



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, 16th June, 2003

Prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting a cheque for £2376.00 which was raised through the Charity Tournament was presented to the Co-ordinator of the Cancer Campaign in Suffolk.

The Chairman then opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

In attendance were representatives from the following Clubs:-

Barking	Belstead	Bramford
Brockley	Burstall	Chelmondiston
Claydon	Cockfield	East Bergholt
Elmsett	Great Blakenham	Kelsale
Martlesham	Nayland	Needham Market
Offton & Willisham	Old Felixstowe	Old Newton
Polstead	Risby	Stanningfield
Stratford St Mary	Stutton	Tattingstone
Thorndon	Tuddenham St Martin	Whatfield
Woolpit		

1. Apologies for absence had been received from:- Capel St Mary, Reydon, St Mary's Haverhill, Ashley, Kesgrave, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Tostock, and from Committee members Keith Armes and Jim Goodrich.
2. Approval of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
Acceptance of these minutes were proposed by John Varden, and seconded by Derek Brown.
3. Matters Arising.
There were no matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report
Winter & Summer Leagues: The Chairman commenced his report with mention of these League Competitions which on the whole had run well. With regard to the Joe Rice Cup there had been a few problems which would be addressed at the next committee meeting.
John thanked the Clubs fixture secretaries for arranging their matches and congratulated the winners of these competitions.
County Closed Championships: The Chairman continued by commenting that the entries in the County tournaments were down on the previous year and asked all to promote these within the clubs next year. These competitions had again been organised by Richard Sago and Margaret Southgate and coupled with the organisers at the various venues our thanks were due to these persons for the time and effort put into these events. Finals day saw yet another well run day with some excellent bowling with the winners travelling to the English and Eastern Counties Champion of Champions. Barking were congratulated for winning the rinks at Barnsley in the English and Jeremy Brown for winning the Singles at the Eastern Counties event.
Charity Tournament: This years Charity event was a resounding success and thanks were due to Kelsale and Nayland for arranging this event. The total raised from this event for the Cancer Campaign in Suffolk was £2376.00.

County Matches: In the 2001/2002 season Suffolk were the winners of the Eastern Counties League. Following this success Suffolk went on to beat the Northern League Champions Durham at the National Championships at Hemsby in November. In the two days of bowling that followed this Friday evening, Suffolk again came out the winners and became the National Champions again beating Durham into second place. This year the 2002/2003 season the Eastern Counties championship has eluded us. Although having won 4 out of the 5 matches the heavy defeat at the hands of Cambridgeshire proved too much to make up. However, during the league programme the team played in the Six Counties Charity Team Bowl and once again they had a convincing win.

Membership: The Chairman continued by saying that there are many clubs in Suffolk who could accommodate additional members and sadly he continued, the number of Juniors now competing in their tournament had dropped by over 50% over the past 10 years.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking the committee for another year of dedicated effort.

5. Secretary's report:- Report attached

6. Treasurer's report. Statement attached

The statement of accounts were presented. The Treasurer thanked Paul Daniels for Auditing the Accounts.

The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by Margaret Southgate and seconded by Derek Brown.

7. Amendments to the Constitution.

(i) Proposed by the Polstead Carpet Bowls Club which was worded as follows:
Paragraph 5 iid to be amended to read:

"the election of the Officers, The County Captain, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor" Ray White (Polstead) put the case for the amendment and said that he did not accept that the County Captain needed to be an existing Committee Member. He felt strongly that if the appointment of a Treasurer, who was trusted to look after the Association finances, was made at the Annual General Meeting then there could be no justification for not also electing the County Captain at that time. Martlesham eventually seconded the proposal which was defeated by 14 votes to 10.

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

a) There were 3 proposals for David Schofield as position of Chairman. The outgoing Chairman vacated the chair and welcomed David Schofield to take the rest of the meeting.

David Schofield thanked John Hayward for the work that he had put in during his 3 years as Chairman and went on to say that Joe Rice, the founder Chairman of the S.C.B.A. had sadly died recently, David said that Joe was instrumental in setting up, along with Suffolk Acre, Carpet Bowls in Suffolk and that nobody cared more for this game than he did. Initially there were 11 clubs and this had now grown to around 120. David continued by saying that he would ask the Secretary to send a letter of condolence to his widow.

b) Executive Committee

There was no election for the Executive Committee.

