



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

*The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association*

held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday, 18th June, 2001

The Chairman opened with a warm welcome to all.

In attendance were representatives from the following Clubs:-

Barking	Belstead
Bramford	Brockley
Burstall	Chelmondiston
Claydon	East Bergholt
Great Blakenham	St Mary's Haverhill
Hundon	Kelsale
Offton & Willisham	Old Felixstowe
Polstead	Somersham
Stanningfield	Stratford St Mary
Stutton	Tattingstone
Theberton	Thorndon
Tostock	Whatfield
Woolpit	

1. Apologies for absence had been received from:- Capel St Mary, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Kesgrave, Shotley, Old Newton, Riverside, Whelnetham, and Judith Longman.
2. Approval of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
Acceptance of these minutes were proposed by Keith Armes, and seconded by Derek Brown.
3. Matters Arising.
The Chairman pointed out that under item 7 the words - to the Constitution - should have been added to - There were no amendments.
4. Chairman's Report
In his report the Chairman said that as far as the County Team results went, a good start was made to the year with a fine win at Durham, beating them on their home patch. This was followed by success in the Eastern Counties Championship which was hosted by Suffolk and held at Woodbridge School. In the Eastern Counties Team Bowl Suffolk were the runners up. Whilst these events unfolded our County Squad were winning all their Eastern County League games but unfortunately, due to a somewhat farcical scoring system the squad were placed runners up to Cambridgeshire by 2 points. The Suffolk Closed Championships ran smoothly over the Winter months and the Chairman continued by thanking those who did the initial organising and especially those who had minded the venues and congratulated all those who had won their respective disciplines and who from these events qualified to play in the Champion of Champions meetings. Unfortunately there was not the success at Rotherham this year as previously but yesterday at the Eastern Counties event Bramford won the Triples.
Charity Pairs:- The Chairman commented on the great success of this event which was organised by Burstall C.B.C which raised nearly £2,000 for local Hospices and he thanked them warmly.

Committee:- The Chairman continued his report by thanking the Committee for the time and effort which they had put in during the year.

League & Cup Games:- The domestic League and Cup games had run smoothly and congratulations were due to all league, cup and plate winners.

Winter League Format:- The Chairman concluded his report by saying (and stressing) that after much discussion it was agreed that the present 4 games of 4 players was the format that we in Suffolk wanted to keep and the suggestions submitted either did not meet this criteria or were too involved to implement and in the end it was unanimously agreed by the Committee that the present system be retained.

5. Secretary's report:-
Report attached

6. Treasurer's report.
Statement attached
The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by Margaret Southgate (Bramford) and seconded by Arvon Evans (Stanningfield).

7. There were no amendments to the Constitution.

8. The Election of the Officers, Executive Committee and Auditor .

a) Election of Chairman:

The Chairman vacated the chair for the election of this position. The Secretary asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No other nominations were received. John Hayward agreed to stand for this position. The proposer to this nomination was Marion Brown, Derek Brown seconded this proposal.

b) Vice Chairman

Margaret Southgate (Bramford) had indicated that she would be prepared to hold this position and with no other nominations, Derek Brown (Gt. Blakenham) proposed and Rita Daniels (Kelsale) seconded this nomination and was carried.

c) Honorary Secretary

There being only one nomination of Marion Brown for this position which was proposed by John Varden (Old Felixstowe) and seconded by Ken Jennings (St Mary's Haverhill) and was carried.

d) Honorary Treasurer

Again there was only one nomination, that of the previous Treasurer, Paul Goulding. This nomination was proposed by Richard Sago and seconded by Jim Goodrich (Claydon) and was carried.

e) Press Secretary:

Sally Goodrich was proposed by Freddie Way (Stutton) and seconded by Joan Lewsey.

f) Executive Committee

The Chairman pointed out that two members of last years committee had indicated that they would not seek re-election. The remaining nine had indicated they would be prepared to stand again. Nominations were invited from the floor but none were forthcoming. The following nominees were elected on the Committee en bloc being proposed by Peter Easter and seconded by Jimmy Green (Tattingstone).

Arvon Evans	Stanningfield
Keith Armes	Burstall
Derek Brown	Great Blakenham
Rita Daniels	Kelsale
Richard Sago	Burstall
Tony Webber	Offton and Willisham
Steven Cain	Great Blakenham
John Varden	Old Felixstowe
Andy Gilder	Barking

g) Honorary Auditor

Andy Gilder asked if it would be more convenient to the Treasurer if this years auditor was nominated. Paul Goulding (Treasurer) pointed out that due to illness the Auditor of the previous years was unable to provide this service and that this year to obtain an audit of the accounts in time for this meeting he had to use a Company in Haverhill. This next year, all being well our usual Auditor would be prepared to provide this service on a honorary basis. It was therefore proposed by Margaret Southgate and seconded by Marion Brown that Claire Utting should be elected.

