

**The Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of
The Suffolk carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre
On Monday 29th November 2004**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: David Schofield (Chairman), John Varden, David Cask, Jim Goodrich Keith Armes, Richard Sago, Carl Buckle, Steven Cain, Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), Tony Webber, Sally Goodrich, David Cobbold, Derek Brown, Marion Brown (Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence:- Paul Goulding, Arvon Evans
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, proposed by John Varden and seconded by Margaret Southgate and confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) From item 11 – David Cobbold reported that the Sub Committee on next years winter league rules had been involved in research, had two productive meetings and were on course after their last meeting on 13th January to produce a report containing options and recommendations to the full committee in time for their meeting on 24th January.
 - b) From AOB Margaret Southgate reported that no one had volunteered to run the raffle at next year's Juniors Championship on February 27th. John Varden offered to be responsible and the Committee thanked him and confirmed they would ask John Hayward to run the event.
4. Chairman's Report:- Nothing to report
5. Secretary's Report:-
 - a) The date for the Chelmondiston Charity Tournament is now July 24th
 - b) In the absence of the Treasurer Paul Goulding had forwarded the following figures The Community Account £2127.06 and the High Interest Account £4107.67 making a total of £6234.73. The Secretary reported that Paul at the moment is unwell and may need some assistance with his Treasurer's responsibilities. The meeting expressed sympathy and the Chairman and Secretary undertook to explore what help may be required.
- At this point the Chairman welcomed Andy Gilder, the Chairman of the County Squad Sub Committee to the meeting. This sub committee is elected by the county squad and raises funds to support the team. Andy announced that the sub committee had at last been successful in finding a sponsor for a much needed new uniform. The Sponsor was prepared to provide £500 in the first year to help with new uniform and £250 every year thereafter, all monies are for uniform purchase replacement and not other costs. There would not be any wish for any name on the uniform but would want their name mentioned in any communication regarding the County Team and some tasteful advertising either by poster or leaflet at home county events. The sponsor is Portmac Joinery, none other than our own Mick Watkins.
The clothing suggested by the County Squad was: Men- White short sleeved blouse and short sleeved jumper and tie. Ladies – White short sleeved blouse and short sleeved cardigan and the option of the tie. Long sleeved equivalents would be available at the expense of the individual.
3 suppliers have been contacted on the basis that the County badge would be embroidered in the uniform with a white background replacing the green and losing the red border. The costings from each supplier were provided to the meeting and on Quality, price and reputation the firm Top Marques achieve top marks. In a questions and answer session it became apparent that there was strong support to retain the existing county badge and warm support for accepting the offer which involved the Association funding the amount above £500 and seeking to build a uniform fund via the sponsor's offer in subsequent years. Top Marques quoted a total cost of £1,180 but if we changed the badge there would probably be some extra cost.
The Chairman thanked Andy Gilder for his presentation and congratulated him on his efforts.
6. The Chairman asked the meeting for a decision on the Sponsor and the costs. There was a unanimous response that the sponsor be welcomed and his conditions accepted, the balance above

£500 be met from funds and that the existing badge be incorporated into the uniform. The question of the extra cost involved with altering the badge to our requirements would be left for the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to negotiate.

7. Match Secretary's report:-

Joe Rice Cup 3rd Round- Hundon V Claydon; Barking v Brockley; Gt Blakenham v Belstead; Tuddenham v Tithe Barn. *1st Round Plate* – Barrow v Hoggards Green; Somersham v. Burstall; Bramford v Hintlesham & Chattisham; Martlesham v East Bergholt; Branham v Bildeston; Offton & Willisham v Stanningfield; Cockfield v Risby; Woolpit v Needham Market or Tattingstone.

In the league there were still clubs failing to send in result sheets which is a requirement for the home team and must not be delayed.

8 County Business:-

a) Closed Tournaments – Richard Sago reported that the Triples with 70 entries and Pairs with 132 had gone well at Bury with Tony Webber and at Hadleigh with Richard's team. The singles on 13th February was planned for 3 centres and it was hoped that entries from the Leiston area would fill that venue. A question had been raised about the cover afforded by the Association Insurance for the Club mats being transported and used and although it was clear that the Association had agreed to refund any excess that clubs would pay under this policy Keith Armes undertook to examine the policy wording for any clarification needed. The possibility of using Risby as a venue would have to wait as the refurbishment would not be complete yet.

b) Captains report:- Tony Webber Suffolk had won the Six Counties Championship held on 26th September, came second in the National County Championships to Cambridge and yesterday had won 21 – 15 away at Essex in the first Eastern Counties league match. A full report on all these was presented to the committee and will be circulated to all clubs.

The Chairman thought it a great series of results and congratulated the team and Tony for their efforts.

9 Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:-

Paul Goulding had attended a meeting on the 14th October and a report is circulated with these Minutes. The next meeting would be on Thursday 10th February. The suggestion that Littleport be used for all future matches did not meet with favour by the meeting.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association:-

Steven Cain attended a meeting on 25th September in Rotherham and gave a full report to the meeting which is circulated with these minutes. A draft of proposals to alter the ECBA Constitution was given to each member and the Chairman asked that it be studied and any responses should be sent to him as the next English meeting was on 8th January 05. The Chairman thanked Steven for attending but in view of our representative Paul Goulding being unwell we required another member to attend.

