

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

**The Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of
The Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre
Monday 17th September 2007**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: - John Varden, (Chairman) Marion Brown, (Secretary) Keith Armes, (Vice Chairman) Rita Daniels, (Treasurer) Mick Watkins, Peter Jones, Jane Sago, Richard Sago, Pat Lingley, Margaret Southgate, Neil Jolly, Graham Robinson, Sally Goodrich, Jim Goodrich.

- 1. Apologies for absence:-**Keith Hull.
- 2. The Minutes of the meeting of the 16th July 2007-** were confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:** - John Varden proposed that Graham Robinson should be elected as Minute Secretary, this was seconded by Marion Brown. He was duly elected.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** - The Chairman reported that the Durham Weekend in August was a great success and re-established our annual exchange with them. Everything ran like 'clockwork' and my sincere thanks to Marion Brown for her organisation with the hotel which despite the hot weather, produced an excellent meal on the Saturday evening. Thanks also to Neil Jolly and his selectors for organising both the Friendly Pairs Competition on the Saturday and the County Match on the Sunday. (Neil's report on the competitions are enclosed).
Following the Carpet Bowls demonstration at Gt. Cornard Sports Centre in May some interest has shown from the Sudbury School management who enquired what assistance could be available to further develop Carpet Bowls. My thanks to Peter and Sue Jones who have volunteered to pursue this on our behalf.

Yesterday saw the Summer League play off at Needham Market, which Peter will report on later. I would like to thank Mick Watkins and the Volunteers from each club represented for the setting up and putting away of the equipment. Marion Brown who undertook the paperwork and ran the event and to Shirley Watkins for buying the raffle prizes.

At the end of the event cheques were presented to representatives of the Suffolk Air Ambulance and St Elizabeth Hospice.

Finally I would like to thank Jeremy Brown for organising the competition, Karla for organising the raffle and Keith Hull for obtaining Sponsorship and to all the clubs who sold raffle tickets and entering on the day.

5. Secretary's Report:-

- a) Correspondence- Marion Brown has received a letter from the E.C.C.B.A stating that Ann Hardy would be banned from any Essex County competitions. After discussion it was agreed that Suffolk would back Essex and the E.C.B.A in their decision.
Summer League Finals Day- Peter Jones kindly agreed to report on this, his report is enclosed

6. Match Secretary's Report: - Sally had nothing to report.

7. Treasure's Report: - The Treasurer distributed a full report on income and expenditure with there being a net balance of £9163.54. (This figure includes the cheques for our chosen charities).

8. County Business:-

- a) County Trials – Neil Jolly reported that the entries were lower this year. Everything is organised for Sunday and the squad will be selected as soon as possible.
- b) National Championships – The teams has been selected and the coach arranged.
- c) Closed Tournaments – All Closed Tournaments will be held at East Bergholt and will be run as in previous years.
- d) Durham weekend – We have had good feedback from Durham regarding the weekend and its' organisation. Please see enclosed report.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:-

Peter Jones had no report for this meeting as the next meeting is scheduled for October and he will attend.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association:-

Please see enclosed report. It was discussed and decided to make sure that the Suffolk Squad was made aware of the need to maintain a good etiquette at all times.

11 .Insurance:-

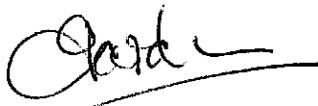
S.C.B.A will be taking out a Public Liability Insurance to cover all eventualities.

12. Any other Business:-

Peter Jones reported that he had arranged a meeting for the proposed development of Carpet Bowls to be included in the school curriculum in the Sudbury area. It was announced that the date for the East v West will now be May 7th 2008 and the date for Suffolk v Bury will be May 14th 2008. More details to follow later.

The date of the next meting was set for Monday 19th November 2007 at Needham Market Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.



Suffolk - v - Durham

Over the weekend of 4th and 5th August 2007 Suffolk hosted the visit of the Durham county team.

On the Saturday afternoon there was a mixed pairs competition at Needham Market, with each of the Durham bowlers being paired with a bowler from Suffolk.

After some friendly and high quality group and knockout games the two pairs in the final were Brenda Liddle (Durham)/ Tom Runnacles (Suffolk) and Sue Gilder (Suffolk)/ Bill Withew (Durham).

It was a close low scoring final with both pairs playing well, but having taken an early lead it was Brenda and Tom who were victorious.

The day was completed when the two counties joined together for an enjoyable evening meal.

On the Sunday morning it was back to Needham Market for a match between the two counties. Both counties were represented by six rinks (fours). Each rink would play four games, across six sessions of bowls. The Suffolk selectors took the opportunity to pick both current county bowlers and bowlers that had supported the county team in the last year.

Following the first session of four games, the match score was level at 4-4. Suffolk comfortably winning their games 16-2 and 12-3, with Durham winning 13-10 and 11-5.

After the second session it was Suffolk who took an early lead, winning three of the four games. Suffolk's winning scores were 8-6, 19-2 and 13-2.

In the third session Suffolk maintained their overall lead, sharing the four games. Suffolk's wins were 9-3 and 15-7, with losses of 8-6 and 12-3.

At the halfway stage, Suffolk had a slender lead at 14-10.

The fourth session was a good one for Suffolk, again winning three games, 13-4, 13-6 and 15-4.

However Durham fought back in the fifth, winning their first session of the day with two victories 15-7 and 10-6 and a draw 8-8. With one session to go, both counties could still win the match.

In the sixth session the Suffolk rinks did enough to maintain their overall match lead, winning two games 15-4 and 12-6.

After a competitive days bowling Suffolk had won the match 27-21, shots 248-169 in Suffolk's favour.

More importantly both counties had enjoyed a sociable weekend with the games played in a friendly atmosphere.

Neil Jolly (Suffolk Captain)

Suffolk County Team: Supported by Portmak Joinery