9. Annual Membership Subscription

This will remain the same as last year of £25.00 per Club.

10. Any Other Business:-

- a) Wal Kittle (Chelmondiston) asked if we could encourage the Juniors in the County. The Chairman asked Arvon Evans (Stanningfield) to comment on this. Arvon said that plans were in place to try to encourage the Eastern Counties Association, if space allows, to run some County Junior competitions alongside the Senior events.
- b) It was pointed out that there was a reduction in numbers playing in the West Division Winter League, after much discussion it was suggested that each Club in this division should play the others home and away twice. The Committee would discuss this at their next meeting as a possibility for the forthcoming Winter League.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

A draw for prizes which had not been claimed at tournaments then took place.

Urgent reminder to all clubs:-

There may have been some confusion regarding payment of Insurance's and Membership fees. I hope this clarifies the situation. All Clubs have to pay £25.00 Membership fees and £5.25 Public Liability. (£30.25). Insurance this year is £2.50 per set of equipment e.g. 2 sets £5.00, 3 sets £7.50. If your club has not sent these to me, please remind appropriate persons.

Thankyou

Mamon

Secretary's Report

Mr Chairman and Fellow members.

Another year has gone by very quickly, My report is not very long as John has picked up most points. I am sorry to report that we have not had an increase in Membership, we lost 4 Clubs this year, Alpheton, Debenham, Lawshall and Rattlesden, I know that quite a few members of these clubs have joined in with other clubs so that they are still playing Carpet Bowls. Cratfield joined the Association during the past year also Rougham are joining us at the beginning of our new year.

The Charity tournament was organised by Burstall Carpet Bowls Club this year I understand all went well, I was sorry to miss this but I was on holiday. We shall be looking for another club to organise this for the coming year.

The Insurance scheme gave us a few headaches this year, our present insurers gave us an extra months Insurance for this last year as the Committee thought it would make sense to have the Membership and Insurance starting from the same date, our present insurers wanted £25 per club Public Liability, plus the insurance for the equipment. however after quite lengthy discussions with various brokers we have succeeded in getting a good deal from brokers Sutton Winson. I am sorry to say that all Clubs within the Association has to pay Public Liability from now on. The Insurance this year has worked out at £5.00 for 2 sets of equipment and £5.25 for Public Liability, therefore if you insure 2 sets of equipment and pay Public Liability you pay £10.25, if you insure any more than 2 sets you add another £2.50 per set. Clubs who do not insure their equipment only have to pay £5.25. I hope this makes sense. I thank Keith for helping with this Insurance scheme. The renewal papers will be in the post hopefully tomorrow, and I would be grateful if they could be returned as soon as possible.

The Committee has worked hard and I thank everyone for their support and help. I must give a special thankyou to Judith Longman who has been on the Committee for 11 years and has stood down this year, we send our best wishes to her and hope that she returns to full health as soon as possible, thankyou to Rita for being my minute secretary again this year.

This ends my report

Thankyou

Marion Brown
18th June, 2001

**SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2001**

	2000/2001	1999/2000	EXPENDITURE	2000/2001	1999/2000
Income	2000/2001	1999/2000			
Opening Balance	£3,460.94				
Membership Subscriptions	£2,080.00	£1,895.00	Insurance + Claim	£2,808.00	£1,307.74
Associate Member Clubs	£90.00		SCBA Meetings	£85.00	
Club Raffle fees	£520.00		ECCBA League fees	£300.00	£100.00
Raffles	£1,640.00	£1,601.13	Eastern Counties Expenses	£434.00	
JoeRice Cup/Plate	£150.00	£155.00	Raffle Prizes	£720.00	£761.84
Closed Championships	£3,660.00	£2,322.00	Trophies and Engraving	£891.00	£1,127.69
Winter League	£720.00	£765.00	Closed Championships	£455.50	£1,874.42
Summer League	£430.00	£430.00	Photocopying & Stationery	£635.00	£480.82
Insurance (inc claim)	£1,068.00	£1,683.75	Postage	£446.00	£501.27
County Matches + Trials	£496.00	£585.00	Telephone	£245.00	£227.00
Hotel refund (Durham 2000)	£200.00		Delegate Expenses (ECBA)	£80.00	£62.42
Eastern Counties refund	£314.00		County Matches + Trials	£1,219.00	
County Ties (5)	£25.00		Lottery Registration	£17.00	
Rule Books (16)	£8.00		Callipers + Timer	£24.00	
Bank Interest	£37.00		Champion of Champions Expenses	£525.00	
			Rule Books	£50.00	
			Winter League refund	£15.00	
			Sports Hall Hire (closed championships)	£2,438.50	£2,521.00
			Bank Charges	£9.00	£10.00
TOTAL FOR YEAR	£11,438.00			£11,397.00	
SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENSES	£41.00				
Closing Balance	£3,502				

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