



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

**The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 16th June 2008**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm under the Chairman of the Association John Varden

In attendance 23 clubs were represented: Barking, Belstead, Bramford, Brantham, Brockley, Burstall, Capel St Mary, Claydon, Cockfield, Great Blakenham, Hintlesham and Chattisham, Hoggards Green, Kelsale, Martlesham, Offton & Willisham, Old Felixstowe, Old Newton, Somersham, Stanningfield, Stratford St Mary, Tattingstone, Tuddenham St Martin, Whatfield.

1. Before the meeting Marion spoke about David Schofield and Tony Webber. David sent his apologies, he has quite a few serious health problems at the moment and is currently undergoing tests. We all send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery, and also to Tony who had a serious accident a few weeks ago, he is totally paralysed down his left side, he is now convalescing before being allowed to go home, we also send him our good wishes.
Apologies for absence had been received from Steven Cain, Harkstead, Needham Market, Haverhill, Woolpit, East Bergholt and Tostock.
2. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of 18th June 2008 were proposed by Margaret Southgate and seconded by Jane Sago and confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
3. There were no matters arising
4. **Chairman's Report:** - Enclosed
5. **Secretary's Report:** Enclosed
6. **Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer presented the accounts(enclosed). There were no questions and they were proposed by Kelsale CBC and seconded by Mick Watkins (Barking) Rita proposed that the Membership should stay the same at £25.00 for the coming year.
7. There were no proposals to amend the Constitution on this occasion.
8. Elections:
The following were nominated and elected unopposed:
Chairman - Jeremy Brown (Claydon) proposed by John Varden (Old Felixstowe), seconded by Mick Hathaway (Hundon)
Vice Chairman - Keith Armes (Burstall)
Hon. Secretary - no proposals received – to be discussed at the next committee meeting
Hon. Treasurer - Keith Jolly (Brockley) proposed by Peter Jones (Brockley) and seconded by Margaret Southgate (Bramford/Belstead)
Match Secretary - Sally Goodrich – (Claydon)

Executive Committee :

There were 12 nominations for the 11 positions and were elected as follows.

Steven Cain –	Great Blakenham	Jim Goodrich -	Claydon
Keith Hull -	Tuddenham St Martin	Richard Sago -	Burstall
Mick Watkins -	Barking	Jane Sago -	Burstall
Peter Jones -	Brockley	Andy Gilder -	Barking
Margaret Southgate	Belstead	Graham Robinson	Brockley
Neil Jolly	Brockley	Patrick Lingley	(Brantham)

As only eleven members were required Patrick Lingley offered to stand down leaving the required eleven members.

Honorary Auditor:

It was felt by the meeting that the new Treasurer should seek his own Auditor.

Annual Subscription:

The meeting accepted the Treasurers recommendation that there be no change.

10. Any other Business: Mick Watkins will be looking for ideas to increase the fund raising for the Suffolk Squad, he then presented Marion with a standard rose bush from the Committee in appreciation of her hard work as outgoing Secretary. Graham Robinson reported he had only received 9 entries to date for the Charity Rinks, but as yet no offers of equipment . To be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all the clubs attending and closed the meeting at 7.58pm



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Chairman's Report

I would like to start my report by thanking all committee members for their support and enthusiasm during the past twelve months which, as usual, has been a fairly busy one. As your retiring chairman, I think it appropriate that member clubs should know who does what behind the scenes, which allows Carpet Bowls in Suffolk to function as it does.

Firstly let me extend a very special "thank you" to Marion Brown who has been the County Secretary for many years. She has given so much of her time and energy to Suffolk and has decided to stand down for a well deserved rest. Marion has been the central co-ordinator of everything that happens within Suffolk and will be sorely missed and a difficult act to follow.

Our Treasurer Rita Daniels has also decided to stand down this year and my thanks go to her for her work in keeping us financially sound during her tenure of office.

