



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

**The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 22nd March 2004**

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- David Schofield, (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman),
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown,
David Cobbold, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich,
Richard Sago, John Varden and Tony Webber.

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying that he was sure that all members of the Committee were aware of the death last week of Nancy Pitcher. Many members of Suffolk Carpet Bowls will have known Nancy over the past years and will be aware that she was a keen supporter of Carpet Bowls in the County. Nancy would be seen either playing or supporting any competition whether Charity or Championship games and also seen keenly supporting the County team at both home and away games. We send our condolences to Jane and David.

1. Apologies: Were received from David Cask.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) 11c. Bowls Evening. Margaret Southgate asked if there were any further developments with regard to the arrangements for this. Tony Webber said that at this time the Suffolk calendar was such that it was difficult to fit this in but contact had been made.
 - b) 11e. This item would be discussed under item 12 on this agenda.
4. The Chairman's Report.
 - 11f. Further discussions with Essex will take place at a later date.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - (a) Marion reported that a visit was to be made to Westhorpe Carpet Bowls Club on Wednesday of this week to assist them with Playing Carpet Bowls.
 - b) John Varden proposed a vote of thanks to those who make these visits to new Clubs to promote the game.
6. Press Officer's Report.
 - a) Sally reported that the Joe Rice Cup Final would be between Barking and Brockley and the Chairman's Plate between Hundon and Claydon.
 - b) A discussion took place following a note which Sally had received from Ray White (Polstead) stating that he was unable to fulfil a fixture between themselves and Tuddenham St Martin and had conceded this game. Conflicting reports had been received with regard to this fixture and the meeting asked the Secretary to contact the Secretary to clarify the situation.
 - c) Under this item Marion reported that the Chairman's Plate was in a poor condition, this was shown to the Committee who agreed that this should be renovated.

7. The Treasurer's report:

Community Account	£3865.15
High Interest Account	<u>£2590.31</u>
	£6455.46

This total included the entry fees that the County had received for the English Rinks which the County is organising.

The Treasurer had also received bills for trophies which had been purchased for this years Closed, League and Cup competitions which would be paid from the balance as shown above.

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Report:- Tony's report on the Bedfordshire match had been received by the Committee members with the agenda for this meeting. However, there had been another game against Norfolk on the previous day to this meeting and Tony reported that Suffolk had won this 20 - 16. These reports are included with these minutes.
- b) Closed Championships:- The Qualifiers for the Fours were teams from Belstead, Bramford, Burstall and Martlesham.
- c) League and Cup Finals Day:- David Schofield and Margaret Southgate would man the result table for this event.
- d) Suffolk Juniors:- Marion read out a report sent in by John Hayward who organised this event again for us. John said that the event had seen a very high standard of bowling from these youngsters and along with their excellent behaviour this had made a very pleasant day. Congratulations to the winner who was Paul Davison (Great Barton), the runner up Joe Mew (Kelsale) and the semi-finalists Peter Callaghan (Chelmondiston) and Oscar Mew (Kelsale)
- e) Suffolk Charity Pairs:- The County, as they do every year are looking for a volunteer Club or Clubs within the County to run this on their behalf. Please consider this within your Club and if you feel that your members would like to run this event please contact Marion who will be able to give you more details. For the first time last year two Clubs shared organising this event with Nayland running the draw and Kelsale the bowls competition. This again could be an option, it worked well last year.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) Report enclosed
- b) The date for the Eastern Counties Charity Team Bowl was confirmed as being 31st January and this will be run by Cambridgeshire.
- c) The arrangements for the Champion of Champions event which this year is to be organised by Suffolk will further be discussed at the May meeting of this Committee.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) English Rinks to be held on Sunday 28th March. Checks were made that this event is all in hand and that those responsible for the various side of this event. Richard told the Committee that this event next year will be held at Potters.
- b) Options for National County Championships:- Various ideas were put forward from reducing the number of ends played to the proposal by Essex for making arrangements with Hemsby for an improvement in the restaurant opening time. This Committee instructed our delegate Richard Sago to vote for the Essex proposal with the Reduction in ends being the second option.
- c) Further to this discussion it was felt the ECBA would be better promoting the game of Carpet Bowls throughout the Country instead of making their Championships their priority.

