

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm under the Chairman of the Association John Varden

In attendance 21 clubs were represented: Barking, Bramford, Brantham, Brockley, Burstall, Capel St Mary, Claydon, East Bergholt, Great Blakenham, Hintlesham and Chattisham, Hoggards Green, Kelsale, Martlesham, Nayland, Offton & Willisham, Old Felixstowe, Somersham, Stanningfield, Stratford St Mary, Stutton, Tuddenham St Martin.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Neil Jolly, Sue Jones, Steven Cain, Cockfield, Harkstead, Needham Market, Polstead, Tattingstone, Whatfield, Haverhill, Horringer, and Tostock.
2. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were proposed by Richard Sago and seconded by Keith Armes and confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
3. There were no matters arising
4. **Chairman's Report:** - Enclosed
5. **Secretary's Report:** Enclosed
6. **Treasurer's Report**  
The Treasurer presented the accounts( enclosed). There were no questions and they were proposed by David Schofield and seconded by Peter Jones.
7. There was 1 resolution proposal to amend the Constitution, this was put forward by the Executive Committee. All clubs were notified of this before the meeting. This proposal was voted on and was accepted by the meeting.
8. Elections:  
*The following were nominated and elected unopposed:*  
John Varden – Chairman                      Old Felixstowe  
Keith Armes – Vice Chairman              Burstall  
Marion Brown – Secretary                  Offton & Willisham  
Rita Daniels - Treasurer                      Kelsale  
Sally Goodrich – Match Secretary      Claydon

Executive Committee :

*There were 13 nominations for the 11 positions and were elected as follows.*

Steven Cain –	Great Blakenham	Jim Goodrich -	Claydon
Keith Hull -	Tuddenham St Martin	Richard Sago -	Burstall
Mick Watkins -	Barking	Jane Sago -	Burstall
Peter Jones -	Brockley	Patrick Lingley -	Brantham
Margaret Southgate	Bramford	Graham Robinson	Brockley
Neil Jolly	Brockley		

Honorary Auditor:

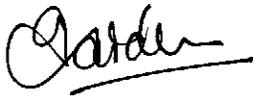
It was proposed by Burstall and seconded by Tuddenham St Martin and agreed by the meeting that Cedric Bennet be appointed once again.

9. Annual Subscription:

The meeting accepted the Treasurers recommendation that there be no change.

10. Any other Business: Mick Watkins gave a brief report of the Champion of Champions weekend at Blackpool, results will be published in the next month's Minutes.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all the clubs attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm



Enc: Membership Forms.

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### Chairman's Report

I would like to start my report by thanking all committee members who have given so much of their time and energy in the planning and organizing of Carpet Bowls within Suffolk during this past year. I wish to say a big thank you in particular to Derek Brown and David Cobbold who have both decided to stand down from the Executive Committee after many years loyal service to Suffolk. They will be sadly missed and I am sure members would wish to show their appreciation accordingly.

This last year has been a busy one for the committee as the following will demonstrate.

- A) Neil Jolly was elected as County Captain and, together with his fellow selectors, Sally Goodrich, Steven Cain and Jeremy Brown, has dealt with all matters relating to County Trials and Team Selection. Taking over from Tony Webber was always going to be challenging, but I believe this has worked well.
- B) The Suffolk Closed Championships were again organized by Richard and Jane Sago assisted by Keith Armes, our Vice Chairman and a willing band of helpers for which we are most grateful. Anyone who has organized a Bowls event knows the hassle in getting clubs to bring equipment. There has been much discussion within the Executive Committee meetings as to the best venues within the County and the possibility of playing the Championships to a conclusion on the day. The decisions taken were based on the likely size of the entries and the need to cater for bowlers from all over Suffolk. Due to the likely entries in the triples, it was agreed to experiment with playing this out on the day.
- C) The Junior Championships were organized by Jeremy Brown at Burstall Village Hall and attracted an excellent entry with some fine bowling during the day. Thank you Jeremy for your efforts again.
- D) Friendly matches have been arranged between Suffolk and The Heritage League as well as the introduction of a friendly between Suffolk and The Bury League. My thanks go to David Schofield, our President, who has donated a splendid trophy for this annual event.
- E) Durham Visit. As insufficient Suffolk Team players were available for the Durham visit in 2006 this had to be cancelled and Durham Colleges invoiced us with cancellation costs of £890.00. Following legal advice it was established that Suffolk was liable for this and, whilst we did manage to get a reduction of 10% this obliged us to pay £803.88. In future we must ensure players and supporters are available prior to entering into any such booking.
- F) Charity Tournament. Last year's event raised £2,484 for Multiple Sclerosis. Our sponsors were Ipswich Plumbers, who due to the efforts of Keith Hull contributed

£400.00 Meld Leisure provided the equipment and Paul and Rita Daniels undertook the organization of the Tournament. We should all take pride in being able to do our bit for those less fortunate than ourselves and thank all those who made this possible. This years Charity Tournament is being run by Jeremy Brown with the equipment being arranged by T & D Leisure and the Raffle by Karla Brown. My thanks to them for undertaking this event. Please get your entries in ASAP and help to sell the raffle tickets supplied.

