



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 16th July 2007

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: John Varden, (Chairman) Marion Brown (Secretary), Keith Hull, Mick Watkins, Rita Daniels(Treasurer) , Keith Armes (Vice Chairman), Peter Jones, Graham Robinson, Steven Cain, Margaret Southgate, Sally Goodrich , Jim Goodrich, Neil Jolly.

1. **Apologies for absence:-** Jane and Richard Sago, Pat Lingley.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2007** – were confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
3. **Matters Arising :-** There were no matters arising
4. **Chairman's Report:-** I would like to start my report by congratulating Jeremy Brown for organising yesterday's Charity Tournament at East Bergholt. It was a very friendly event and enjoyed by all. Karla Brown undertook the Grand draw single handedly and produced an excellent array of prizes, whilst generating tremendous sales amongst club members throughout Suffolk.
T & D Leisure not only arranged the supply of equipment but also supplied the Food Hamper for which all bowlers were extremely grateful. Our Sponsors were again Ipswich Plumbers who contributed £400 and we are most grateful to Keith Hull for securing this fantastic result. Barking emerged victorious after coming from behind in a very tense final, so well done to all for making the effort to help those less fortunate than ourselves.
The AGM held at Needham Market on the 18th of June ran smoothly and I would like to thank all those clubs who attended.
Next month sees the bi annual visit by Durham to Suffolk and this should prove to be an enjoyable weekend to all involved.
5. **Secretary's Report:-** Marion had received a letter from Stutton Carpet Bowls Club suggesting that clubs not turning up with a full team for the Winter League should not be penalised by 2 points but instead should be penalised by 5 shots per person short. After discussion it was proposed by Jim Goodrich and seconded by Keith Armes to leave as present rule stands. Marion was thanked for her hard efforts on informing all Clubs of the new insurance scheme.
6. **Match Secretary's Report:-** Sally reported that there were only 5 Divisions in the Summer League this year rather than the usual 6 which could prove a problem on Finals Day. Jim Goodrich suggested the possibility of awarding monetary awards to the division winners instead of trophies. After discussion it was agreed to continue with the trophies. Margaret Southgate offered to purchase these.
7. **Treasurer's Report:-** The treasurer distributed a full report of income and expenditure with there being a net balance of £8340 91

8. **County Business:-**
- a) Election of County Captain – Peter Jones proposed Neil Jolly, this was seconded by Keith Armes, there being no other nominations Neil was duly elected.
 - b) Election of County Selectors – Margaret Southgate proposed Sally Goodrich seconded by Graham Robinson. Peter Jones proposed Jeremy Brown seconded by Rita Daniels, Margaret Southgate proposed Steven Cain seconded by Sally Goodrich. After consulting the County Captain who was happy to continue with 2 selectors, Steven Cain proposed that to leave as it was this was seconded by Keith Hull, after a vote Sally Goodrich and Jeremy Brown were duly elected.
 - c) County Trials:- These will take place at Needham Market on 23rd September 2007 details will be circulated in due course.
 - d) Durham visit:- This is scheduled for the 4th and 5th August 2007. The County Captain to organise. The event will consist of a friendly-mixed pairs on Saturday and the County Teams to play on the Sunday.
 - e) Refreshments at County Home Games was discussed and has been referred to the next meeting.
 - f) National Championships (Blackpool) – Details are due in the near future. Regarding transport it was decided to use the same company as last year.
 - g) Charity Tournament:- Marion was very disappointed by the low entry from clubs for this competition, also a poor return from clubs regarding Raffle Books. This made a difference of nearly £1000 down on the previous tournament, nevertheless the chosen charities will each receive in the region of £908.00, and these cheques will be presented to the charities at the Summer League Finals Day. The committee agreed that if this competition is to be run next year the County will pay for administration costs and purchase the 1st Raffle Prize, and not the printing costs.
8. **Closed Championships:-**
- a) Election of Sub-committee – These will again be organised by Richard and Jane Sago with the help of their usual volunteers.
 - b) Venues for Championships – It was agreed that the preferred venue would be East Bergholt Leisure Centre. The forthcoming Triples will be held at East Bergholt and run as last year. The other disciplines will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - c) Jane Sago to be asked to purchase raffle prizes for these disciplines.
9. **Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:-**
- a) The Committee thanked Derek Brown for being our representative, his report attached.
 - b) Election of Delegate – Peter Jones was proposed by Jim Goodrich and seconded by Sally Goodrich. Peter was duly elected.
10. **English Carpet Bowls Association:-**
- a) Report of AGM – Mick Watkins report accompanies these minutes. Mick has received a letter from the Bowls Alliance (who it appears incorporate all forms of bowls i.e. short mat, crown etc) asking if we would be interested in joining them. This will be discussed at a further meeting.
 - b) Election of Delegate – Mick Watkins was proposed by Jim Goodrich and seconded by Rita Daniels. Mick was duly elected.
12. **Matters arising from the AGM:-** There were no matters arising from the AGM.
13. **Any other Business:-** Peter Jones reported that after the open day at Cornard Upper School a representative from the Sports Department seemed interested in the possibility of introducing the sport into their programme.
Jim Goodrich reported that the date for the East v West next year would have to be changed due to an event being held at Potters. This was deferred to the next meeting.