- d) Review of the ECBA Constitution was discussed and the proposals will be discussed at an extra meeting on Monday 19th April.
 - e) The A.G.M. of the English Carpet Bowls Association will be held at the Champions of Champions competition on the 4th June. A proposal to rescind the rule regarding the delivery space will be placed before this meeting by Suffolk.
11. Summer Leagues.
These were discussed and have been sent to the relevant Clubs.
12. Suffolk Carpet Bowls Constitution.
This will be discussed at an extra meeting on 19th April 2004.
13. Any other business
Richard Sago reported that 6 more members of the Association had completed the referees course and had all been successful.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 10.07p.m.

Date of next meeting 10th May 2004.

Apologies for the lateness getting these minutes out

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

The February meeting of the ECCBA took place at the New Astley Community Centre in Newmarket.

All six counties were in attendance.

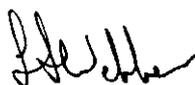
The first item for discussion was the Charity Team Bowl organised this year by Bedfordshire. The Bedfordshire representative reported that £691 had been raised on the day. A cheque for this amount had been handed to their chosen charity, a local hospice. The running of the event was discussed, and the Cambridgeshire representative apologised for a mistake in the programme timing that led to the competition appearing to run over time. Some comments were made, that a few of the carpets were not marked with regard to the new rules from the ECBA. Another comment was over the time given over to the raffle draw. It was decided that in future events, the draw will be made during the final session of play and displayed after that session.

Suffolk are to run the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions for 2004, and this will take place at the Needham Market Community Centre, on Sunday 20th June.

There will be a few changes in the format this year, to try to cut down on the running over time on this event. All games will be of 9 ends. The Fours and Triples will be allowed 1 hour. The Pairs and Singles will be allowed 30 minutes (Pairs 2 woods each, Singles 4woods).

The programme will again be supplied by Cambridgeshire, with only the past 3 years winners shown on the back page (a full Roll of Honour will be displayed on the wall).

The treasurer (Jill Emms) stated that she would recommend to the AGM that the county subscriptions should remain the same and that fees per player for the ECCBA events should be £3. Jill also reminded counties that expenses could be claimed after the final home match in the Eastern Counties League. Jill also stated that she will not be standing as treasurer at the AGM on 17th June.



Suffolk Representative

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2003 / 2004

On Sunday 15th February, Suffolk were the hosts at the Needham Market Community Centre for the annual league match with Bedfordshire. This was the third match of a season which has, up to date has been the county's poorest showing for many years. As it has been fairly obvious that we are not in contention for the championship this year, the selectors have been looking for some new blood to inject into the team. Various players have been identified as having potential and have either been approached as to their availability or have already been tried in the team. The match against Bedfordshire was an ideal opportunity to continue with the experiment and to hopefully gather some points along, with the experience for the new members of the squad.

The first session went the way of Suffolk, as we won three of the four games. The most pleasing part of these games, was that the early woods for Suffolk were very accurate and put the opposition under pressure from the beginning. This was something that had not been happening previously this season and had led to the rinks having to play "catch up" in many of the games. (Session score Suffolk 6, Beds 2 with the shots being 43 to 21).

The second session was even more emphatic as Suffolk won all four games. (8 points to Suffolk and the shots were 54 to 16).

Session three and yet another win for Suffolk as the two rinks in this session were able to win one game and halve the other. (Suffolk 3 points, Beds 1, shots were 21 to 8).

