



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 2nd October, 2000

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman),
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes,
Derek Brown, Steven Cain, Arvon Evans, Rita Daniels, Andy Gilder, Sally Goodrich,
Judith Longman, Richard Sago, John Varden, Mick Watkins and Tony Webber

1. Apologies. There were no apologies, there was a full attendance by the Committee
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) It was pointed out that John Varden's name had been omitted from the previous minutes.
 - b) Judith Longman pointed out that no details of the Cup and Plate draw were printed in the previous minutes but it was pointed out that minute 12b. did record that the draw had taken place at the meeting.
4. The Chairman's Report.
 - a) The Chairman thanked all who had assisted with the Summer League Play-Off also to those Clubs who loaned equipment.
 - b) The County team were congratulated on their successes when playing Durham and again in their winning the Eastern Counties Team Bowl held the week previous to this meeting at Woodbridge School.
5. Secretary's report:-

The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Tithe Barn thanking all those who had written to the Club regarding the sad loss of their member Basil Acres, the following has been asked to be put in these minutes:- "Pauline Acres and the members of Tithe barn Carpet Bowls Club would like to extend their sincere thanks for all the letters and cards received on the sudden and very sad death of Basil recently.

The kindness and assistance by everybody at Woolverstone was most appreciated and Barking's presentation of the Trophy to Tithe Barn for the year, a thoughtful gesture.

Basil will be sorely missed by all his family and everybody at the Club, but we all have some lovely memories of shared occasions which we will never forget."

 - b) A letter had also been received from Martlesham Carpet Bowls Club in connection with a Club making what Martlesham considered to be a late cancellation although 24 hours notice had been given which is the acceptable space of time. It was also pointed out that in the case of late cancellations the home Club must be brave enough to ask the Club making the cancellation for payment for hall hire. However, in this instance there is no case to answer as the 24 hours notice was given.

The Secretary will reply to the letter which was received from Martlesham. No contact is to be made by the Committee with the other Club involved as it was not named.

6. Press Officer's Report.

- a) Sally reported that the East and West Leagues are falling into place but some Clubs had still not started to play yet. Sally commented that she trusts that the late starters will complete their right amount of games before Christmas.
- b) Joe Rice Cup The preliminary rounds have mostly been played. The first round proper for those Clubs who played in the preliminary round and those waiting to see the results of that round will now be as follows:-
Polstead v Burstall, Cockfield v Woolpit, Offton & Willisham v T.B.A.,
Orford v Hundon, Tattingstone v Tuddenham St Martin,
Tithe Barn v Capel St Mary, T.B.A v Claydon, Nayland v Risby.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

- a) The treasurer commenced his report by defending the 'Sundries' column in the account book and asked why, after this had been acceptable for a number of years it should now be questioned. The Chairman pointed out that there should not be vast amount of money under this heading when next years accounts are presented.

b) Community Account	£2779.34
High Interest Account	<u>£1140.86</u>
	£3920.20

Relating to the figures, the Treasurer pointed out that this report showed a drop of approximately £500.00 on the Balance as at the same time last year. Tony Webber pointed out that all but one rent had been paid on the venues used the previous day for the County Triples Qualifying Tournament and at this time last year the hire charges on the two venues used last year would not have been paid and that this amount was the difference between this year and the previous year.

- c) Also relating to the accounts, Margaret Southgate asked if the County would financially support the County Team when playing in the National Team Championships at Hemsby in November. It was proposed by Keith Armes and seconded by Judith Longman that the team should receive £25.00 per head and that this would also be paid to the Captain and Selectors.

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Report:- A copy of the Six Counties Championships is enclosed with these minutes.

- b) County Trials:- Tony Webber reported that he considered the Trials provided a bad show, and in particular, he said that the members of the County squad did not perform to their best.

c) County Triples Closed Championships:-

- i) The Chairman asked if the 2 venues used previously were cheaper than the 4 being used this year. Tony Webber, in reply said that it had been agreed that four venues would be used and this must continue. He also said that changes must not keep taking place and pointed out that as Woodbridge venue was not the most popular we should use the four venues in an effort to get the players back.

On the whole the Committee members running the venues felt that everything had gone well. Stowmarket had some difficulty with obtaining tea/coffee before 11 a.m. but were told that this could be made available if a request was made.

- ii) The Chairman said that with fewer numbers because four venues were being used, that he did not relish coming up against the same players in all the disciplines. Derek Brown pointed out that should a change of venue be requested the tournament committee would endeavour to enter them elsewhere.