- G) Development of Carpet Bowls. A sub committee was formed to see what could be done to encourage more members of the public to play Carpet Bowls. A great deal of thought went into selecting the right venue and preparing a new information sheet and advertising the event. Gt Cornard Leisure Centre was chosen and around 80 village halls and community centres were contacted to make them aware of the demonstration day. As a result we had one enquiry from Mr B Kennell who wanted to start up a bowls club at Reydon, one contact who wanted information on purchasing equipment, and interest from the leisure centre who felt this could be a sports facility they should offer especially as the youngsters enjoyed it so much. It is fair to say that we were not over-run with visitors, but we agreed it was a worthwhile venture and should be done again in another area of the county. My sincere thanks are due to Peter and Sue Jones who did most of the administrative work and those who helped in any way during the day.
- H) Suffolk has been represented at E.C.B.A by Mick Watkins and at E.C.B.A by Derek Brown. We are very grateful to them for their comprehensive reports throughout this last year.
- I) Club Communication. It is disappointing that the questionnaires sent out recently have attracted such a poor response from member clubs. I refer to the requests to state just the names of club members to help Suffolk know how many players they represent at a national level. The questionnaire relating to the format of the Summer League, where decisions were made on the basis of just six replies and the letter related to whether the Joe Rice Cup and Plate should be regionalized, which also had a relatively poor response. In order that your views are fairly considered we need your input.
- J) League Results. Our thanks must go to Sally and Jim Goodrich who co-ordinate all the league results and keep us informed of the latest position.

I have left my vote of thanks to Marion, the County Secretary to the end. I am indebted to her for her guidance and attention to detail in booking events, circulating the minutes, which David Cobbold has so efficiently recorded, and purchasing and collecting in the trophies in readiness for presentation and so much more besides. A big thank you Marion.

# SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 18th JUNE, 2007

Thankyou Mr Chairman and it is a pleasure to stand before you once again and report on another year of carpet bowls in Suffolk.

My report will be brief, as thankfully our Chairman has commented on most if not all of the past years activities.

Membership of the Association now stands at 100 clubs. We sadly have lost Hartest, Aldeburgh, Ipswich 96 Club and New Astley,

Our County Team did us proud again this year winning the Six Counties title, also winning the Eastern Counties Inter League Title. Special congratulations to all the new members of the County Squad and also to all County players and especially to Neil Jolly as he took on the County Captaincy, also to Selectors Sally Goodrich and Jeremy Brown.

The Closed Championships were once again expertly organised by Jane and Richard Sago. Suffolk were represented by Sue Gilder, Mick Watkins and Roy Lonsborough from Barking in the Triples, Rita Daniels and Oscar Mew from Kelsale in the Pairs, Neil Jolly from Brockley the Singles and Tom, Sam and Rita Runnacles, and Andy Pooley from Gt. Blakenham in the Fours.

The Insurance scheme renewal policy has come through; this year drastic changes have to be made, this will be explained later by Keith Armes.

David Cobbold and Derek Brown have not put their names forward for the Committee for the forthcoming year. David has been my minute secretary for the past year and I thank him very much, Derek has been my right hand man for quite a few years and feels that he would like a break no doubt he will still be involved because I shall need him to fetch and carry for me. He thinks I am a bully!. Thank you Derek.

To all Committee members, thank you for the past year, It has been quite challenging but, as always we have come through once again.

Our Chairman has again worked hard on your behalf and I thank him for his support and guidance over the past year.

This is my last year as Secretary, I thinks it is time to stand down and pass this job over to someone out there in the County. I thank all Clubs for their support in helping Suffolk Carpet Bowls to move forward.

This Ladies and Gentlemen ends my report.



2nd June 2007

Proposed change to the SCBA Constitution to be put to the 2007 Annual General Meeting.

This is put forward by the Executive Committee of the SCBA.

Ref: 3.iii)c) to read. Co-opt members on to the Executive Committee in addition to the eleven elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Note:

All members should be aware that amendments and proposals may be put forward at the AGM and be voted on. Please make sure your clubs chosen representative receive sufficient instruction as to the manner in which they should cast a vote should such incidents occur.

Please ignore the mistake at the foot of the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April, As you all know the AGM is on MONDAY 18TH JUNE.

Marion Brown  
Honorary Secretary