Keith Armes our Vice Chairman has organized the Junior Tournament and assisted Richard and Jane Sago in running the County Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks competitions; while Sally Goodrich, the Match Secretary, and Jim have continued their fine work in recording all match results from both the Summer and Winter Leagues.

Neil Jolly, the County Captain, with his fellow selectors, Jeremy Brown and Sally Goodrich, have arranged a very successful County Team with some notable results.

Graham Robinson has been our Minutes Secretary this year and together with Freda has provided refreshments at some of our events, whilst Peter Jones, our representative on Eastern Counties Committee, has done a lot of research and promotion of Carpet Bowls within Suffolk.

Mick Watkins has been our English Representative at National level and always been on hand to assist with mats and general advice, whilst Margaret Southgate, who is the Chairperson of Eastern Counties and the English Treasurer, is a great co-ordinator of diary dates and procedures.

Keith Hull is another stalwart of the committee and has secured the sponsorship from Ipswich Plumbers over the last three years for our Charity Tournament. He also assists with the supply of mats to events.

Pat Lingley has always supported County events and offered a different perspective on committee discussions, as has Steven Cain who has assisted Neil Jolly in re-writing the Closed Competition Rules which now gives clarity to the procedures.

You can now appreciate a little of what is involved in the workload of your County Committee and whilst there are many others too numerous to mention who have put their shoulder to the wheel, we have always pulled together to achieve results for Carpet Bowls.

The Junior Tournament was run at Burstall Village Hall and after some excellent bowling coupled with great sportsmanship, Matthew Last of Knodishall beat Sorrell Knight of Withersfield in a highly competitive final.

Friendly Matches were again arranged between Suffolk and Heritage League and Suffolk and Bury League, and were enjoyed by all.

Suffolk's return trip to Durham has now been finalized and we are looking forward to renewing old friendships.

A County Notice Board has been made by Mick Watkins for which we are most grateful and is on display this evening. This facility allows bowlers at Suffolk events to see such items as the English Rules, Committee Members, County Calendar, Forthcoming Tournaments and Equipment for hire or sale. Please make use of this space - it is there for you all.

This year's Charity Tournament on 27th July will be held at East Bergholt Sports Centre and the beneficiaries are Mencap and Find. We hope as many teams as possible will attend in order that Suffolk Carpet Bowls can assist those less fortunate than ourselves.

In conclusion of my report, may I say what a privilege it has been to serve as your Chairman over the last three years and to work with such a good team of enthusiastic people, both within and outside of the committee.

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 16th JUNE, 2008

Thankyou Mr Chairman and it is a pleasure to stand before you once again and report on another year of carpet bowls in Suffolk.

My report will be brief, as thankfully our Chairman has commented on most if not all of the past years activities.

Membership of the Association now stands at 94 clubs.

Our County Team did us proud again this year, Neil Jolly and his selectors, Sally Goodrich and Jeremy Brown have once again done a tremendous job.

The Closed Championships were once again expertly organised by Jane and Richard Sago. Suffolk were represented by Jeremy Brown (Claydon) in the Singles, Maureen & Doug Howes (Copdock & Washbrook) in the Pairs Dianne Curran, Margaret & Jim Southgate (Bramford) in the Triples, and Sue & Andy Gilder, Shirley & Mick Watkins (Barking) in the Fours. Congratulations to all who got through to the play offs.

I am very pleased to tell you that I have been able to find another Insurance Company for the Association Insurance scheme. Your Committee have agreed to go with Endsleigh Insurance and they have quoted a very good price.

The price worked out will be £9.50 per £1000 for Cover Equipment, i.e. 1 set of equipment, £19 for 2 sets and so on. £13.50 for Public Liability. These prices are based on the number of clubs who took out Insurance with us last year. You will be pleased to hear that there will be no admin charges. I think you would agree that this is a great improvement from last year.

To all Committee members, thank you for the past year, It has been a good year once again quite challenging but as always we have come through once again. I thank Shirley Watkins for being our photographer.