- iii) Judith Longman suggested that a later date in the calendar might reap a larger entry in this tournament as the first Sunday in October is perhaps too early in the season.

- iv) The charge of £3.00 per head entry fee was questioned but it was pointed out that this was still a reasonable price for a days bowling.
- v) It was also felt that information distributed for this event was a bit thin especially for East Bergholt. Also for instance the number of ends had not been stated before the event.
- vi) When questioned why the number of qualifiers had been reduced from the original four as printed on the entry form to 2 on the final instructions, the meeting was told that this was to try to reduce the number of players qualifying in three of four as last year thus avoiding those playing against these said players waiting late into the day for their play-offs.

- vii) The qualifiers at the four venues were as follows:-
 - East Bergholt Sarah Lay, Gary Weston & Colin Page, Hintlesham & Chattisham.
Jane Sago, Richard Sago and Gill Bailey, Burstall.
 - Leiston Lil Howard, Margaret Creed and Ron Dean, Amber.
Ian Ward, Nevil Smith and Peter Masters. Snape.
 - Moreton Hall Sue Jones, Betty and Maurice Eady. Brockley
Pat Noble, M Littlewood and Bill Mackay. Gt. Barton.
 - Stowmarket J Austin, Margaret & Jim Southgate. Bramford
G Miles, G Martin and K Glover. Needham Market

viii) Entry eligibility: Rita Daniels asked if it was permissible for members of different Clubs to play together in County Competitions and in reply was told that this is allowed.

d) Durham Weekend:
Each year Suffolk (not necessarily the County Squad) play Durham in a friendly tournament with the game alternating between the two Counties. This year Suffolk travelled to Durham returning home victorious.

e) Eastern Counties League:
The County Captain told the meeting that in this league this year Suffolk would play 3 home and 2 away games. Two of these will be played at Needham Market and one at Risby as Needham Market had previously been booked on the date.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report
There had been no meeting since the last County Committee Meeting. Margaret Southgate reminded the treasurer that the league fees of £300.00 were due by 31st October, 2000. It was pointed out that the expenses for the Six Counties Championships held at Woodbridge would be met by the ECCBA.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

- Richard Sago read his report which consisted of the following items:
- i) A letter had been received from Tony Webber resigning as Development Officer and all were sorry this had happened and hoped that he might change his mind.
 - ii) The request from the E.C.B.A. to remove the English Carpet Bowls Rules from two web sites had been done.
 - iii) A letter had been received from MELD Leisure withdrawing equipment for E.C.B.A. use.
 - iv) The treasurer reported that a total amount of £8,437.89 was held by the Association.
 - v) Development Officers:- Bill Ramshaw is to be co-opted to fill this position in the North, Ray White and Ann Hardy would go to Farnham to do a demonstration in place of Tony Webber.
 - vi) Referees:- Names of suitable markers/umpires required by David Storey so as to train these to the same standard throughout the Country.
 - vii) National Championships:- These will be held at Hemsby on 3rd to 6th November for which equipment will be required. It was agreed that the Suffolk Carpets could be used for this event but these should be marked with the County name before they are used.

11. Winter League Format 2001.

A discussion took place on this and it will be placed on every agenda until a solution is found. One Committee member had submitted a suggestion which was discussed.

Any ideas for this from players should be sent to the Committee.

12. Any other business.

- a) Judith Longman requested that entry forms and any other information for County Competitions should be sent to members of the Committee not only to Clubs. This was agreed.
- b) National Championships: those requiring information on this should contact Seacroft at Hemsby for this.
- c) DATE CHANGE: The Team Bowl to raise funds for the Suffolk Squad is to be held at Woodbridge on 6th May 2001 and not 20th as previously stated.
- d) It was suggested that perhaps it might be prudent for trained first aid personnel present at large tournaments. It was pointed out however that where Leisure Centres are used there are usually trained first aiders on site. Further to this, if Clubs are involved in organising large events this might be a point worth considering.
- e) Photography. Some time ago Shirley Watkins had been asked to take photographs at County Events. However, at the Summer League play off day when Shirley had been present to take photographs she had been told that there was no need for her to do this. Clarification was requested as to the position Shirley now finds herself in. Was she or was she not still being asked to do this. The Chairman requested that his apologies are sent to Shirley stating that he only wanted to finish his film up and that Shirley is being asked to continue to take photographs.

13. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.06p.m.
Date of next meeting 27th November, 2000.

