

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association



The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 10th February, 1997

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Chairman), Trevor Girling (Vice Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Golding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich, (Press Officer), Tony Webber (County Captain), Mick Adams, Keith Armes, Derek Brown, David Cobbald, Arvon Evans, John Hayward, Judith Longman, David Mittell,

1. Apologies for absence were received from Jean Roddham and Ron Smith.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th December 1996 were approved as minuted and signed as being a true record by the Chairman.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. The Chairman had nothing to report.
5. The Secretary reported that Earl Soham had now been contacted and the contact person is Mrs N Darling, The Gig House, The Hall, Bedfield. Telephone No 01727 628603.
6. The Press Officer felt that she couldn't do justice to covering all the competitions, league matches and county matches and wondered if the job could be split into having a league co-ordinator as well as a Press officer, the committee felt this should be discussed at the AGM in June.
7. The Treasurer reported that our balance at 10th February 1997 the Community Account stood at £1989.88 and the Business Premium at £3502.38.

There was still some concern that some clubs still had not paid their 1996 subscriptions and Insurance's. A discussion followed this and the Committee felt that this year when Clubs send in their subscriptions for 1997 monies must accompany the entry forms if not the club will not be entered in the leagues, and the equipment will not be covered by the insurance.

We send our grateful thanks to Claire Utting who has audited our books at such short notice.

8. County Captain's report.

Since our last meeting the County team have been in action against Norfolk and Bedfordshire in the league and also competing in the very first Eastern Counties Charity Team Bowl.

In a very closely fought match against Norfolk, we finally came out on top, thanks to a great last session. The end result was Suffolk 19 pts. Norfolk 17 pts. the shots were 151 to 120 in Suffolk's favour.

The Bedfordshire match was much easier.

Although Bedfordshire put up a fight and played some good bowls, Suffolk's greater experience and bowling accuracy told in almost all games, as is reflected in the final score. Suffolk 31 pts. Bedfordshire 5 pts. the shots were 202 to 92 again in Suffolk's favour.

Suffolk now head the Eastern Counties League, with Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire to play. (both at Needham Market)

The Team bowl was a new competition for the Eastern Counties. Each County sending 28 bowlers, in four teams of 7 (i.e. 1 single, 1 pair and 1 four). Each team played against the equivalent team from the other counties, with all points and shots being added together at the end of play. Once again Suffolk totalled the best scores, and added the team bowl cup to its list of achievements.

9. The Suffolk Pairs were held at Holywells School on Sunday 9th February, Ron Smith ran the tournament on the day with assistance on Saturday from the 405 Club and Sunday morning the Rivers Club. Hundon and Cockfield organised the equipment and once again Peter Mittell transported the Equipment to and from the School. Angela Ashman helped Ron Smith at the Control table, to these people we send our grateful thanks, the setting out and clearing up has to be done at every tournament, these are arduous tasks but someone has to do them.

Thankyou to Judith Longman for running the raffle.

The Tournament was won by Eddie Simpson and Jeremy Brown from Elmsett, they had played extremely well all during the day, the final between Eddie and Jeremy and Mary and Noddy O'Donoghue from Hundon produced a very exciting final, the match not settled until the final end, it was one of the most exciting finals to be seen. The losing Semi finalists were Joyce Smith and Paul Clarke (Barrow), Joan and Laurie Rook (Nayland. The losing Quarter finalists were Kelsale 'C', Sproughton 'B', Stratford St Mary 'B' and Hitcham 'D'

Congratulations to all the Finalists, we send our good wishes to Eddie and Jeremy who go on to represent Suffolk in June.

10. The English Carpet Bowls Association have sent the SCBA a revised draft copy of the Constitution, this was discussed at length. David Cobbold has prepared some comments on this and our representative Arvon Evans will be taking these to the Meeting in Blackpool this month.
11. Mick Adams wondered how we could increase Membership in some Clubs. e.g. Social evenings, open days, also how to encourage the youngsters as the numbers of youngsters is not very great.

Only 20 entries had been received for the Suffolk Junior Championships so this tournament would start at 10.30 a.m.

Chelmondiston 'Open Triples' will be held at Woolverstone School on Sunday 27th July, 1997. Please add this to your calendar.

- ~ 12. Dates of Next two meetings :-
Monday 7th April.
Monday 12th May.