



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 21st June 2010

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Jeremy Brown

A total of 38 members attended including representatives from the following 20 clubs: Barking, Bealings, Bentley, Bramford, Brantham, Brockley, Burstall, claydon, Cockfield, East Bergholt, Great Blakenham, Hundon, Kelsale, Martlesham, Offton & Willisham, Old Felixstowe, Old Newton, Somersham, Thurston, Tuddenham St Martin.

1. Apologies for absence:

David Schofield, Peter Jones, Jane Pitcher, Needham Market, Tostock, Harkstead, Woolpit, Capel St Mary, Stratford St Mary, Tattingstone, St Marys Haverhill, Hoggards Green, Stutton.

2. Approval of previous minutes:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 22nd June 2009 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Marion Brown, seconded by Richard Sago and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from those Minutes:

None.

4. Chairman's Report:

TO FOLLOW.

5. Secretary's Report:

ENCLOSED

6. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Keith Jolly, presented the accounts for the year ending 30th April 2010, which had been audited by Richard Jones. There were no questions on the balance sheet and acceptance of the accounts was proposed by John Varden and seconded by Keith Armes. He explained that there would be no need to increase subscriptions for the coming year and insurance premiums would remain the same per club. The insurance would remain with Endsleigh as they offered the best rates. The Treasurer would like subscriptions and insurance premiums back from clubs by 31st July 2010 and he asked that clubs keep the Association informed of any change of contact details to ensure the information reaches to the correct person.

7. Amendments to the constitution:

Two amendments to the constitution were proposed:

Add item "1.ii)g) appoint a Child Protection Officer to administer the Child Protection Policy of the Association."

Item 3.1 – delete last 6 words "and up to eleven persons" and replace with "Child Protection Officer and up to ten other persons."

Both these amendments were carried unanimously.

8. Election of Officers, Executive Committee and Honorary Auditor

As mentioned in his report Jeremy Brown was not seeking re-election as Chairman and the following nomination for Chairman had been received:

Keith Armes (Burstall)

Proposed by Jim Goodrich (Claydon)

Seconded by Richard Sago (Burstall)

There being no other nominations, Keith Armes was duly elected as Chairman

Keith Armes then took over the meeting, beginning by saying he had been on the Executive committee since the Association started. He thanked Jeremy Brown for his work and commitment over the last 2 years.

President – David Schofield (Offton & Willisham)

Vice-Chairman

Peter Jones (Brockley)

Proposed by Sally Goodrich (Claydon)

Seconded by Freda Wright (Brockley)

There being no other nominations, Peter Jones was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

The following 2 positions were unopposed and remain the same:

Honorary Secretary – Graham Robinson (Brockley)

Honorary Treasurer – Keith Jolly (Brockley)

Match Secretary

Jim Goodrich (Claydon)

Proposed by Marion Brown (Offton & Willisham)

Seconded by Peter Jones (Brockley)

There being no other nominations, Jim Goodrich was duly elected as Match Secretary.

Child Protection Officer

Andy Gilder (Barking)

Proposed by Sally Goodrich (Claydon)

Seconded by Richard Sago (Burstall)

There being no other nominations, Andy Gilder was duly elected as Child Protection Officer.

There were 10 vacancies on the committee and 7 of the existing committee were standing for re-election and Rita Daniels (Kelsale) was willing to stand on the committee – proposed by Marion Brown (Offton & Willisham) and seconded by Jim Goodrich (Claydon). There were no further nominations therefore the following 8 committee members were duly elected:

Marion Brown (Offton & Willisham)

Rita Daniels (Kelsale)

Sally Goodrich (Claydon)

Neil Jolly (Brockley) – County Captain

Jane Sago (Burstall)

Richard Sago (Burstall)

Mick Watkins (Barking)

Freda Wright (Brockley)

There remains one vacant position on the committee.

Richard Jones remains as Honorary Auditor.

9. The Annual Membership Subscription:

It was recommended by the Treasurer that the annual membership subscription remains unchanged for the coming year. This was approved by the meeting.