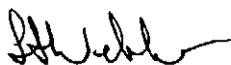
Suffolk again romped away in session four. Very little was going right for the Bedfordshire team. They were at times playing very good bowls, but the Suffolk rinks were on a roll and playing at their best, going on to once again win all four games.

(Suffolk 8 points, shots were 56 to 16).

The fifth session was Bedfordshire's best as they managed to win two games and tie shots with Suffolk. (4 points and 34 shots each. However it was too little too late, as by now Suffolk had won the match. It was a satisfying day for the home county and a frustrating one for the visitors who never stopped trying.

FINAL SCORES

SUFFOLK	29 points and 208 shots
BEDFORDSHIRE	7 points and 95 shots



County Captain

To SCBA Exec Cttee Members

CONSTITUTION – This is in the way of a preliminary paper setting out why I believe a small change is needed to our constitution to allow a future AGM to make changes to certain rules.

I wish to submit for your consideration at our next meeting a wording for a resolution to the next AGM. I will submit it in good time for circulation before the next SCBA Exec Cttee meeting but this paper should reduce the amount the Hon Sec will have to distribute with any agenda.

History:

*The SCBA Exec Cttee in October 2002 made a change to **the Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls** as there needed to be an immediate ruling to legitimise the use of jacks owned by all clubs. (the national ruling has since been slightly changed). It was done for good reason and in good faith. However there was no follow up to amend the constitution at the first opportunity (June 2003) and in consequence we now appear to be in a small way in conflict with our own constitution.*

Since then another new national rule has come in for criticism and has brought about a general call for it to be removed, at least from Suffolk.

It would be prudent now to consider recommending a slight alteration to our constitution to allow us to amend the national rules at our AGM, if required, in a way to avoid any possible challenge and to tidy up the situation.

Notes:

Relevant Rules Extracts from the current Constitution

1 ii) The Association shall:

ii) f) become members of the ECBA, should the Committee so decide, **and adopt the ECBA Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls.**

3 i) The administration of the Assoc, **subject to the overriding authority of the AGM....** Shall be vested in an Exec Cttee.

3 iii) e) gives express power to Exec Cttee to propose amendments to the Constitution

3 iii) a) The Exec cttee shall have express power to... deal with matters **not covered by the Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls...** (Implying that the AGM is the place to decide such changes)

Regards to all



David Cobbold

ECBA Committee Meeting 10th January 2004. 12.00pm - 5.10pm.

Chairman congratulated Cambridge on their win at the National Championships at Hemsby in November.

However he stressed great concern at behaviour and language at Karaoke and general attitude during leisure time and asked counties to try and control their members.

Secretary's report: Results of county championships distributed. A meeting took place with regard to 2004 championships and the date will be 29th Oct - 1st Nov. at Hemsby. Accommodation will be from £96 to £114 per person.

Seacroft are proposing a bowls weekend on a B & B basis from £15 per person per night at the end of Feb 2005.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £12,103.

ECBA County Championships: Long discussion regarding the length of games and proposals for future events. Suggestion for 2004 will be 10 ends instead of 11 but same time allowed with marshals to keep eye on progress.

Rinks 2004 - 48 entries - now full as of 8th Feb
Triples 2004 - entry form to be sent out.

ECBA Competitions at Seacroft: Concern with regard to EEC legislation and staff working hours. Possibility of having to change format. Attached suggestions to be considered.

ECBA Potters: I noticed on last minutes (27.9.03) at which I was not present, that the Open Rinks 2005 was to be combined in the Potters tournament and I felt this was wrong, but the committee had already agreed this was to happen. My concern was for those bowlers who were unable to attend midweek events.

It was decided to support Potters for 2004 May event. Prices have been pitched to run as a taster event with no cost to ECBA. Ian Stirling of Potters attended the meeting to discuss any points the committee had. He hoped for a minimum of 350 people but the restaurant has capacity for 620.

Constitution: Long discussions took place regarding proposals to be considered at next ECBA committee meeting in April - see attached.