



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 14th May 2001

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

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

1. Apologies were received from Mick Watkins and Tony Webber.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) The date of the Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association A.G.M. had been changed to 28th June, 2001.
4. The Chairman's Report.
 - a) The Chairman said that as this would be the last Committee Meeting before the Annual General Meeting he would like to thank the Committee for their work over the past year. Margaret Southgate was thanked for her involvement yesterday at the Winter League play offs and Marion & Derek were thanked for collecting the trophies for this event.
5. Secretary's report:-

Marion reported that Rattlesden have indicated they would no longer belong to the Association due to falling numbers, hopefully some of their members would join another club, However, Rougham have contacted Marion hoping to join shortly.
6. Press Officer's Report.
 - a) Sally reported that Offton & Willisham had to abandon a match due to a power cut and that a date for a re-match had been agreed.
 - b) Sally also said that she would like to congratulate the winners of the Winter League Play offs and the Cup and Plate.
7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£2893.88
High Interest Account	<u>£1143.13</u>
	£4039.01
8. County Business:-
 - a) Captain's Report:- Copy is enclosed with these minutes.
 - b) Durham Visit. Margaret Southgate raised the question of the organisation of the Dinner to be held on the Saturday evening and the Committee was asked to agree that Marion and Rita should make the final arrangements for this.
9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report
 - a) As previously stated the date for the A.G.M. had been altered to 28th June. Resolutions for this meeting to be received by the Association by the 24th May. Arvon Evans would be the Suffolk Delegate.

- b) Suffolk would suggest a change in the league scoring and several suggestions were put forward. Arvon and Tony will liase on this.
- c) A suggestion for Junior County games to be arranged in the future will be persued.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) It was reported that entry forms would soon be available for the County Championships.
- b) A Leisure Centre in Barnsley had been visited with a view to moving games to this venue.
- c) Development: 2 Clubs from Nottingham and 1 from Sussex have show interest in joining the Association.
- d) The English Referee suggested that the Association run a course for referees. This would then establish a level of consistency.
- e) The English Rinks held in April received 65 entries.
- f) The Champion of Champions Tournament would commence at 10.30 a.m. on June 2nd, 2001.
- g) The A.G.M. of the Association would be held at the end of play on 2nd June.
- h) The E.C.B.A. will in future clarify with MELD when their events will take place to avoid a clash of dates.
- i) The E.C.B.A. Triples will be held at Soham on 16th September and will be organised by Cambridgeshire.
- k) Each year, those who had won the Suffolk County Championships qualify to play in the Champions of Champions Tournament and these players receive a subsidy for accommodation and travel. This year, it has been agreed that each player will receive £35.00 towards their hotel and petrol costs.
- l) Suffolk will supply the scoreboards for this event.

11. Winter Leagues/Cup and Plate Finals Day.

- a) This was held at Needham Market Community Centre on Sunday 13th May, 2001. The results were as follows:-

County Championships:	Belstead
Runner up:	Brockley
Division 2 Champions:	Woolpit
Runner up:	Orford
Division 3 Champions:	Shotley
Joe Rice Cup:	Barking
Runner up:	Brockley
Chairman's Plate:	Gt. Blakenham
Runner up:	Bramford

- b) Orford pointed out that although they had won League Division 2 East they received a runners up award having lost in the final against Woolpit. Following some discussion on this point it was proposed by Marion Brown and seconded by John Varden that in future the trophies which the teams will keep will be engraved as Winner Division 1 East, Winner Division West etc., and that the games played on finals day would be for the Perpetual Trophy

12. Insurance

The Company with whom Suffolk had insured equipment etc. through, have indicated that they would no longer be able to maintain the previous charges and we are now in the position of having to find a new company. Marion had made enquiries and Cambridgeshire had provided us with the name of their broker. Contact had been made with this company and Keith Armes would look into this on behalf of our Association. Our present broker has agreed to extend our policy for an extra month, this means that the Insurance and the Association will both start at the same time, we all felt that this makes sense. Clubs will be notified as soon as papers are available.

13. Annual General Meeting

To remind all Clubs the date and place for this is 18th June, 2001 at Needham Market Community at 7.30.p.m. SEE YOU THERE !!!!

Those present were asked if they were willing to stand for re-election.

Mick Watkins and Judith Longman indicated that they would not stand.

The Chairman thanked Judith for the eleven years service that she had given.

14. Any Other Business:

On behalf of the S.C.B.A we would like to extend our sympathy to the Family of Terry Hudson (Claydon Captain) who died suddenly whilst on holiday.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20p.m.

Date of next meeting: A.G.M. Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 18th June, 2001.

A new contact list will be sent to all clubs directly after the A.G.M. If any club has any changes please let Marion know as soon as possible

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2000 / 2001

Suffolk recently completed their 2000 / 2001 league programme with a match against Essex at the Braintree Leisure Centre. Suffolk needed to win this match, to finish the season unbeaten. Having won against the other four Counties in the league, Suffolk required as many points as possible to win the League title.

Using the normal format of five sessions on four mats, Essex started off in a determined mood by sharing the points 4 – 4 in the first session. The shots were also close at 39 – 34 to Suffolk.

The second session went much the same way with the points being shared at 4 – 4, the shots this time were 30 – 28 in favour of Essex.

The third session consists of only two games and both of them were won by Suffolk, although by the narrowest of margins, just one point in each game.

Points 4 – 0, shots 18 – 16.

By the fourth session, Suffolk had come to terms with the mats and were able to assert themselves, going on to take the session by three games to one.

Points 6 – 2, shots 43 – 21.

The final session was Suffolk's best, as they dominated in each game and went on to take all eight points and clinch the victory. Points 8 – 0, shots 40 – 26.

The final scores were Suffolk 26 points, Essex 10 Points, Shots were 168 – 127 in favour of the Suffolk team.

Unfortunately, with the present scoring system, and even though Suffolk have beaten all the opposing counties. Cambridgeshire have taken the league title by virtue of having won a single game more than Suffolk overall

The Suffolk County Squad have worked very hard throughout the season and with their standard of play, coupled to a great attitude amongst the players, they deserved to be champions. Unfortunately it was not to be, at least not this year !!

Final Scores and Positions.

COUNTY	Shots For	Shots Against	Points
CAMBS.	788	597	125
SUFFOLK	816	604	123
NORFOLK	722	673	90
ESSEX	737	763	87
HERTS.	600	799	62
BEDS	579	806	53