

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

**The Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of
The Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre
Monday 28th January 2008**

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, Margaret Southgate, Neil Jolly, Graham Robinson, Sally Goodrich, Jim Goodrich,
Steven Cain.

- 1. Apologies for absence:-** Pat Lingley, Keith Hull.
- 2. The minutes of the meeting of the 19th November 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 am pleased to present the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Notice Board, which has kindly been made by Mick Watkins. This should help with keeping bowlers informed of Suffolk's Constitution and League Rules, together with information on past County Team successes, Junior Champions and forthcoming events. I envisage this notice board being displayed at all Bowls events in Suffolk and hope members find the information useful. Your comments and observations are welcomed.
Following on from last year's Carpet Bowls Demonstration at Sudbury, it is now time to plan a similar event to promote our sport within the county and I would suggest the Eye area. Volunteers to assist with this would, as always, be gratefully received.
The Suffolk Charity Rinks Competition held in May last year raised a healthy £2,150. which was split between Suffolk Air Ambulance and St.Elizabeth Hospice. Are we able to organise a similar event this year to provide a boost for those less fortunate than ourselves?
August 2nd & 3rd 2008 are the dates for Suffolk's visit to our friends in Durham and whilst the County Team will play the match on Sunday, there will be the opportunity for supporters travelling on the coach to play in a friendly pairs competition on the Saturday. Detailed information will be available in due course from a County Sub Committee, but why not have a weekend away, play and support your County Team?
- 5. Secretary's Report:-** The Secretary is investigating the possibility of obtaining cheaper insurance for Club and County needs. There should be a firm quote for the March committee meeting
- 6. Match Secretary,s Report:-** The Chairman's Plate next round is between Nayland and EastBergholt, Hoggards Green and Brockley, Bramford and Claydon, Burstall and Offton and Willisham. The Joe Rice Cup next round is between Belstead and Stanningfield, Great Blakenham and Barking, Tuddenham St Martin and Hundon, Hintlesham & Chattisham and Bildeston.

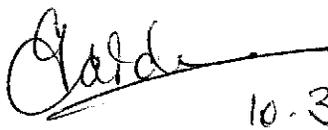
Contact had been made regarding the scoring in the Cup and Plate matches, this was discussed and will be put on the agenda for next season.

7. **Treasurers's Report:-**The Treasurer distributed a full report on income and expenditure with a net balance of £6283.30p
8. **County Business:-**
 - a) Closed Tournaments- The organisers of the Closed Tournaments are very happy with the progress of events. Thanks once again were extended to Burstall for all their efforts in arranging these competitions.
 - b) Junior Championships- This will be held at Burstall Village Hall on the 27th April 2008. The date has been changed as it was scheduled for Mothering Sunday and was felt this was not appropriate for the youngsters. Keith Armes kindly agreed to organise the day. (Entry form enclosed).
 - c) A report of the matches between Cambridge V Suffolk, Suffolk V Essex accompanies these minutes.
9. **Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association.:-** Nothing to report as there has not been a meeting .
10. **English Carpet Bowls Association:-** It was suggested that a course for training Referees would be beneficial to the County. The ECBA Rinks Competition is to be held on the 13th April 2008 hosted by Durham. A report from our delegate Mick Watkins is enclosed.
11. **Summer Leagues:-** The date for Finals Day has been re-scheduled due to the unavailability of Needham Market Community Centre. (Entry Form enclosed)
12. **Suffolk League V Heritage League:-** The Heritage League will host this event. Date to be advised.
13. **Any Other Business:-**
 - a) Charity Tournament- If no club comes forward this year to offer to organise this event (which was so successfully organised and run by Jeremy and Karla Brown last year), we will have to discuss this at the next meeting.
 - b) The dates for the East V West and Suffolk League V Bury League have been re-arranged. A letter was addressed to Jim and Sally Goodrich regarding the coaching of a club and its members- Jim Goodrich and Neil Jolly to arrange.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 10th March 2008.

The meeting closed at 10.18pm

Note from Marion. Please would holders of Winter League, Cup and Plate Trophies make sure that they are all engraved before returning them. I would be grateful if you could get them to a Committee member before our next meeting (Ta ever so much).


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Cambridgeshire - v - Suffolk

On Sunday 9th December 2007 the Suffolk team played their second ECCBA league match of the 2007/08 season, away against Cambridgeshire at Milton.

Having played very well in winning their first league game 28-8 away at Hertfordshire, the Suffolk team were looking to continue their winning start. This was expected to be their toughest match of the season.

