



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 27th November, 2000

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary),
Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Steven Cain, Arvon Evans,
Rita Daniels, Judith Longman, John Varden, Mick Watkins and Tony Webber

1. Apologies were received from Margaret Southgate, Sally Goodrich, Andy Gilder and Richard Sago.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) Referring to minute 8c (viii) of the previous minutes, Richard Sago, in writing expressed an opinion that he felt that members of different clubs should not join together to play in the County Closed Championships. It was however, pointed out that this had been clarified at the previous meeting and that this is not a Club competition and the rules do not forbid any combination of players playing together.
4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman had nothing to report that would not be covered by other officers later in the meeting.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - a) The Secretary reported that she had received the following correspondence:-
 - (i) Following on from 5b of the previous minutes regarding a letter from Martlesham C.B.C. a further letter had been received from them referring again to late cancellation of fixtures. The Committee again confirmed that no rule had been broken as 24 hours notice had been given. John Varden suggested that if this Club was unhappy with the rule as it stands they should perhaps propose a resolution for the A.G.M. to change this. The Chairman reminded the meeting that this was the only complaint that had arisen with regard to late cancellations and changes cannot be expected to be made in a case such as this and that he would recommend that the rule is not changed.
 - (ii) A letter had been received from Pinewood Community Project regarding its proposal to build a Community Hall asking if the County C.B.A. would support, in writing, a Carpet Bowls Club which they hoped to set up. It was felt that we should reply offering any help with the setting up of a Carpet Bowls Club but only as we would with any new Club that is being formed.
 - b) New Clubs: The Secretary reported that one new Club had joined the Association. This is Cratfield Social Club in the North of the County. Rita Daniels reported that this same Club had joined the Heritage League with a view to participating in Tournaments both in the Heritage and County but not in league fixtures.
6. Press Officer's Report.
 - a) Sally in her absence had sent a message to report that the Joe Rice Cup and the Chairman's Plate were both well under way.

- b) Rita Daniels asked if the County would like their league results posted on the web site which had been set up by the Heritage Coast League Fixtures Secretary. This was agreed. The information will be posted at www.carpetbowls.co.uk/suffolk. Rita also pointed out that all Heritage Coast League information can be found at www.carpetbowls.co.uk.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£2188.00
Cash in Hand	£0625.50
High Interest Account	<u>£1142.28</u>
	£3955.78

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Report:- Copies are enclosed with these minutes.
- b) Raffles:- Judith Longman requested that in future, the committee members running the various venues for Closed Championships would purchase the prizes so as to avoid the transportation of these. It was pointed out that this was already being done at the Leiston venue. Thanks were expressed to Judith and Margaret Southgate for the time they had spent buying prizes in the past. Judith pointed out that they would continue to buy the raffle prizes for other events.
- c) County Pairs Closed Championships:-
- i) Moreton Hall:- Arvon Evans asked that this meeting records a minute regarding the great help they receive from Peter Curtis and Bob Mallion.
- ii) Leiston:- Rita Daniels also mentioned how helpful the staff at Leiston are to the degree that a phone call is received the day before an event to inquire of the needs for the day of the tournament.
- iii) East Bergholt:- Concern was expressed with regard to the refreshments on offer. It was pointed out that the person who usually supplies the food at this venue was indisposed and that the management had supplied the refreshments on offer on this occasion.
- iv) Stowmarket:- Again refreshments were not available at this venue until 11a.m. Our requirements in the future have been confirmed yet again by our Secretary on our part and by their catering manager, so that in future there should not be any confusion regarding the time that these are on sale. Lighting at this venue is very poor from 3p.m. It was pointed out that this could, along with the long wait between games, be resolved if Clubs are willing to supply more sets of equipment. This would enable one group only to play on each mat.
- v) John Varden commented on teams only getting two games due to the failure of teams to appear on the day and said that this was not good enough. The Committee felt that this was beyond their control and were told that those who did not turn up were being dealt with by their own Club Members.
- vi) MOBILE PHONES :- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE MUST BE TURNED OFF AT TOURNAMENTS.
- vii. Qualifiers:-

<u>East Bergholt</u>	David & Celia Cobbold	Belstead
	Joan & Howard Lewsey	East Bergholt
<u>Leiston</u>	Linda King & Cynthia Fisk	Middleton
	Toddy & Pearl Stebbings	St Margarets F.C. Leiston
<u>Moreton Hall</u>	Angela & Michael Ashman	Barrow
	Keith & Neil Jolly	Brockley
<u>Stowmarket</u>	Penny & Peter Harvey	Barking
	Lily Hughes and Dolly Garrod	Hitcham

- c) Junior Closed Championships:- The Chairman asked that a note is included in these minutes reminding Secretaries to encourage their Juniors to enter this Competition. He also pointed out that there were requests of late entries last year. The Committee felt that the time between the time that the entry forms were sent out and the event taking place was too long. This year the entry forms will be sent out with the Closed Singles entry forms. The Committee hopes that the number of entries will increase if juniors do not have to commit themselves to compete so early this year.
- d) The secretary reported that Hadleigh Leisure Centre had contacted her with a revised hire charge, This has been set at £180.00 which includes the use of two halls and the dining area.
- e) Dates for Closed Championships for next season:-

Triples	28th October 2001
Pairs	18th November 2001
Singles and Pairs	in February & March 2002. dates to be confirmed
- 9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report
There had been no meeting since the previous Suffolk meeting.
- 10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report
A proposed plan of the supplying of equipment/jobs to be done was pursued and Suffolk were allocated to organise the raffle at the County Championships (2nd to 5th November 2001).
The next meeting of the E.C.B.A. will be held on 13th January 2001. Margaret Southgate had previously agreed to act as delegate at this meeting.
- 11. Winter League Format 2001.
More suggestions had been received on this matter and were discussed by the Committee. It was however agreed that any other suggestions must be received by the Secretary before the 5th February (date of next Ex.Committee meeting). This will be the final deadline.
- 12. Any other business.
 - a) Burstall C.B.C. have offered to Organise and run the Charity Pairs for 2001, date to be clarified.
 - b) Steven Cain asked if the Committee had considered the purchase of new sweaters for the County Squad. It was pointed out that this was being looked into.
 - c) Richard Sago suggested that a 'B' squad be formed to play the County Squad in practice games. It was pointed out that the inaugural game between the Heritage League and the Squad was used for this purpose but several of the squad had made themselves unavailable on that occasion. this will not be pressed.
- 13. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.16p.m.
Date of next meeting 5th February 2001.