Our Chairman is standing down this year and I thank him for his support and guidance over the past year. John has put a lot into this Committee and will be missed.

I have enjoyed being your Secretary for the past 13 years, I have many invitations to visit clubs over these years and its very rewarding to see new clubs forming and hope this pattern continues. I have had many invitations from clubs throughout the County, Afternoon tea visits, etc. Last week I went to Kirkley and Upend to attend their launch of the new electronic carpet roller holder

At last I am standing down, I am very disappointed that no one has come forward to take the reigns, it is a very rewarding job. If anyone is interested please get in touch and I can point you into the right direction.

Lastly I would like to thank all Clubs in the Association for their support and hope it continues into the future

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Income & Expenditure for the year ending 30th April 2008

	2007/2008	2006/2007		2007/2008	2006/2007
Income			Expenditure		
Opening Bank Balance	£5,406.55		Winter League	£75.00	£166.89
Winter League	£630.00	£615.00	Summer League	£165.29	£311.28
Summer League	£421.63	£900.81	Raffles	£185.00	£1,530.66
Raffles	£843.20	£464.00	County Matches	£336.08	£279.04
County Matches	£541.00	£540.00	Suffolk Triples	£291.56	£393.54
Suffolk Triples	£567.00	£600.00	Suffolk Pairs	£292.81	£282.91
Suffolk Pairs	£600.00	£336.00	Suffolk Singles	£338.52	£280.36
Suffolk Singles	£429.00	£588.00	Suffolk Fours	£301.03	£17.50
Suffolk Fours	£660.00	£60.00	Lottery Licence	£20.00	£171.55
Associated Membership	£60.00		Finals Day	£85.00	£80.00
Finals Day	£0.00		County Trials	£80.00	£3,165.03
County Trials	£84.00	£114.00	Charity	£2,415.00	£1,530.00
Equip Ins	£1,835.00	£1,130.50	Insurance	£6,843.75	£538.00
Public Liability Insurance	£3,897.50	£0.00	ECCBA	£504.00	£480.00
Insurance Administration	£1,000.00	£0.00	Champion of Champions	£440.00	£157.37
Membership Subscriptions	£2,375.00	£2,575.00	Committee Meetings	£97.00	£130.61
Club Raffle Fees	£477.50	£515.00	Delegates Expenses	£103.30	£3.00
Joe Rice Cup & Plate	£125.00	£135.00	Refunds	£0.00	
Squad Sponsorship	£0.00	£380.00	Charity Admin	£265.94	£399.58
Bank Interest	£80.86	£64.82	Postage	£318.49	£214.31
Heritage v Suffolk	£73.00	£0.00	Sponsor /Squad Uniforms	£133.65	£211.24
Club Trophy Purchase	£45.21	£0.00	Photocopy & Repairs to	£560.25	£250.00
Rule Books	£5.00	£0.00	Telephone	£150.00	£1,877.16
Charity Raffle/ Donation	£1,399.00	£2,193.00	Trophies & Engraving	£237.73	£25.90
Charity Entries	£616.00	£434.00	Stationary/link cartridges	£60.68	
Uniforms	£13.20	£67.08	National Championships	£1,208.00	
National Championships	£0.00	£0.00	Rule Books	£5.00	£0.00
East v West	£64.00	£0.00	Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Suffolk v Bury	£40.00	£0.00	Suffolk Juniors Championships	£0.00	£23.00
Suffolk Junior Championships ****	£0.00	£73.20	ECBA	£100.00	£125.00
Charity Sponsor	£400.00		Durham Visit	£1,214.76	£930.00
Durham	£629.00		Press Publicity/Promo	£143.49	£28.00
			Suffolk v Bury/ East v West	£180.00	
Total Income	£17,911.10		Total Expenses	£17,151.33	
			Closing Bank Balance	£6,166.32	
				£23,317.65	

Hon. Treasurer Rita Daniels

Hon. Auditor C. BENNETT ACIB