A list of your committee is included with these minutes.

c) The appointment of the Honorary Auditor. Paul Daniels had consented to fill this position and this was accepted by the meeting.

9. Annual Membership Subscription

The Treasurer was asked by the Chairman for his recommendation with regard to this and he proposed that this should remain the same at £25.00 per full member club and £15 for Associate Member Clubs. This was seconded by Arvon Evans and carried unanimously.

10. Any Other Business:-

a) Paul Goulding (Stanningfield) said that when an away team brought less than the full team of 12 in the Summer League and 16 in the Winter League then the home sides raffle income suffered. He suggested that the away team should guarantee £12 and £16 respectively be spent on the raffle. Ray White (Polstead) felt that such a move could infringe every mans right to buy or not to buy raffle tickets.

Pat Shanahan (Risby) also felt that the purchasing or not of raffle tickets was a personal choice as did Melvyn Green (Tuddenahm St Martin) who added that this could be based upon religious beliefs.

Chelmondiston suggested that the home team might have less than a full team.

b) A suggestion had been received from Chelmondiston that the Joe Rice Cup be played during the summer months. The delegate from Chelmondiston was asked to elaborate on this. The reasons that was given was to avoid the need to travel long distances in bad weather.

Tony Webber (Offton & Willisham) said that it would be difficult for clubs to field a team because bowlers play the outdoor game during the summer months. John Hayward (Belstead) also said that Belstead would have members who were not available to play. Tattingstone also said that their club would not be interested. There was however, a suggestion that a similar Trophy be played for during the summer. This was of interest to some clubs.

Joan Lewsey (East Bergholt) reflected that their was no reason why these matches should not be played on a Sunday to avoid night travel.

Neil Jolly (Brockley) suggested that these games might be arranged for early and late season thus avoiding bad weather. The view of the delegates at the conclusion of this discussion was that a majority were against this being played in the summer but there was interest in a similar competition in the summer.

c) Recompense for use of Carpet at Closed Championships:

Burstall Carpet Bowls Club had written to this meeting with the suggestion. Richard Sago the Burstall delegate was asked to comment. He mentioned that again and again it is becoming increasingly difficult to get equipment taken to these events and increasingly the same Clubs equipment is being used. The suggestion that entry fees are increased to cover this was made. The Chairman said that the committee would discuss this at their next meeting.

d) Alteration to the English Carpet Rules of Play: Mick Watkins (Barking) asked when the changes agreed at the E.C.B.A Annual General Meeting held at Barnsley the previous weekend would be implemented. The Chairman said he would ask the Secretary to write to the E.C.B.A. Secretary for clarification on these and until these were made clear no alterations would be made by S.C.B.A.

The delegate from Whatfield asked if a 'stick in' alteration to any rule change would be available to be inserted into the rule books purchased this year.

Ray White (Polstead) made comment regarding the weight of the jack changes that were made last year, Arvon Evans (Stanningfield) said that the S.C.B.A. had agreed that Suffolk Clubs would continue to use the ones they already have.

- e) Referee Training: Mick Watkins (Barking) enquired about this and Richard Sago a trainer for this area was in the process of arranging a course with neighbouring counties and would add Mick to his list of candidates.
- f) New Members: The Chairman said that it his intention to organise a campaign to encourage more people to play Carpet Bowls and this hopefully would take the form of a Carpet Bowls Day when all clubs hold an open day with media coverage and publicity.
- g) The delegate from Thorndon said that they had been informed by their District Council that anyone serving food at any event should hold a basic food handling certificate and asked if any other Clubs had received notice of this. None had.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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

Secretary's Report 2003 A G M

Mr President, Mr Chairman and Fellow members.

This year we welcomed Rumburgh into the Association making our Membership number of clubs 106 with 5 Associate Clubs. I find this most encouraging and hope that this year we will again see new Clubs joining. we have been to Mellis and have started carpet bowls there so hopefully they will join us this year.