11 Any other Business:-

At the request of Margaret Southgate the meeting agreed to renew the registration with Mid Suffolk District Council for the purpose of holding lotteries at a cost of £17.50

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm – Next meeting 24th January 2005



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SIX COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

The 2004 Six Counties Championships were held on Sunday 26th September and were hosted by Norfolk at Wymondham Leisure Centre (a new venue for most of the players).

Each of the County teams consisted of six rinks and each rink played against their equivalent in the other five county teams.

The event was as usual played on twelve mats over eight sessions, with each session taking about an hour.

The first session saw four of the Suffolk rinks playing against Hertfordshire and we were off to an ideal start by winning all four games. 8 Points

In the second session two rinks played Hertfordshire and two played against Cambridgeshire. Suffolk managed to win one game against each of the two counties. 4 Points

Session Three and all four games were against Cambridgeshire, of these Suffolk won three and lost one. 6 Points

Next came Essex and once more Suffolk came good to win all three games. 6 Points

The fifth session and a further three games had to be played against Essex, this time however Suffolk only managed to win one game. 2 Points

Session six and Suffolk were back in front, taking three of the four games from Bedfordshire comfortably and losing the fourth by one shot. 6 Points

The seventh session was again a split one, with two games against Bedfordshire which Suffolk won and two games against Norfolk with one win for each county. 6 Points

The final session then was four games against Norfolk, again this was an even battle with both teams winning two games. Points 4

It was long and hard fought competition by all the teams, but at the end of play the Suffolk team were declared the winners for the second year running. A great effort by the all the Suffolk squad who have been working towards this competition throughout the season. The big surprise was the performance of Essex who finished in second place. They are now a squad to be reckoned with and will trouble other counties now that they have got their act together.

FINAL RESULTS

	POINTS	SHOTS For	SHOTS Agnst
Suffolk	42	306	173
Essex	40	317	195
Cambridgeshire	38	267	209
Norfolk	31	254	240
Bedfordshire	17	193	331
Hertfordshire	10	161	350

ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

The National Championships which are held at Seacroft Holiday Village Hemsby each year have always been a Marathon event. This year it was even more so, as there are now 10 County teams taking part, with the inclusion of Sunderland for the first time.

The competition takes place over two days and bowling starts at 9 – 30 each morning, it then goes on continuously until 8 – 15 in the evening. This is a long time to hold your concentration, knowing that a bad wood could undo any of the good work that has gone before. Also when rinks are not bowling they are cheering on the rest of the team that are.

The competition is played on 15 mats and is over 9 sessions each day in 3 differing rooms within the complex.

Suffolk's first opponents with rinks A, B and C were Sunderland, an unknown quantity, although some of the players we had seen playing for other Northern teams. Sunderland started off very well but faded over the 11 end games leaving Suffolk to take all 3 games and the 6 Points.

In session two the opponents were Norfolk with rinks D, E and F, this time things didn't go Suffolk's way and we lost two of the three games 2 Points to Suffolk.

The third session brought on Northumberland where Suffolk won 2 games and lost the third by 2 shots, 4 points to Suffolk.

Sessions 4, 5 and 6 were again disappointing as we only managed to win 1 game in each session against Cambridgeshire, Durham and Essex. 2 points in each session

Sessions 7 and 8 were much better as Suffolk took all 3 games from South Tyneside and the same from North Tyneside. 6 points in each session.

In the final session of the day against Hertfordshire, we struggled to take 3 points with a win a draw and a loss.

This made a total of 33 points leaving us in about 6th place, with a lot to make up on the second day if we were to be at the top of the table.

Day two is played in the same order as the first day, only with the rinks that haven't played against each other. Suffolk was away to a flying start again, as once more they won all 3 games to get 6 points.

Norfolk slowed things down again as Suffolk had 1 win, 1 draw and a loss making just 3 points.

Northumberland were unable to cope with the determined efforts of Suffolk and lost all 3 games to give Suffolk the 6 points.

Session four was once again versus Cambridgeshire; this time Suffolk won 2 games to get 4 points. Durham was next up in session five. Suffolk again came good to win all 3 games and take maximum points.

Essex were once more a thorn in Suffolk's side as they only dropped 2 points to us.

South Tyneside, in session seven were never strong enough to cope with the Suffolk rinks and once again Suffolk got all 6 points.

Session eight was against North Tyneside, who this time did manage to win 1 game, leaving Suffolk to have 4 points.

The final session against Hertfordshire saw Suffolk almost take maximum points, with 2 wins and a 10 – 10 drawn game. 5 points to Suffolk.

This gave Suffolk a total of 73 points overall, unfortunately only enough to be runners up to Cambridgeshire.

FINAL RESULTS

	POINTS	SHOTS For	SHOTS Agnst
Cambridgeshire	79	625	426
Suffolk	73	596	443
Durham	62	575	465
Essex	62	556	510
Norfolk	52	568	542
Northumberland	49	560	552
North Tyneside	49	517	541
Hertfordshire	48	502	543
Sunderland	37	434	667
South Tyneside	29	409	653