WANTED PLEASE! HEADWAY (HEAD INJURIES ASSOCIATION)

Headway is connected to Ipswich Hospital, they are looking for a Carpet and Woods.

If you have one for sale please contact Rita Godfrey on 01473 704159

Please make the following amendments to your contact list:

Hundon: The Fixture Secretary is Andrew Cooper, 01440 786741

Harkstead: The Fixture Secretary is Keith Thurlow, 01473 328418

Gt Blakenham: The Secretary is Jeremy Brown, 24 Garrards Road, Elmsett,
Ipswich, IP7 6NB 01473 658115

SCBA COMMITTEE MEETING 17th JULY 2000

Captains Report

The 1999 / 2000 season for the Suffolk County team was again one of triumphs and near misses.

Eastern Counties Charity Team Bowl.

This competition seems to suit the Suffolk squad, as we were able to retain the cup and have now won it three times in four years. When we have to bring in our reserve players to make up the necessary 28 and split up some of the fours in order to play the pairs and singles, our strength in depth really shows. The other Counties tend to struggle under this format and are not at all consistent, this shows particularly in the singles, where we have been able to field four top class bowlers, and use this as a spring board to run away from the other teams.

Eastern Counties League

Once again this season was tough but the squad did a great job, only going down on one occasion. Unfortunately it was to Norfolk who were the eventual champions. A number of new players were brought in during the season to give them experience at this level and they all did well for the team. Going into the final match against Cambridgeshire there was an outside chance that Suffolk could win the title. Normally to beat Cambridgeshire at home would be a great result but this time it wasn't enough as Norfolk were able to beat Bedfordshire by a very large margin which we could not match against Cambridge and finished as runners up.

Eastern Counties Championship

Once again Suffolk were the runners up to Norfolk in this competition after a day of up's and down's. There were times when things were going along swimmingly, then we would struggle. Mainly against teams we should have beaten easily (but then that is what bowls is like). Finally we ended up in second place with Cambridgeshire third.

English County Championships

This was more or less the same scenario as the Eastern Counties except that Cambridgeshire won the title and Suffolk finished in third place. We now look to next season when we hope to do even better.

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In this competition each County fields six rinks and each rink plays five games during the day, This means that to be successful a team must hold its form and concentration for a very long time.

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Session three saw Suffolk put Hertfordshire to the sword by collecting all 8 points from their four rinks, while both Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire took 6 points from their efforts.

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The sixth and seventh sessions made the scores very tight with Norfolk coming back very strongly, collecting 8 and 6 points, when Suffolk managed 5 and 6 points. Cambridgeshire were dropping away slightly only getting 4 points each session.

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SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

The final match for Suffolk in the 1999 / 2000 Eastern Counties League season took place in Cambridgeshire, at the Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday 9th April.

The host team had decided to play the match using a different format from the normal one of four mats. This time we were to play on three mats over six sessions, which extended the playing time by about an hour. As it turned out it made little difference as in competition the time seems to pass very quickly.

Going into this match Suffolk were at the top of the league table, just three points ahead of Norfolk. It was going to be an uphill task to beat Cambridgeshire, let alone to get enough points to stay at the top. The task was made even more difficult due to the fact that Norfolk were playing against Bedfordshire who are not known as a strong team.

As usual Cambridgeshire were difficult to play against. They are a strong team with lots of experience and contain some very good bowlers.

The first session went to Suffolk 2 games to 1. Who appeared to be very much in control. The Second session was a complete reversal as Cambridgeshire came back to take it 2 Games to 1, although the shots were much closer.

In the third session honours were even as both sides won 1 game and halved the other. Sessions four and five went to Suffolk by 2 games to 1, leaving the final session to be played. At this stage Suffolk had actually won the match, but needed as many points as possible if they were to have any chance of staying ahead of Norfolk in the league. However this was not to be as the final session was drawn. The final score on the day was :---Suffolk 20 Points and 169 Shots

Cambs. 16 Points and 136 Shots

This means that Norfolk have won the League Title, with Suffolk as runners up, followed by Cambridgeshire and Essex tying for third. Forth came Bedfordshire, and the wooden spoonists were Hertfordshire.

FINAL TABLE

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SHOTS FOR</u>	<u>SHOTS AGST</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
NORFOLK	680	467	123
SUFFOLK	671	508	113
CAMBS	613	563	95
ESSEX	564	554	95
BEDS	481	675	60
HERTS	447	689	54