The Winter and Summer leagues and the Joe Rice and Chairman's Plate competitions continue to be a great success and all those who take part in them thoroughly enjoy the social and competitive bowling that they provide. Our Charity Tournament for Cancer Campaign in Suffolk was organised by Kelsale & Nayland Carpet Bowls Clubs, I would like to extend our gratitude to those clubs for an excellent day, the amount raised was again an excellent achievement. I must say that I was a little disappointed for the lack of support from some of our member Clubs, this was our Annual Charity raising event of the year, some clubs sent all of the raffle books back after not selling even one book also some clubs never even sent any back.

The number of member clubs entering the closed Championships last season was rather disappointing, numbers were considerably down, but those entering bowled to a very high standard, the winners of these competitions represented Suffolk at the National Champion of Champions at Barnsley. The team of Roy Lonsborough, Mick Watkins, & Sue & Andy Gilder from Barking came away victorious with the Fours Trophy, Jeremy Brown from Gt. Blakenham was runner up in the Singles. Suffolk came second in the team result. Yesterday saw the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions held at Braintree, yet again Suffolk triumphed with Jeremy Brown going one stage further by winning the Singles Trophy, and the pair of Penny & Peter Harvey coming runners up, Suffolk were also runners up in the Team Result. Congratulations to all winners and losers you did Suffolk proud.

May I give our thanks to Rita for being my minute secretary again this year, also to Shirley Watkins for her excellent photographs taken over the past year, I thank the Committee for their support over the last year, not all the Committee are standing for re election this year, a special thankyou to Arvon Evans who has been on this committee for quite a few years, Arvon has been a pillar of strength for the County he has also been on the selection committee for a number of years with Derek and Tony and I think that the Suffolk County team over the years have proved that Suffolk had the most successful consistent results. Thankyou to you all

I would like to thank John for the past years he has been our Chairman and as you all know he is retiring this year and I would like to wish him all the best.

This ends my report
Thankyou

Marion Brown
16th June, 2003

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29th April, 2003

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Dear Marion,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2003

At a recent meeting of the Polstead Carpet Bowls Club the following motion was passed for submission to the County Annual General Meeting.

CONSTITUTION - Paragraph 5 ii d to be amended to read:
"the election of the Officers, the County Captain,
the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor".

Yours sincerely,

g.A. Green

RENE GREEN
(Club Secretary)

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION
Income & Expenditure For The Year Ending 31st May 2003

INCOME

Opening Bank Balance at 1/6/02	£3,972.18
Eastern Counties	£385.00
Summer League	£380.00
Raffles	£1,569.34
County Matches	£646.00
County Trials	£99.00
Suffolk Triples	£729.00
Suffolk Pairs	£908.00
Suffolk Singles	£573.00
Suffolk Fours	£678.00
Suffolk Juniors	£24.00
Junior / Senior	£69.26
Rule Books	£9.00
Associated Members	£75.00
Charity	£516.40
Insurance	£1,313.00
Public Liability Insurance	£528.00
Annual Subs	£2,100.00
Club Raffle Fees	£525.00
Joe Rice Cup & Plate	£135.00
Winter League	£675.00
Bank Interest	£28.71

£15,935.89

EXPENDITURE

Eastern Carpet Bowls	£530.00
Summer League	£229.62
Raffles	£736.80
County Matches	£1,710.70
County Trials	£75.00
Suffolk Triples	£425.00
Suffolk Pairs	£375.00
Suffolk Singles	£500.00
Suffolk Fours	£200.00
Suffolk Juniors	£55.00
Junior / Senior	£60.00
Rule Books	£95.00
Champion of Champions	£595.00
Meetings	£128.60
Insurance	£1,800.50
Delegate Expenses	£115.35
ECBA	£50.00
Correspondance	£9.67
Postage	£323.11
Photocopy	£630.58
Telephone	£213.50
Trophies & Engraving	£1,453.65
Gifts / Charity Expenses	£452.75
New Equipment	£19.98
Stationary	£23.86
Lottery Licence	£17.50
Finals Day	£150.00
Bank Charges	£17.52

Closing Bank Balance at 31/5/03 **£4,942.22**

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Hon. Treasurer - P Goolding
Hon. Auditor - P Daniels