



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 29th November 1999

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Trevor Girling (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman)
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich, (Press Officer), Mick Adams, Keith Armes,
Derek Brown, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, John Hayward, Judith Longman, David Mittell,
Richard Sago and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Mervyn Farthing.
2. The Minutes of the previous last meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising.
There were no matters arising.
4. The Chairman's Report.
The Chairman thanked those concerned with the running of the two venues of the County Pairs Qualifying competitions held at Woodbridge and Hadleigh and made reference to the lack of heating at Woodbridge but went on to say that this will be dealt with at a later stage of this meeting.
5. Secretary's Report.
 - a) Marion reported that two new clubs had joined the Association as full members. These are the United Reformed Church in Felixstowe and the Riverside Centre at Stratford St Andrew.
 - b) Correspondence:- A letter had been received from Walter Betts reference the Cup draw pointing out that a Club receiving a bye in this round and not winning their first round game did not have a chance to participate in the Plate. These comments were noted by the Committee.
 - c) Burstall commented that the result of the Summer League play offs had not appeared in the East Anglian Daily Times. Sally said that she could recall sending a report but no control over what was or was not printed. A request was made that a further report should be sent with the next league results.
 - d) A Suffolk Box. Marion is putting together a box of items which are needed for the County Championships. This would contain timers, measures, callipers and boards for scoring whilst games are being played.
6. The Press Officer's Report
 - a) Sally reported that all was proceeding well. One or two clubs are a bit lax in sending in their results promptly. The Cup and Plate games are going well.
 - b) The Chairman added that Rattlesden reported that they had been unable to contact Debenham to arrange a fixture. Eventually when these Clubs met Rattlesden felt that Debenham were accusing them as being the source of their losing 5 points earlier. Trevor had assured them that this was not the case.
 - c) It was pointed out when sending fixture lists to Sally at the beginning of the season it was not necessary to have them complete. This is so that Clubs finding it difficult to make contact with the odd Club could cut out the possibility of having points deducted.
7. Treasurer's Report

The balance at the date of the meeting was as follows:-

Community Account	£934.90
High Interest Account	<u>£3282.43</u>
	£4217.33

This shows an £800.00 drop in revenue as at the same time last year.

8. County Captain's Report

- a) The County Captain read out his report, a copy of which is enclosed with these minutes.
- b) At the end of Tony's report Margaret Southgate made reference to the complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits which are traditionally served on arrival to all attending County matches and said that these had previously been paid for by the County but were now being donated by Rita Daniels (Caterer)
- c) County Sweaters The question arose as to whether the County would have available long sleeved sweaters as well as the sleeveless ones. Tony would make enquiries. Sue Jones has offered to construct a letter to be sent to possible sponsors to try to obtain financial assistance.

9. Eastern Counties C.B.A Report

- a) Margaret and Marion had attended the latest meeting at Newmarket where a constitution was set for the Association. Committee members had previously had a draft of this sent to them for their comments and the question of the area that this was to cover was raised. The result of this was that no lines were defined thus enabling other Counties to join in the future.
It has been agreed that the Association will purchase a trophy for their Championships. In future it was agreed that Counties would play on adjacent mats.
- b) Team Bowl This is to be organised by Norfolk and would be held at Easton Agriculture College.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association

Each member of the Committee were issued with a pocket edition of the E.C.B.A rules. A copy is enclosed with these minutes to all clubs in the Winter Leagues, Others are available to all Clubs from the secretary at a small charge.

A vacancy has arisen for a representative for this association and Richard Sago (Burstall) offered to fill this position. His offer was accepted by the Committee. Tony who is the development officer on this committee will act as the second representative. Pauls and Arvon were thanked for their work on this committee in the past.

11. Suffolk CBA Pairs and Triples Competitions

- a) The major item under this heading was the lack of heating at Woodbridge School. The situation which the County found themselves in was to say the least unfortunate. The organisers of the competition were unaware until they arrived at the venue on that morning that there would be no heating. This was most unfortunate and of course beyond the control of the Suffolk CBA. Contact has been made with the school and the headmaster was greatly angered about the situation and he was taking action to deal with this internally. The Bursar has also made contact with Marion again with apologies. The school has responded by waiving the charge for the day and whilst the County realise that this is little consolation to those who attended, trust that this incident will not reflect in future events as we have been assured by the School that this should not happen again. Hadleigh on the otherhand had been comfortable but it was pointed out that there had been an occasion when this very same thing had happened there in the past.
Again the County apologies and trust that in the great British spirit the show WILL GO ON and hopefully by those who had a not very comfortable day.

It was pointed out than an error had been made with the use of four woods per bowler in this competition, this should have been three woods and this will be altered in future games.

- b) Equipment for County Competitions

Many complaints had been received with regard to the requests to provide these for tournaments. This is most unfortunate as without these there will be no events. Earlier this year when it came apparent that Meld Leisure Ltd (who own these and NOT Suffolk as members seem to think) indicated they would rather not supply their carpets, it has been clearly pointed out that a condition of entry is that Clubs must be prepared if requested to do so.

With regard to the transportation, Judith Longman had enquired as to the cost of employing a 'man with a van' to collect, deliver and return mats only the rest of the equipment would still be transported by members. Funding of this would be passed on to the bowlers with an increase of £1.00 per bowler. After much discussion it was decided that there might be difficulties in collection of these from halls when a member would have to be available on Saturday and also that access to halls on a Saturday when perhaps other functions are in progress would be difficult.

