

# *Suffolk* **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The logo of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association is circular. It features a central image of a bowling ball with a pin being struck. The text 'SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION' is written around the perimeter of the circle.

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Offton & Willisham Village Hall  
on Monday 25th July, 1994

The Meeting commenced at 7.40 p.m.

Those present:- Raymond White (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), David Schofield (Secretary), Keith Armes (Treasurer), David Cobbold, Arvon Evans, Trevor Girling, Sally Goodrich, John Hayward, David Jermyn, Judith Longman and Tony Webber (County Captain)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Chris Leach, Ron Smith and Joy Williamson.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th May, 1994 were approved as minuted and signed as being a true record by the Chairman.
3. The following matters arose from the previous Minutes:-

3. 4 Margaret Southgate raised the matter of how the £100 award from the Sports Council should be spent and suggestions put forward were:-

- a) for a trophy to be awarded annually to the person in Suffolk who did most for the game (David Schofield),
- b) to be presented to the 100th Club to join the Association for them to buy equipment (Raymond White),
- c) for two annual trophies - i) to the most improved bowler in Suffolk and ii) to the person who had done most for carpet bowls in Suffolk (Arvon Evans),
- d) for a trophy to be played for in a Singles or Pairs League (John Hayward).

It was, however, decided to put the subject on the Agenda for the next Meeting with suggestions to be passed to the Secretary in the meantime.

11. & 13. David Cobbold suggested that the Committee should be prepared to advise the membership on its' understanding of the Rules where a confusion existed. There followed a discussion on when a wood is deemed to have passed the centre of the centre block.
4. The Chairman congratulated the whole Committee on being re-elected.
5. The Secretary reported that the membership numbers were unreliable until all subscriptions were received but that he suspected we now had our 100th member. He did, however, welcome the return of Oddfellows, Ipswich and the new Club of Kirtling & Upend.  
He told the Committee of the considerable number of grants that the Foundation for Sport & the Arts makes, over £18 million in the last 3 months, and were there any suggestions where we might apply for a grant as they seemed to have enormous resources. It was agreed that we would discuss any suggestions at the next Meeting.

As Press Officer he confirmed that he continued to send results and tables every week to the newspapers and a report every other week but that the East Anglian and Evening Star rarely printed them. Arvon Evans responded that the Bury Free Press was doing so.

6. The Treasurer reported that our balances were currently £1,297.86 in the Current Account and £2,131.01 in the Business Account but that he had been passed another £1,700.00 on the night.  
He made a plea for Clubs to make cheques out to the ECBA for the National Raffle otherwise we would incur Bank charges on each one.  
There was discussion over the £30 per quarter paid to the Secretary as a contribution toward his telephone bills and it was emphasised that neither he, nor others, should lose money on this. The Secretary was loathe to record the duration and time of each call so that a realistic reimbursement could be made and confirmed that the present level of contribution was satisfactory to him.
7.
  - a) Tony Webber was re-elected as County Captain.
  - b) Trevor Girling and Arvon Evans were elected to the Selection Committee.
  - c) The Treasurer noted that the nett cost to the Association of the contributions to County bowlers and County matches in the last year was just £373. Consequently it was decided that the same level of contribution would be made this year, i.e. to each bowler selected for the County to play in the National County Championships at Hemsby and who stayed the weekend £20 each and the Association would pay the match fees for bowlers in Eastern Counties League matches. Each bowler would be responsible for their travelling expenses to Hemsby and matches. Those who were selected to represent the County at Hemsby but did not stay the weekend would be responsible for paying the £7.00 charge being levied on those who stayed by the ECBA.
  - d) Tony Webber said that a County squad had not been chosen, following the Trials, as it would have been unfair for a new Captain and/or Selectors to have such imposed upon them. He would now meet with his Co-Selectors and choose a squad although it was emphasised by the Committee that they were under no obligation to choose only from the Trials. Tony confirmed that the best teams, in their opinion, would be selected for each match and it was certainly the case that there were those who were unable to play in the trials who would be high on the list for selection.
8. The Secretary was asked to contact Paul Goulding, of Hundon, and if he, and his Club, were committed to the raising of money for the Arthrogyrosis Society then it would be nominated as the Suffolk Charity of the Year. In response to the Chairman asking that suggestions should be made to replace the above if necessary or for next year Judith Longman put forward a glaucoma related charity.
9.
  - a) The Secretary passed around the latest Summer League tables (even later ones attached to these Minutes). Arvon Evans pointed out to the Secretary that he had listed East Bergholt as having won the last years Summer League play offs in the Roll of Honour when it had been Cockfield - the Secretary apologised and promised to correct this.
  - b) As the Secretary was unavailable on Sunday, 18th September for the Summer League play offs then the running of it was held over to item 12 on the Agenda.
10.
  - a) The composition of the Winter Leagues was discussed and although several Clubs who were likely to play had not yet applied they were included. Shotley CBC and Hundon CBC were new entries this year whilst Fornham All Saints CBC had decided to drop out. With the former going into the East Leagues then the intention of two promoted and two relegated would mean 9 Clubs in the 1st Division, 10 in the 2nd and 11 in the 3rd. It was

decided to even them out, i.e. 10 in each, and adopt the principle of two promoted and one relegated. Hundon would be added to West Division 2.

b) The question of a penalty to be incurred by a side turning up to a League or Cup (including Chairmans Plate) fixture with less than the minimum of 10 bowlers, which was referred from the Annual General Meeting, was discussed. It was decided that 10 points would be awarded to the opposition and, in line with the average shots in 1993/4 in a match where one team scored a maximum, 47 shots for and 19 against. It was, however, emphasised that matches should be rearranged at a later date, where at all possible. Clubs are to be reminded that the Leagues are for teams of 16 bowlers and that the minimum of 10 is a concession where a full team cannot be fielded for one reason or another.