10. Any other business:

Penalty rule

On behalf of Somersham, Michael Southgate, asked the committee to consider changing the penalty rule. As a club they were struggling to raise enough players for the winter league even though they had tried to encourage new members by putting flyers out round the village. Somersham suggested abolishing the penalty rule for 3rd Division clubs and only applying this to the 1st and 2nd Division.

Keith Armes said that an analysis of the winter league results had been carried out and Jim Goodrich read out the result of the analysis.

There was discussion around this topic from the floor and Keith Armes concluded by saying that the committee would discuss Somersham's proposal and decide whether there should be any changes to the penalty rule.

Calendar of events

John Varden (Old Felixstowe) would like to see the venue of time of an event to be included on the calendar of events as this information might encourage people to go along and support an event.

Postcodes

Bealings felt it would be helpful to have the postcode of a village hall, etc. put on the club contact list. Graham Robinson said that a request for this information was being included on a questionnaire being sent out to clubs along with a request for club secretaries' email addresses.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all the clubs for attending and closed the meeting at 8 p.m.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 21st. JUNE 2010.

Thank you Mr Chairman.

It is a pleasure to stand before you as Suffolk Secretary, a role I have thoroughly enjoyed once again. I feel we as a team managed ok and look forward to the coming year. I would at this point like to thank the Committee for their support.

Membership of the Association stands at 95 clubs and 3 associate clubs.

I would like to ask all clubs to make sure that they pass on all information regarding their club contacts, diary dates etc. to me for so as I can update the records, then forward this information to other clubs. I would ask that club secretaries in turn pass on the new details to the relevant person in their club. Several times this year, I have received letters to my old address!! We will be sending out a questionnaire to all clubs with the next minutes regarding club details.

I would again, like to thank Shirley Watkins for being our official photographer ..well done. Also I would like to thank Freda Wright and Susan Park for providing refreshments at the county games

I would like to thank the six teams (Belstead,, Claydon, Hintlesham and Chattisham, Hoggards Green, Hundon, and Nayland) who represented the Suffolk League against the Bury Laeague which we won 13-11, 101 shots to 89 shots.

We are looking forward to our meeting with Durham in August which this year Durham will host . For more details please contact Neil Jolly.

Lastly I would like to thank all our clubs for their support this year and hope it will continue into the future.

Graham

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

CURRENT ASSETS

Business Reserve Account	2865.00	
Current Account	506.00	
Cash in Hand	106.00	3477.00
Stock	1000.00	
Capital Equipment	500.00	1500.00

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Hire of Hall (26 th April)	19.00	19.00
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NETT ASSETS

4958.00

E.C.B.A. Champion of Champions 2010

Over the weekend of 12 and 13 June 2010 the ECBA Champion of Champions event took place at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool.

Ten counties took part, Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Suffolk.

Suffolk were represented by all of their SCBA event winners:

Singles: John Varden (Old Felixstowe)

Pairs: Keith and Neil Jolly (Brockley)

Triples: Keith Armes, Jane and Richard Sago (Burstall)

Rinks: Don Allum, Heather, Trevor and Steven Cain (Great Blakenham)

John's first game in the singles was against South Tyneside and after a slow start he raced away to a convincing 16-3 win. He followed that with a far closer and hard earned 10-8 win against the Cambridgeshire single, who had won the recent Eastern Counties Champions event. John then had a relatively comfortable 12-7 win against North Tyneside. Next up was the Hertfordshire player, who like John had won his first three games. It was a close game that went to the last end, John found himself in trouble and the game was lost 8-5. However John then bounced back in spectacular fashion to beat his Durham opponent 16-2 in his final game on Saturday, his best performance of the day.

In the pairs Keith and Neil started badly in their first game against Norfolk, finding themselves behind early. However two four shot maximums on the final ends snatched an unlikely 12-7 win. The next game started better, but an early lead was clawed back and the Brockley pair just held on to beat the Northumberland pair 8-7. Their third game was more comfortable, as an early lead was maintained against Essex, winning 11-6. Hertfordshire were next, a tight scrappy game ending in a disappointing 8-6 defeat. However they ended the day well, finding their form to beat the Cambridgeshire pair 11-4.

