

# 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 July, 1995

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Chairman), Trevor Girling (Vice Chairman), David Schofield (Secretary), Arvon Evans, Sally Goodrich, Paul Goulding, John Hayward, Judith Longman, Tony Webber (County Captain) and Joy Williamson.

The Chairman opened her first Meeting in the chair by welcoming Trevor Girling as Vice Chairman and Paul Goulding as a new Committee Member.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Keith Armes (Treasurer), David Cobbold, David Jermyn, Chris Leach and Ron Smith.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th May, 1995 were approved as minuted and signed as being a true record by the Vice Chairman.
3. There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.
4. The Chairman commented that she wished to work for the Associations good and looked to the Committee to give her their support. She said that the work put in by the them was very much appreciated by the Clubs.
5. The Secretary reported that membership numbers were unsure until subscriptions were paid.

He brought it to the attention of the Committee that he had received a letter from the Kenninghall Club informing the Association that Joy & John Williamson were no longer members of that Club and so could not represent them at Committee Meetings or in tournaments. The Secretary had been informed of this direct from Joy Williamson before he had received the letter. The Committee felt that individuals, and not Club representatives, were elected to the Committee so her place was not affected at Meetings. Joy Williamson wished to be listed as "Norfolk" on tournament sheets, etc..

As Press Officer he said that he continued to send results, tables and a report every other week to the East Anglian Daily Times, the Evening Star and the Bury Free Press but that the printing of them had been highly disappointing.

6. In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman said only that £600 in cheques had been paid into the Bank since the last Meeting so the finances had improved by that much as nothing had been paid out.
7. The suggested change in the Rules for choosing those who play twice when a full team isn't available in Leagues and Cup was discussed following the query by Martlesham CBC at the Annual General Meeting and subsequently put in writing. It was felt that the Winter League and Cup Rules were okay but

that the Summer League Rules could be clarified and the Secretary agreed to suggest an alternative wording for the next Meeting.

8. The following appointments were made for the coming year, viz.
  - a) Tony Webber was appointed County Captain unanimously.
  - b) Arvon Evans and Trevor Girling were appointed to the Selection Committee unanimously.
9. 50 Clubs had entered the Winter Leagues, which is a record entry (49 in 1994/5), and consideration was given to balancing up the East and West Leagues so that there would be 10 in each division. It was decided to leave it with 11 in the 3rd Division East and 9 in 2nd Division West should Old Newton wish to remain in the East. All promotion and relegation issues would then be exercised correctly.  
(Post Meeting Note: Old Newton felt that they had made so many friends now in the East that they wished to stay there rather than change to the West.)
10. 44 Clubs had entered for the Joe Rice Cup and Chairmans Plate (37 in 1994/5) which again was the highest entry we have had in these competitions and the draw for each was carried out (attached hereto).
11. The following undertook to arrange Suffolk Championships, etc. through the coming year, viz.

Summer League Play Offs	- David Schofield & Tony Webber
Suffolk Singles Championships	- Margaret Southgate & Sally Goodrich
Suffolk Junior Championships	- John Hayward
Suffolk Pairs Championships	- David Schofield & Tony Webber
Suffolk Fours Championships	- Ron Smith & Margaret Southgate
Suffolk Charity Pairs (Glaucoma)	- Harkstead & Stratford St Mary

David Jermyn had indicated his willingness to organise the Raffles and Margaret Southgate and Judith Longman agreed to buy the prizes.

It was decided to raise the entry fee for the Singles, Juniors, Pairs and Fours to £2.00 per person - this is probably the first increase since the inception of these Championships.

12. There was no Eastern Counties CBA report. It was decided that a coach would be laid on to go to the Eastern Counties Championships at Ware on 29th October and to League away matches if it was feasible.
13. The Suffolk representatives at the English CBA meetings were elected to be Tony Webber, Arvon Evans and Paul Goulding with Margaret Southgate being there as Vice Chairman. The next Meeting is at Peterborough on Saturday, 7th October.

Tony Webber attended the ECEA Meeting at South Shields on Saturday 8th July which had started at 7.30 but not finished until after 11 p.m..

The main point of discussion were the National County Championships at Scarborough over the weekend of 4th & 5th November. Durham will provide the equipment other than scoreboards which will be taken by Suffolk. Each County could have a maximum of 30 bowlers with a minimum of 24 and a bowler could play only once against another County. The format of the competition will be decided when the entry is known but it may be all 9 Members if Hertfordshire are able to take part. The cost would be £70 per person for 2 nights full board and entertainment had been booked but it was felt that the cost might prevent some bowlers from going. The hotel can take 320 guests. Each County that enters is expected to donate raffle prizes to the

value of £25.00 but they will each receive £150.00 from the ECBA towards their expenses.

The Booking Form had been promised before this Meeting but had not yet arrived and there had been a request that each Counties forms should be returned in one block and NOT by individuals returning them independently. A deposit of £10.00 is required with each booking.

It was decided that a coach may not be practical as some bowlers would be travelling direct from the Isle of Wight or Norfolk because of carpet bowls holidays in the week before. It was agreed that a subsidy of £20.00 per person would be made by the SCBA to those chosen for the County team and staying at the hotel.

The Development Officer reported that the promotional leaflets had still not been distributed by the Sports Council (they have been with them now for some 15 to 18 months) which was disgusting! The distribution had been discussed in depth and there was a suggestion that Counties themselves did so but this was felt to be ineffective.

A suggestion by a Cambridgeshire bowler, by one of their representatives, for a complicated system of points which could be amassed by bowlers was not supported.

County representatives were asked to go back to their Associations and put together their ideas for a 4 year plan so that the ECBA could find out what common ground there was.

It was agreed that another National Raffle would be run with the tickets being made available at the National County Championships and it was hoped for a better response than last time. Margaret Southgate is to run this on their behalf. There was some disquiet over the support that this might receive in Suffolk after the debacle of the prize distribution last time. Our ECBA subscription of £75.00 was outstanding.

14. David Schofield commented that circumstances had conspired to delay the arrangements for the English Pairs Championships but that they would go ahead on the weekend of 26th to 29th April, 1996. There will have to be some changes but essentially it will remain much the same although it was hoped that the highlight would be a Bavarian evening on the Saturday night.

16. The following matters arose under any other business, viz.

- a) The Meeting confirmed that although County trials will be held the Selectors were to choose, what was in their view, the best team to represent the County notwithstanding whether bowlers had trialled well or at all. Trevor Girling was concerned that going to Scarborough would be expensive and it was becoming an ability to pay and not an ability to play!

- b) The stopping of the "For Sale and Wanted" information sheet had not been popular so it was decided to revive it but on the basis that an entry would be made only once unless a second entry was specifically requested.

The Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

Subsequent Meetings have been arranged for the Mondays of 9th October & 11th December, 1995 and 5th February, 8th April & 13th May, 1996 at Needham Market Community Centre.