Please make the following amendments to your contact list:

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CAPTAINS REPORT

Sunday 26th November saw the Suffolk team take on Bedfordshire in the first game of the 2000 – 2001 Eastern Counties League Season.

The team arrived at Barton Le Clay to the usual friendly greeting, coupled with a cup of tea and a biscuit to get us off to a good start.

The Suffolk Team for this match sported some new faces, being players who had come through from the trials. Being their first outing I am sure there were a few butterflies amongst them.

The first session was very tight with the hosts playing some determined bowls. I could quite see why Cambridgeshire only managed a draw here last season. However Suffolk held their game together, ending the session all square at 4 points for each County. The games we lost were by only one shot at, 6 – 7 & 9 – 10, the games we won were also tight at 7 – 4 & 7 – 6.

The second session was a better one for Suffolk as we managed to win it by 6 points to 2. The third session was halved with 2 points for each side.

In the fourth session Suffolk showed their true style, winning all 8 points and the shots margin this time was much greater.

The team continued their winning way in the final session dropping only one point and that on the final end of the game. The score in this session was 7 – 1. Making the final result Suffolk 27 points Bedfordshire 9.

Suffolk 163 shots Bedfordshire 99.

All in all a good result for Suffolk, and particularly pleasing as the new players fitted in well, playing their part in the win and importantly not letting themselves or the team down. Well done team.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE SUFFOLK v HERTFORDSHIRE

The latest match in the league was against Hertfordshire at Potters Bar. Where Suffolk needed as many points as possible after the defeat by Norfolk to stay on top of the league and possibly go on to take the title.

The Match followed the usual format using 4 mats and playing over 5 sessions with each rink playing 3 games.

In the first session Suffolk won 2 games halved 1 and lost the other.

The second session was much the same as Suffolk won 3 games and lost the third, it was becoming obvious that Hertfordshire had improved their team since our last meeting and were not about to give us an easy passage.

The third session where only two teams compete worked out better for Suffolk as they won both of them. It was still a close call, as the scores in those games were 9 Points to 7 and 8 Points to 7.

The forth session was even as both teams won 2 games

In the final session Suffolk managed to win 3 games and lose 1

The final score was

Suffolk 25 Points and 167 Shots

Hertfordshire 11Points and 124 Shots

On the same day Norfolk were playing Essex and drawing 18 – 18 and Cambridgeshire were playing Bedfordshire also drawing 18 – 18. This meant that Suffolk were still at the top of the table.

The last batch of games, to be played on Sunday 9th April sees Suffolk take on Cambridgeshire, Norfolk play Bedfordshire and Essex against Hertfordshire. It promises to be a tense weekend.

CAPTAINS REPORT

The English County Championships for 2000 were held at Seacroft Hemsby on the weekend of the 4th to 5th of November.

Competition actually began on Friday evening with the Northern League represented by Durham playing against the Southern League represented by Norfolk. In 1999 Norfolk won this encounter, but this year the tables were turned and Durham took the trophy home.

Saturday morning saw the competition proper start. Of the ten member counties only Bedfordshire were unable to field a team. Each county team consisted of six rinks A to F, who then played off against the equivalent rink from all the other counties. The competition is played on 12 mats and 9 sessions each of the two days.

Suffolk got away to a flying start against South Tyneside winning all 3 games. We then had to play Hertfordshire who are improving all the time and managed to collect 3 points. Next came North Tyneside 4 points, Northumberland 6 points, Essex 6 points and Cambridgeshire 4 points. This left Norfolk and Durham to be played in our last two sessions on Saturday. Unfortunately we were unable to keep the momentum going and scored only 2 points in each session, making a total of 33 points from day one of the tournament. If we could repeat this form on the second day then we were in with a chance of taking the title.

Sunday arrived and once again Suffolk were up and away, winning all 6 points against South Tyneside. Hertfordshire went the same way 6 points again to Suffolk. A further 4 points were taken from North Tyneside, things were looking good for us. Next to play was Northumberland who normally have a good first day and an ordinary second day. This time however it was the other way round, as we only managed 2 points. The 4 points from Essex in the next session restored things a bit, only for us to falter again against Cambridgeshire and take just 2 points. We then managed 3 points against Norfolk and 4 points from Durham, making a total of 31 points for day two.

In the competition format, each county has to sit out in one session each day, and unfortunately our blank session was the last one on each day. So having reached the last session we now had to sit and wait.

Going into the last session we had 64 points, Durham 61 and Cambridgeshire 60. Durham then took 4 points from Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire took all 6 points from South Tyneside. Making the final scores, Cambridgeshire 66 points, Durham 65 points and Suffolk 64 points.

Taken all round it was a great competition with some wonderful bowls being played and we should be proud of our players for coming so close to pulling it off.

The only real problems with the weekend are the fact that the session scores are not posted quickly enough and that there is sense of occasion generated at the beginning of the competition, nor at the end for that matter. For what is after all the meant to be the top competition in the carpet bowls calendar, I feel that this is a great pity.