Eventually, it was agreed that as a pilot scheme Clubs will be asked to supply equipment when they receive their entry forms thus making it quite clear the conditions of entry. For obvious reasons, more than the required number of equipment will be requested as the Committee cannot foresee the number of entries at this stage. If however, you are requested to provide this and it will not be needed Clubs will be informed on their final instructions.

- c) Those who qualified for the Pairs were as follows:-

WOODBIDGE

Janet Ellis & Margaret Webb	Belstead
John & Pauline Hayward	Belstead
Roy Lonsborough & Andy Gilder	Barking
Margaret & Jim Southgate	Bramford
Chris & Ray Last	Claydon
Sally & Jim Goodrich	Claydon
Adrian Burgess & Kit Capocci	Rivers
Pat Whayman & Jill Nunn	Shotley

HADLEIGH

Gill & David Bailey	Burstable
Lindsay & Keith Armes	Burstable
Mike & Paul Daniels	Kelsale
Martha & Bill Mackay	Gt Barton
Paul & Joan Goulding	Hundon
Brian Low & Kevin Salmon	Hundon
Jean & Arvon Evans	Stanningfield
Trevor Bean & Steve Mayhew	Stanningfield

- d) Ashley who reside in Cambridgeshire had entered the Suffolk Pairs and this was questioned. It was pointed out that they are full members of the Suffolk Association and provided that they did not play in Cambridgeshire this would be allowed to continue.
- e) Trophies Glassware had been provided for the winners of the Summer Leagues and John Hayward pointed out that these were a great improvement on previous awards. It was agreed that the cost of providing similar would be followed up.
- f) FINAL INSTRUCTIONS it was pointed out that the wording on the Closed Competition Entry forms for the Knockout stages should read Group winners and BEST runners up should go through.

12. Any Other Business

- a) Rita Daniels thanked all those who had supported the Heritage Coast Carpet Bowls League's Charity Tournament and added that £900.00 had been presented to Aldeburgh Community Hospital, the chosen charity for 1999.
- b) Suffolk/Heritage Coast Challenge
This will be held at Needham Market Community Centre on Sunday 9th January 2000. The County will field a team as follows:-
The winners of Division 1 East & West, the winners of Division 2 East & West and 2 rinks from players who were on the verge of the County team.
- c) The Six Counties Championships to be hosted by Suffolk next year will be held on 24th September.
- d) Suffolk Junior Championships. A practice session will be allowed this year. Competition entry forms included with these minutes.

14. Date of next executive meeting 7th February, 2000

15. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

TRANSPORTING CARPETS

One possible solution :- Hire a van & driver to collect from Clubs local to the playing venue. This will necessitate 2 journeys, to collect and deliver to the Venue on Saturday and collect after play and return to the Clubs on the Sunday.

I have located 2 self employed drivers who would be interested in this job. 1) Bob Churchyard, who works out of Bourne Bridge, he charges £16 per hour. I estimate 3 hours minimum to collect from Shotley Penonsular Clubs and deliver to Woodbridge meaning approx. £48 per trip.

2) Chris the Van Man who works from Colchester, his charges £20 from Colchester to Hadleigh and back plus 50p per mile for the collection round the Clubs.

There are other companies who would possibly be interested but basically the cost would be £100 per Competition per Venue.

FINANCE

It would be possible to largely finance the cost by adding 50p to the playing fee.

On this years entries:- for the Pairs 188 entries =376 people =£188
for the Triples 92 entries =276 people =£128

However if £1 was added to the playing fee the pairs would produce £376 and the Triples £276 amply covering the cost and allow a slight hedge against inflation.

An alternative would be to increase the Subscription. Even an additional £5 would only produce an extra £525 per annum to set against the £800 required.

I therefore recommend the former, so that the people who enter the competitions pay for the transport of carpets and those Clubs that do not enter are not being asked to subsidise those that do.

AVAILABILITY

This scheme can only work if Clubs concerned are prepared to loan all their equipment thus keeping down the number of collection points.

I would only recommend collection of carpets, the woods etc will have to be provided individually, as I see no problem with putting those into a boot!

All equipment is insured, if necessary would it be possible for the County to provide a 'carrying bag' to help to protect the carpets and perhaps act as an incentive to Clubs approached ?

CAPTAINS REPORT

The Eastern Counties League match against Norfolk on Sunday 21st March was played at the Debenham Leisure Centre.

The match started off very well for Suffolk as we one three games in the first session, then won two and had a drawn game in the second, and won one and lost one in the third session. We were then 13 points to 7 up. At this point the match took a turn for the worse as far as Suffolk were concerned. The forth session was a complete disaster as we lost all four games. The final session was not much better as we lost three and managed just one win. The final score was 21 points to Norfolk with 145 shots and 15 points to Suffolk with 124 shots. Overall it was a disappointing result as we normally do well against Norfolk. It seems that this may be Norfolk's year as they have not lost a match yet and against us they deserved the win as they played well. As a team we played well enough but one or two positions need to be strengthened in the future. The next County match is against Hertfordshire on Sunday 11th April at Needham Market Community Centre.