

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association



The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 22nd July, 1996

The Meeting commenced at 7.40 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Chairman), Trevor Girling (Vice Chairman), David Schofield (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich (Press Officer), Tony Webber (County Captain), Mick Adams, Derek Brown, David Cobbold, Arvon Evans, John Hayward, David Jermyn, Judith Longman, David Mittell, Jean Roddham and Ron Smith.

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming the new Committee Members and congratulating Paul Goulding on becoming Treasurer and Sally Goodrich on being elected Press Officer.

The Secretary is to write to the retiring Committee Members and Officer thanking them for their service.

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May, 1996 were approved as minuted and signed as being a true record by the Chairman.
3. The following matter arose from the previous Minutes:-
 - 3.5. a) The Secretary had still not received any response to the invitation to Durham to visit and play us in a friendly match. The Chairman said that she had been asked to pass on the acceptance of Durham and suggested 15th June, 1997 as a suitable date.
 7. a) The Secretary had received a letter from the Bury Carpet Bowls League suggesting that a working party should be set up with the Association to look for an agreeable solution. David Cobbold and Trevor Girling were elected as the Association representatives but in the meantime the Secretary was asked to write and ask the Bury Carpet Bowls League to set down on paper how they saw a future amalgamation of the two leagues.
 8. b) The runners up in the Suffolk Charity Pairs, Betty McGuire & Charles Pearce had asked to be listed as representing Alpheton and not Lawshall.
4. The Chairman said she was pleased to be re-elected as Chairman and would do her best to work for the good of the Association and the Committee. Although she had thanked Hundon CBC for hosting the AGM she wished to thank Paul Goulding for his personal work on the night.
5. The Secretary reported that the membership position is an unknown factor until Clubs have renewed although Bardwell had written to say their Club has closed down and Rushbrooke and Syleham & Wingfield that they would not be renewing theirs. There are, however, new recruits in Barningham,

Bucklesham, Debenham, Earl Soham and Ufford as Members and Walton on the Naze as Associate Members.

The lateness in Clubs paying renewal premiums for the equipment insurance had created some difficulty with Brokers who had written to say that they would renew the policy this time but would not allow a delay again!

The Secretary asked that the Committee reconsider their decision of around a year ago not to send Minutes of these Meetings to Associate Members - we had nothing to hide and our Associate Members were disappointed at being excluded. It was agreed by 10 votes to 2 that Minutes should be sent to them in future.

6. The Press Officer handed around Summer League tables and said that they were submitted to the Press once a month but that only the Evening Star had printed them. She had not submitted any reports yet but felt that Clubs should put their own reports in. Jean Roddham suggested that the Community News section of the EADT might be a better place to target. It was agreed that the Secretary's suggestion at the AGM for a Carpet Bowls Open Week and a concerted approach to newspapers be placed on the next Agenda.

7. The Treasurer was unable to give a report because he had been unable to meet with the previous incumbent for one reason or another. The Bank had not yet been contacted about the change of signatories.

8. The following matters referred from the Annual General Meeting were discussed:-

a) It was agreed by 8 votes for and 4 against with 2 abstentions that the qualifiers for the Suffolk Junior Championships shall be under 16 on the 1st September preceding the tournament.

b) i) It was agreed by 14 votes for and 1 against that the minimum number of bowlers for the Winter League and Joe Rice Cup and Chairmans Plate will remain at 10 bowlers but those Clubs with the minimum should be encouraged to increase their membership for future years.

ii) It was agreed by 11 votes for and 4 against that the number of ends in the Winter League and Joe Rice Cup and Chairmans Plate be increased to 11 with NO trial ends.

Ron Smith suggested that the ends should remain at 9 but that 2 Singles should be played afterwards in a separate league but this was not adopted.

c) It was decided unanimously that in future the Association would provide individual trophies for the winners of the Summer League play offs.

d) It was agreed unanimously that if both points and shots are equal in a Cup or Plate tie after both legs have been played then the winner would be the Club who has won the greater number of ends over the two legs. Should it still be equal then a toss of the coin shall decide.

e) It was agreed unanimously that the Summer League play offs would follow the same format this year as previously but that it would be reviewed next year.

9. a) Tony Webber was elected unanimously as the County Captain for the coming year.

b) Trevor Girling expressed his wish not to stand again as a County Selector and the Committees thanks were expressed to him for having acted in that capacity for several years.