11. a) The entry for the Cup competitions was one up on last year with Bentley, Fornham All Saints and Thurston dropping out and being replaced by Capel St Mary, Hadleigh, Hundon and Tithe Barn, Sproughton. This created the need for 5 1st Round ties in both the Joe Rice Cup and the Chairmans Plate. The draw was carried out.

b) The two weekly periods in which the Cup and Plate games were to be played was agreed upon and they are attached.

12. There was much discussion over the organisation of the Suffolk Championships in the coming season particularly as David Schofield and Tony Webber had expressed their wish not to be at the helm this year.

a) i) John Hayward agreed to take responsibility for the Summer League Play Offs on Sunday, 18th September, 1994 and the Suffolk Junior Championships on 5th February, 1995 at Needham Market Community Centre and will arrange for the equipment also.

ii) Margaret Southgate and Sally Goodrich agreed to take responsibility for the Suffolk Singles Championships on Sunday, 20th November, 1994 at Holywells High School, Ipswich with Ray White arranging for the equipment.

The Secretary was asked to make it clear to Clubs that it was a pre-condition of entry of their members in a tournament that they provide a mat if requested. These mats would be needed at start of play and were unlikely to be released until the end of the day.

c) David Jermyn volunteered to do the raffles for a further year and Margaret Southgate and Judith Longman undertook to purchase the prizes. These Raffles to be run for the Suffolk Juniors, Singles, Pairs and Fours Championships. For the Summer League Play Offs those teams that have qualified are expected to provide a prize, approx. value £5, for the Raffle and this also will be run by David Jermyn.

Whilst on the subject of Raffles Margaret Southgate agreed to buy the Suffolk prizes for the Eastern Counties Championships and for the National County Championships.

13. a) As there was only one meeting per year, the Annual General Meeting, of the Eastern Counties CBA then it was considered unnecessary to appoint formal representatives from Suffolk.

b) It was confirmed that arrangements for the Eastern Counties Championships at Holywells High School on Sunday, 30th October, 1994 were on target and that the Sub Committee of Ray White, Margaret Southgate and Tony Webber would shortly be meeting to finalise matters.

14. a) Tony Webber, Margaret Southgate and Arvon Evans agreed to continue as the three Suffolk representatives to the English CBA.

b) There will be a meeting of the English CBA at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 20th August at Offton & Willisham Village Hall. The promotional leaflet is due to be returned from the printers any day and Scott Andrews, the Development Officer, will then be distributing them. The Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls have been sent up to the Chairman, John Crawford, for printing and will be available for distribution at the ECBA meeting in August. The Secretary commented that he was getting several enquiries a week about carpet bowls as a result of the World of Bowls page on the game.

c) arrangements for the National County Championships at Hemsby over the weekend of 14th to 17th October, 1994 are proceeding well. The Booking Forms have just been received from Pontin's and will be distributed to Suffolk Clubs with these Minutes. The cost will be the same as last year at £69.00 per adult for full board accommodation. Those that play and do not stay will be required to pay a £7.00 fee. There will certainly be 7 Counties represented and the possibility of an 8th with only Hertfordshire not likely to be there.

15. Planning has started for the 1995 English Pairs Championships with the first meeting already held. Bidy Webber has been invited to join the Organising Committee of Lin & David Schofield, Tony Webber, Paul Marden and David Jermyn. We have invited the Company who had indicated a year ago that they would wish to be considered this year as our sponsors and we await their response. If this is successful we shall apply to Sportsmatch to match that Companies sponsorship sum. Notwithstanding this we shall be applying to the Foundation for Sport & The Arts for a grant and this will probably be for the £4,500 hire cost of the tiered seating. Letters will soon be sent to potential Stewards, Rafflees and Helpers inviting them to take part in 1995 and we will again give them a priority booking opportunity. The couple of incidents last time that let down others wearing a red sweatshirt will not be taken up with the people concerned but a clear reminder will be given at the pre-tournament get together of the obligations and responsibility that each has. A great deal more thought and planning will be put into the target bowls next year following the rather disappointing support that Judith & Brian Longman received earlier this year.
16. The Secretary will endeavour to book Monday evenings at Needham Market Community Centre for future Meetings of the Committee.
17.
  - a) David Jermyn asked what value of National Raffle tickets had been sold at present - although uncertain at the Meeting it presently stands at around £400.00.
  - b) Margaret Southgate passed on the information that the English Rinks Championships will again be held at Blackpool over the weekend of 4th & 5th February. Apparently the Booking Forms have been held up by the Hotel but should be out in the not too distant future.
  - c) Ray White pointed out that the Minutes of the May Meeting needed clarifying that the 1995 Summer Leagues will cost £10.00 per team to enter.
  - d) Ray White asked whether any other Clubs had received information from Ron Amour (Essex) about his selling mats but it seemed only Belstead had done so.

The Meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m..