

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*



The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 24th October, 1994

The Meeting commenced at 7.35 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), David Schofield (Secretary), Keith Armes (Treasurer), Tony Webber (County Captain), David Cobbold, Trevor Girling, Sally Goodrich, John Hayward, David Jermyn, Chris Leach and Joy Williamson.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman took the chair.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Raymond White (Chairman), Arvon Evans, Judith Longman and Ron Smith.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July, 1994 were approved as minuted and signed as being a true record by the Vice Chairman.
3. The following matters arose from the previous Minutes:-
 - 7b. The Secretary was asked to write, on behalf of the Committee, to Ron Smith and thank him for his work as a Selector for the past several years.
 8. The Secretary had spoken with Paul Goulding and was able to confirm that the Hundon Club were aware of and would give their full backing to Paul and the Arthrogyposis Society as the Association Charity of the Year.
 - 13b. David Jermyn would be moving house around the time of the Eastern Counties Championships and would be asking Judith Longman if she would carry out the raffle in his place.
 16. The Secretary confirmed that bookings had been made for Association Meetings at Needham Market Community Centre (dates below).
4. The Vice Chairman congratulated the County side on taking the runners up position, to Cambridgeshire, in the National Championships.
5. The Secretary reported that the paid up membership stood at 93 Members and 8 Associate Members. Thorndon and Ketton had responded to reminders and had promised immediate payment. Bures, Hundon (now paid), Amber Club, Leiston, Moreton Hall, Newmarket Foods, Peasenhall (now paid), Rattlesden and Thurlow would all be reminded that their membership will soon lapse as will their entitlement to play in the Suffolk Leagues, enter the County Championships and that any equipment insurance will be invalid. Kenninghall and Wix were the only Associate Members not to have renewed. Following discussion it was decided unanimously that a new Member joining after 1st January should pay a reduced subscription of £10 and after 1st March £7.50.

The Secretary congratulated Suffolk Clubs on raising £1,373 for the National Raffle which he felt was a marvellous response.

As Press Officer he thanked David Cobbold for stepping in and doing a piece on BBC Radio Suffolk on the Summer League Play Offs. A letter had been received from Peter Robinson, the current Sports Presenter for BBC Radio Suffolk, offering a 3 minute spot on a Saturday once a month. If that can be extended to 6 minutes+ then the Secretary will take the matter further. A report/results/tables are sent every week to the newspapers and it was pleasing to see that we were now being included regularly. He regretfully informed the Committee that the publishers of World of Bowls had gone bankrupt and that it was unlikely that the magazine would reappear on the bookshelves.

6. The Treasurer reported that our balances were currently £1,789.00 in the Current Account and £3,145.29 in the Business Account which was an improvement of £1,500 since the AGM. The Honorary Auditor, Mr Wally Betts, had now approved the 1993/4 accounts and that he would be signing them as soon as he returned from holiday. He expressed his appreciation of the Auditors help in locating one or two small errors that he had had difficulty in eliminating. He had been advised of a Club Account by the Bank which would save us bank charges in the future.
7. John Hayward reported that the Summer Leagues Play Offs had gone very smoothly and that he was pleased to see 6 Committee Members there. Despite there being no trial ends the games had dragged on. Unfortunately the EADT had not printed a report. He expressed his disappointment with the quality of raffle prizes which, in some cases, were not worth the £5 value requested. Indeed 1 or 2 Clubs didn't even bring along a prize! It was generally agreed that Needham Market Community Centre was an ideal venue. Several Committee Members had been asked why no individual trophies had not been presented to the winners and runners up. The Secretary explained that when the Summer Leagues were first set up it was felt to be an informal competition and a play off was arranged in the same vein - them being "play offs" and not "finals" or "championships". The lower entry fee of £5.00 per Club reflected that a trophy was presented to each group winner but that there were no individual trophies for the play offs. When trophies had been presented on Finals Day in April each group winner had been given the opportunity of having a single trophy or individual trophies to the same value. As the trophy presentations had been brought forward to the September then there was now no time to afford Clubs a choice. After discussion it was agreed to leave the arrangements as they are.
8. The then current Winter League Tables were handed around (latest Tables attached hereto).
9. Five 1st Round matches in the Joe Rice Cup had taken place (up to date Cup results attached hereto).
10. Margaret Southgate and Sally Goodrich reported that 297 entries had been received for the Suffolk Singles Championships which was a 10% increase in entry over 1993. A start was planned for 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 20th November and a finish by 5.30 p.m. was anticipated. Games to be played over 7 ends with no trial ends, no time restrictions and 4 woods each bowler. Losers to mark the next game. Light refreshments would be on sale which would include hot dogs. Raymond White will be arranging for equipment. Margaret or Sally would confirm timings with Holywells School.

Both Margaret and Sally agreed that they would also organise the Suffolk Pairs Championships on Sunday, 19th February.
11. Tony Webber reported that as runners up in the National Championships we had, in fact, won all of our matches (2 on shots). He felt that most had played well with one Four scoring 10 points (out of a maximum of 12), three

8 points and one 2 points. If the latter team had gelled (although they were never beaten by much) then we would have won! The most improved County had been Northumberland.

Two changes were being made for the Eastern Counties Championships the following Sunday with Ray Penhaligan replacing John Noble and Andy Hensby taking the place of Raymond White (who would be very involved in the organisation, etc. as Chairman).

12. The Vice Chairman confirmed that arrangements were in hand for the Eastern Counties Championships with play starting at 10.15 a.m. (Suffolk team there by 9.45 a.m.) and finishing around 6.30 p.m.. Bidy Webber, June Laws and Jean Evans would be the administration team for the day and stewards would be arranged from those there and not playing.
13. The Secretary reported on an English CBA Committee Meeting in August and said that after paying for the printing of the promotional leaflets there remained a balance of £2,545.81. 3 County subscriptions were outstanding. The promotional leaflet has been well received and would be included, along with the National Rules with every carpet and set of woods sold which would let people know of the Association.
The National County Championships were won by Cambridgeshire, with Suffolk second 3 points behind, and were considered to have been a great success. It may be that these Championships are held in the North next year. The winners of the Northern and Eastern Counties Leagues played off at the same weekend with Durham beating Cambridgeshire convincingly. A National Singles, Pairs and Fours is still planned for next May for winners and runners up in County Championships. Around £7,000 of tickets were sold in the National Raffle giving a £4,500 profit after expenses and prizes. The Suffolk Committee considered that it was up to the people who ran this Raffle to distribute prizes and that it was unfair and expensive to expect Suffolk to spend the money ringing everyone up, making out cheques and sending them off.
14. The Booking Form brochure for the 1995 English Pairs was due back from the printers that week and will be sent out in mid November. Prices have risen only slightly - £4 on full board, £3 on half board and £2 on self catering with no increase in the entry fee. Rafflers, Stewards and helpers are being invited and arrangements were well advanced.
The Organisers have purchased second hand indoor carpet from Risbygate and made up 20 carpet bowls mats for use primarily as carpet on carpet. These carpets would be made available free of charge to Suffolk CBA as a thank you for the many Suffolk bowlers who have helped in putting this weekend on. If taken up then it would be up to the Association to collect and return these carpets.
15. What to do with the £100 award from the Sports Council from last April was again discussed but again no agreement could be made of how it should be spent. As it had to be spent in a way that was approved by the Sports Council then the matter would be held over to the next Meeting when the Chairman could clarify what those conditions were.
16. There were no matters raised under any other business.

The Meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m..

Meetings have been arranged at Needham Market Community Centre for the Mondays 12th December, 1994, 6th February, 1995, 3rd April, 1995 and 15th May, 1995.