Arvon Evans was re-elected as a Selector but in the absence of another nomination the Captain and Selector were asked to consider the situation

and make a proposal to the next Meeting.

c) It was confirmed that a Triples tournament would be held at Risby on Sunday, 13th October, 1996 with the sole object of raising funds to support the County squad. Ron Smith said that his objective was to raise £20 per head from the tournament where each County player would be invited to enter a triple. It was realised that several people may not be able to support it because of the holiday on the Isle of Wight beginning the following day. With the latter difficulty in mind Margaret Southgate said that there was no other suitable date available in the season for holding it. It was agreed unanimously that this initiative would be additional to the contribution made by the Association which was agreed to be the match fees plus £500.

10. The Secretary presented a suggested format for the Winter Leagues which were a little difficult to decide upon because 5 Clubs had not returned their entry forms yet were likely to want to take part. It was decided unanimously that, to equal out league numbers in the East, that Nayland should not be relegated and should stay in Division 2. The Secretary was asked to distribute the ECBA Rule changes with these Minutes.

At this point the Meeting was suspended due to the lateness of the hour with a great deal of business yet to be attended to and was to be reconvened at Offton & Willisham Village Hall on Monday, 29th July, 1996 at 7.30 p.m..

The Meeting finished at 10.45 p.m..

11) Joe Rice Cup & Chairman's Plate

41 Clubs have entered the above competition.

The Draw was made and is enclosed with these Minutes together with the dates when the matches have to be played.

12) Organisation of the Suffolk Championships & Summer League Finals.

Paul Goulding and Tony Webber will organise the Summer League Play-offs on September 8th at Needham Market and Judith Longman will run the raffle. Sally Goodrich will contact clubs when league positions are finalised.

Suffolk Championships

Singles - 17th November 1996. Pairs - 9th February 1997. Fours - 9th March 1997

Margaret Southgate and Jean Reddham will send out invitations and do the draw. Ron Smith and David ~~Cole~~^{Mitchell} will run the competition for the Singles on the day. Tony Webber will supply the carpets but has requested that 10 people be asked to help lay carpets at the beginning of the day and also to help roll and load carpets on completion of the competition

13) ECBA AGM

Report attached.

14) ECBA Committee Meeting

Paul Goulding attended this meeting on 13th July 1996 at Whitley Bay and report is attached.

1996 Championships - Hemsby - These will be held in The Trafalgar and Fable Tennis rooms. Tony Webber will provide the carpets and David Mittell is to make enquiries for transportation with his expenses and accommodation being paid.

Election of Suffolk Representatives.

Axvon Evans, Paul Goulding and Tony Webber agreed to continue in office.

The ECBA are to be asked not to pass on the Contact list for any commercial proposition.

Travel payments.

It was decided that the starting point for mileage allowances should be from where the County Committee meetings are held, i.e. Needham Market - Hemsby and a request made that our Secretary send the ECBA Secretary a list.

15) English Pairs Championships.

It has been organised that these will be held the last weekend in April at Pontins, Hemsby for the next 3 years.

16) Any Other Business

Trevor Girling enquired as to the whereabouts of the County carpets and Tony Webber said he believed one was at Woolpit and one is in the trailer with ones that belong to the English Pairs.

Report of ECCBA AGM held at Exning on 6th June 1996.

All 6 counties were represented, and after the Minutes of last years AGM were read and signed the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports. Matters arising from the 1995 ECCBA Championship were then discussed but the general opinion seemed to be that any problems were due to the lack of experience of Herts who were running the tournament. Beds made notes of the problems and will endeavour to see that they do not occur again this year when the Championships are held at the Putteridge Centre in Luton.

The election for the Officers gave the same result as last year, Chairman, Ron Amore, Sec/Treasurer, Jill Emms and League Co-Ordinator, David Schofield.

Only 2 items had been put forward for discussion, both by Suffolk. 1. We asked for a ruling on eligibility for County Representation and it was agreed by all present that a bowler must state by 1st May each year which County they wish to represent in both county championships and county matches if they play in more than one county. The 2nd item put by Suffolk was for a change in the Points system in the ECCBA League. ie 2points for a win etc instead of at present all points won during the match. this suggestion was defeated 5 votes to 1.

A Singles/Pairs/Fours Championship was discussed and we were given a possible format with each county sending the top 4 bowlers in each event. It was decided that each county should take this idea back to their own Assn. to enable us to say whether this was acceptable or not. The provisional date for Championship was made for 22nd June 1997. A further meeting is to be held at Linton in September to discuss the matter and make arrangements if necessary.

League fees are to remain at £2.00 per player for the coming season. No fee will be payable for the ECCBA championship in 1996, as we have sufficient funds this year but the situation will be assessed on an annual basis.

The meeting concluded with a representative of each county arranging the league matches for 1996/97.