Mick Watkins asked if it was possible to have more volunteers to help "set up" and "put away" before and after the Closed Competitions, Finals Day and the Charity Competition. The Committee said they would look into this.

Marion mentioned that the Association should look at the Insurance for the Officers, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 17th September 2007 at Needham Market Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clark".

CHAMPION of CHAMPIONS, BLACKPOOL, 2007

The weekend started on the Friday evening with the A.G.M. of the E.C.B.A., and, after last years problems, was a very subdued and quick affair. The proposals put forward by the executive committee were duly passed, and the meeting was all over within 20 minutes, with all officers re-elected

Saturday saw the start of two days bowling get underway, with Suffolk represented by Neil Jolly, in the singles. Oscar Mews and Rita Daniels in the pairs. Sue Gilder, Mick Watkins and Roy Lonsbrough, in the triples. Rita, Sam, and Tom Runnicles, and Andy Pooley, in the fours.

Neil started in a very determined mood, as did all the Suffolk representatives. Over the two days he lost only two games, one of them being the last one, when he, along with Sunderland and the eventual winner from Herts. were in the frame to take the title. Neil finished third, two points behind. Rita and Oscar had a very hard task to perform. They were up against some very good pairs, and did not disgrace themselves, on the Saturday being the only ones to beat the over-night leaders from Cambridge. They finished in seventh place. The triples also had some tough teams to take on, and the unlucky loss to Cambridge in their third game, proved crucial, as the Suffolk triple were chasing them all the way after that. Eventually finishing in third place. The fours competed, over the two days, in a very commendable fashion. An inexperienced team handled themselves very well, beating the winners, Durham, along the way, they finished in second place two points behind, another group that was decided on the last game. In the team event Suffolk finished in second place, by four shots, to Cambridge, with Durham taking the team trophy. The Suffolk teams and supporters manned the raffle table over the weekend, and all took their turn in-between there bowling. Suffolk teams performed to a very high standard, over the two days, and were unlucky to come away without some reward for their commitment. Good spirit, and effort, all players and supporters were excellent representatives of Suffolk and an enjoyable time was had by all there.

Mick Watkins.

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Report of the Annual General Meeting held at Newmarket on Thursday 7th June 2007

The minutes from the previous meeting were signed and agreed.

There were no matters arising. The Chairman, Margaret Southgate reported the year had gone well, but not without a few hiccups, such as the Teambowl which was booked to held at the Brackenbury Centre, Felixstowe, only to find it had been double booked, but at short notice the host team Norfolk were able to book Braintree. Margaret thanked Maureen Giddens the Secretary for all her hard work during the past year, she also thanked all Counties for their input during the year and hope we all have another successful year of bowling.

The Secretary had nothing to report, the treasurer distributed audited balance sheets to all there. The League secretary Congratulated Suffolk as being the League winners.

Election of Officers were as last year, all were willing stand again.

The annual subscription, League fees and Competition fees are not to change.

Suffolk apologised for the trophy not being returned at the Champion of Champions.

The next meeting is Thursday 7th October 2007

Derek Brown (Delegate)