The Burstall triple got their competition off to a fantastic start, picking up the carpet quickly to thrash an experienced Durham triple 15-2. Their next game against Norfolk proved to be more difficult, whilst the Burstall triple kept in touch they ended up losing 11-7. Their third game against the Eastern Counties champions Cambridgeshire was a tight affair. The game went to the last end and finished in a creditable 8-8 draw. Next up were another experienced triple from Northumberland, who just continued to edge away in the game, the Burstall triple losing 9-2. Unfortunately it got worse in the last game of the day with a heavy 20-2 defeat to a skilful Sunderland triple.

Like the triple, the Great Blakenham four got off to a great start. With all of them playing well, they inflicted a convincing 14-1 defeat on the Cambridgeshire rink. Their second game was a lot closer and they could consider themselves unfortunate to slip to a last end 8-7 loss against Essex. They reacted well to that defeat though to comfortably beat the Hertfordshire rink 14-3. Next up were their first northern opponents, a rink from Northumberland. An early lead was secured and maintained and they eased to an 11-4 win. It then got better in their last game of the day, in a one-sided encounter the Great Blakenham rink strolled to a 17-1 win over South Tyneside.

So with day one over, the Suffolk single, pair and four were all placed well, having each only lost one game of the five played. The triple had found the day difficult against more experienced opposition but had done well to get a win and a draw from their games. Overall Suffolk were also nicely placed in the team competition.

In the singles Sunday didn't start well for John as he slipped to a disappointing 9-4 defeat to the Norfolk bowler. However as he had done the day before, he reacted well to a loss. Hitting straight back with a win in his next game, beating his Essex opponent 11-5. He then put on another competent performance in his penultimate game to secure another win, this time against Northumberland, 12-5. John's final game was against Sunderland, and the winner would secure second place overall, with Hertfordshire having already won the singles event. John took an early lead, but was unable to hold onto it, losing on the final end 10-8.

Sunday started better for Keith and Neil. On a tricky carpet which they were able to master better than their North Tyneside opponents they did just enough to win 9-5. Next up were an experienced Durham pair, this turned out to be the Brockley pair's best performance of the weekend as they cruised to a comfortable 15-2 win which was never in doubt. Their penultimate game against South Tyneside was far tougher and the outcome was in doubt until the final bowl. However the Brockley pair were relieved to escape with a 7-5 win. This result secured them first place in the pairs event overall. With the pressure off, a high quality final game against Sunderland finished in a fair 6-6 draw.

Having had a tough Saturday, the Burstall triple were delighted to again get off to a winning start. In a close game against South Tyneside they battled well to record a 9-7 win. Unfortunately this was their only win of the day, despite them giving a 100% effort in every game. There was no shame in their 12-5 loss to the eventual winners Hertfordshire and they finished with closer 10-6 and 11-7 defeats to Essex and North Tyneside respectively.

The Great Blakenham four were involved in a difficult low scoring first game against Norfolk. Disappointingly they ended up on the wrong side of the final 6-5 scoreline. The low shot count continued in their next game against the Durham rink, but this time it was a positive outcome of a 7-3 win. Their penultimate game was no easier, against a strong Sunderland four. A tight game went to the final bowl, but ended in a 7-5 defeat. However not for the first time during the weekend Suffolk bowlers reacted superbly to a loss, the Great Blakenham four winning their final game 16-5 against North Tyneside.

Throughout the weekend there had been some great bowling by all of the bowlers from Suffolk.

John Varden had won six games from nine, finished third overall and in doing so had played some very consistent and skilful bowls.

The Burstall triple had a frustrating weekend, gaining two wins and a draw. However at no time did they give up and you couldn't fault their effort against some very experienced opposition.

The Great Blakenham four all played well across the weekend, finishing third, winning six from nine. They scored more and conceded less shots than all of the other rinks. Their losses were all tight and they could consider themselves unlucky not to win the event.

The Brockley pair had played consistently throughout the weekend and to lose only one game was a great achievement. They had not expected to win the event, but were delighted to be crowned pairs champions.

Finally the team event went right down to the last set of games. In a three horse race it was Sunderland who took the overall win, with Suffolk securing an excellent second place on shots from the consistent Hertfordshire.