In the first session Suffolk got off to a good start, mastering the oppositions fast carpets quickly. Whilst all three games were close and low scoring two wins were secured by the Suffolk rinks, 8-5 and 7-5, losing the other 8-4.

The second session then followed a similar pattern to the first. Again two of the Suffolk rinks gained early small leads and were able to maintain those to achieve two hard earned wins 12-5 and 10-6. In the other game it was the home rink that led from the start, Suffolk losing 15-5.

After the first two sessions Suffolk were pleased with their early four point lead in the match, 8-4. They would however have to continue playing well to hold on to it

Unfortunately in the next session, the home team found their form. Suffolk could only manage one win, a comfortable 12-4. In the other two games it was the Cambridgeshire rinks who took early leads, defeating the Suffolk rinks 10-6 and 11-3.

It got worse for the Suffolk team in the next session with the Cambridgeshire rinks winning all three games, 14-2, 10-6 and 11-3.

With two sessions to play the momentum was now with Cambridgeshire and Suffolk were trailing in the match overall 14-10. This was not a match that Suffolk could afford to lose heavily, an improved performance would now be needed to avoid that.

In the penultimate session it was a far more determined and resilient performance from the Suffolk rinks that secured them two important wins, 11-5 and a convincing whitewash 17-0. In the other game, the Suffolk rink lost 14-7.

In the final session however it was again Cambridgeshire who took the honours. Despite a better display from the Suffolk rinks, just the one win was achieved 9-5, with two games lost 7-5 and 12-7.

The final match score was Cambridgeshire 20, Suffolk 16.

It had been a mixed performance from the Suffolk team. The match had been lost in the middle two sessions of six games during which there was only one Suffolk win. Overall though a four point defeat was a fair reflection of the match. It also left the two teams equal top of the league, with everything to play for in the final three matches.

Suffolk's next league match is at home against Essex at Needham Market on Sunday 20th January 2008. The Suffolk team will be looking to get back to winning ways, to maintain their hopes of retaining the ECCBA league title.

Neil Jolly
County Captain

Suffolk - v - Essex

On Sunday 20th January 2008 the Suffolk team played their third ECCBA league match of the 2007/08 season, home against Essex at Needham Market.

Suffolk were top of the league following their first two matches, away fixtures against Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. However Essex were only five points behind them and had won both of their first two matches. The Suffolk team would have to play well to inflict a first defeat of the season on their opponents.

From the first session it was apparent that the Essex team were in a confident mood, as they adapted to the Suffolk carpets quickly. After three close low scoring games it was Essex who took the early advantage. Suffolk securing only the one win 9-8 and losing the others two games 9-5 and 9-6.

The second session then followed a similar pattern to the first. Again three tight games, however this time it was the Suffolk rinks that achieved two wins, 9-5 and a more comfortable 11-3. The third game was lost by only the odd shot, 9-8.

After the first two sessions it was clear that the Suffolk rinks would have to improve their performance, if they were to win this match.

Unfortunately in the next session it was Essex that took the honours, again after three close games. Suffolk could only manage one win by 9-5. In the other two games it was the Essex rinks that secured wins on the very last end, defeating the Suffolk rinks 8-7 and 8-5.

In the fourth session the other Suffolk rinks again hit back, winning two games, 9-8 and a convincing 13-4. In the other game Suffolk lost 8-4.

With two sessions to go it had been a very disappointing Suffolk display to that point. This was not a match that Suffolk could afford to lose, but a vastly improved performance would now be needed to achieve an overall match win.

In the penultimate session the match got no better for Suffolk. One game was drawn 9-9, but the Suffolk rink had led 8-3. In the second game Suffolk suffered a 7-6 loss, but had led 6-3 going into the last end. In the other game the Suffolk rink were 7-2 down, but fought back impressively to salvage an 8-7 win.

In the final session it got worse for Suffolk, only winning the one game, 8-4. The other two games were lost 14-5 and again on the last end, 9-8.

The final match score was Suffolk 17, Essex 19.

It had been an extremely disappointing performance from the Suffolk team, with too many players having an off day. Whilst the Suffolk rinks had taken early leads in many of the games, inconsistent and inaccurate bowling had then gifted Essex too many opportunities to win the latter ends and the points.

Suffolk's next league match is at home against Bedfordshire, this time at Bildeston Village Hall on Sunday 17th February 2008.

Neil Jolly (County Captain)