remind clubs to keep their contacts details up to date as problems were again experienced in setting fixtures. It would also be a good idea to ask for Club nights to be indicated.

The meeting closed at 9.54 pm. The next meeting is on Monday 20th Nov.

Garden

Suffolk Squad Trials – 2006

Captains Report

The trials for the forthcoming season's Suffolk Squad took place at Needham Market on Sunday 3 September 2006.

There was an entry of 40 bowlers and it was encouraging for the selectors to see the majority of last season's squad trialling and that there was also a number of bowlers who were attending the trials for the first time.

The bowlers were organised into ten balanced rinks, comprising of a combination of county and non-county-bowlers, each playing three, nine end games. Every bowl was scored on its accuracy, relative to how close it finished to the shot called.

Throughout the day there was a high standard of bowling, with impressive scoring from both new bowlers to the trials and the existing county bowlers. The games were also played in an excellent spirit with bowlers encouraging each other to perform to the best of their ability.

Immediately after the trials the Selection Committee of Sally Goodrich, Jeremy Brown, Steven Cain and Neil Jolly met to select the Suffolk Squad for the 2006/07 season. This proved to be a difficult task and everyone's performance was discussed at length before the squad was finalised.

The squad selected, in full was:

Don Allum, Trevor Bean, Jeremy Brown, Karla Brown, Carl Buckle, Steven Cain, Andrew Cooper, Paul Daniels, Sue Davey, Colin Fellingham, Andy Gilder, Ally Goodrich, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Ann Hathaway, Neil Jolly, Sue Jones, Roy Lonsborough, Stephen Mayhew, Joe Mew, Oscar Mew, David Mittell, Colin Page, Roger Page, Christine Petts, Andy Pooley, Sam Runnacles, Tom Runnacles, Ralph Sadgrove, Margaret Southgate, Mick Watkins

The first challenge for the new squad is the Eastern Counties Teambowl, at Braintree Leisure Centre on Sunday 24 September.

The Selection Committee would like to thank John Varden, Richard Sago, Pat Lingley, Peter Jones, Trevor Cain and Keith Jolly, who between them marked all of the trials games.

Neil Jolly
(Suffolk Captain)

Suffolk County Team: Supported by Portmak Joinery