



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 20th June 2011

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Keith Armes

A total of 35 members attended including representatives from the following 19 clubs: Barking, Bramford, Brantham, Brockley, Burstall, Claydon, East Bergholt, Gt. Blakenham, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Kelsale, Martlesham, Needham Market, Offton & Willisham, Old Felixstowe, Shotley, Somersham, Stanningfield, Tuddenham.

1. Apologies for absence:

Barrow, Bentley, Capel St. Mary, Earl Soham, Harkstead, Hoggards Green, Hundon, Kirkley, Stratford St. Mary, Tattingstone, Tostock, Whelnetham, Woolpit, Peter Jones, Jane Pitcher, David Scofield, Andy Gilder.

2. Approval of previous minutes:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21st June 2010 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Rita Daniels, seconded by Howard Lewsey and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from those Minutes:

Stanningfield pointed out that although they attended last year's meeting their name did not appear on the list of clubs represented. The Chairman apologised and said their attendance would be recorded.

4. Chairman's Report:

Keith Armes said that the Suffolk Association continues to provide competitive bowls for all abilities of bowlers. Thanks to the enthusiasm of members of the association who provide the players and the committee who organise the events, we can be proud in Suffolk of what we do for carpet bowls. Not only do we have a very competitive county team, which this year won the Eastern Counties League, the committee and member clubs organise many charity tournaments which, over the years have raised thousands of pounds. Carpet bowls in Suffolk is in good shape. Well done everyone concerned.

5. Secretary's Report:

Graham Robinson said that it was a pleasure to stand before the meeting as Suffolk Secretary, a role which he had thoroughly enjoyed once again. He felt that, as a team, we have managed carpet bowls in Suffolk very well, and he was looking forward to the coming year. Graham thanked all the officers and committee for their support, especially Marion Brown. He again asked that all clubs keep him updated with any change to contact details, etc. and also to send him any diary dates for inclusion on the "dates of interest". Graham congratulated Neil Jolly and the county squad for winning the Eastern Counties League. He also thanked Shirley Watkins for being the official photographer and also Freda Wright and Susan Park for providing refreshments throughout the year. He concluded by thanking all clubs for their support during the year and hoped it would continue into the coming year.

6. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Keith Jolly, presented the accounts for the year ending 30th April 2011, which had again been audited by Richard Jones. There were no questions on the balance sheet and acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Sago and seconded by John Varden.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

Jim Goodrich told the meeting that there were no particular problems to report apart from the fact that many clubs still did not realise that no shots were lost for playing short in the summer league. He thanked Paul Daniels for keeping the web site up to date and also for providing Jim with a new computer programme, which made updating the league results much easier and quicker.

Keith Armes thanked the Treasurer, Secretary and Match Secretary for their work during the year.

8. Election of Officers, Executive Committee and Honorary Auditor

All officers of the committee had expressed a desire to continue in their respect roles and no other nominations had been received. All the existing committee members had agreed to stand again with the exception of Marion Brown. Keith Armes thanked Marion for all her work over the years. As a result of this there was one vacancy on the committee. Rita Daniels proposed Neil West of Stanningfield, this was seconded by Richard Sago. The committee and officers for the coming year are as follows:

Chairman - Keith Armes (Burstall)
President - David Schofield (Offton & Willisham)
Vice-Chairman - Peter Jones (Brockley)
Honorary Secretary - Graham Robinson (Brockley)
Honorary Treasurer - Keith Jolly (Brockley)
Match Secretary - Jim Goodrich (Claydon)
Child Protection Officer - Andy Gilder (Barking)

Committee

Rita Daniels (Kelsale)
Sally Goodrich (Claydon)
Neil Jolly (Brockley) - County Captain
Jane Sago (Burstall)
Richard Sago (Burstall)
Mick Watkins (Barking)
Freda Wright (Brockley)
Neil West (Stanningfield)

Richard Jones remains as Honorary Auditor.

9. The Annual Membership Subscription:

It was recommended by the Treasurer that the annual membership subscription remains unchanged for the coming year at £25 for member clubs and £20 associate member. This was approved by the meeting. Keith Jolly went onto say that he had not had confirmation from Endsleigh regarding insurance premiums for the coming year, but he anticipated that there would probably be a small increase in the region of £1. However, he still felt Endsleigh offered the best deal. He would like subscriptions and insurance premiums back from clubs by the end of July. The new figures would be on the remittance slip that will be with the letter to be sent out to clubs at the beginning of July.

10. Minutes by email

The Chairman said that for the last two seasons the Secretary had been sending out the minutes via email but he has heard that this is not popular with all clubs and that some have difficulty in accessing them. Paper copies were available if clubs let the Secretary know and Keith recommended that things continue as they are but he would like the views of clubs.

The meeting agreed to continue as suggested so long as clubs let the Secretary know if they would like hard copies. It was pointed out that some email addresses on the contact list were incorrect and the Secretary would ask for up to date information in a note to accompany the subscriptions letter.

11. Any other business:

Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate

Graham Robinson had received an email from Barrow asking whether it was possible for the cup and plate competition to be split between East and West with the winner of each league playing in the final. Keith Armes commented that the idea of the competition was to enable clubs to play clubs from different areas. The matter was discussed and the following comments made:

- Clubs could end up playing the same teams as winter league if it was split.
- Preliminary rounds held on segregated basis.
- Possibility of larger entry if it was regionalised.
- Conditions under which draw is carried out at present as one particular club seemed to play against the same team every year.

The general feeling of the meeting was that it was best to leave the situation as it was but the Chairman said it would be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

Match nights to be set

A suggestion had been received that a fixed list was prepared at the start of the season rather than each club fixing their own dates. After discussion it was agreed that it was not viable to set match nights and things should be left as they were, although a suggestion was made that a club's playing night could be included on the contact list.

Refreshments

An email had been received from Bentley asking how other clubs felt about the provision of refreshments after league matches and should only tea and biscuits be provided. This was discussed but the feeling was that there was no fixed rule and that it was up to individual clubs as to what refreshments they provided.

New tournament

Mick Watkins gave details of a new tournament that he and Andy Gilder were organising to raise money for Woolverstone Wish and Ipswich Hospital Breast Care Clinic Trust Fund. This would take place at Needham Market Community Centre on 21st August 2011 and he urged clubs to support this event in whatever way they could.

Suffolk Closed Championships

Rita Daniels thanked everyone who had taken part in the Suffolk championships and asked clubs to encourage other members to take part. Keith Armes thanked Rita for her work and he made it clear that the championships were for everyone and not just county players.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all the clubs for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Income Expenditure for year ending 30th April 2011

Bank to Start

Business Reserve	2865	
Current Account	506	
Cash in Hand	<u>106</u>	3477

Income

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Annual Subscriptions	2430	2425
League Entry Fees	970	980
Cup Fees	105	100
Suffolk Disciplines	2276	1710
Insurance	2731	2677
Interest	2	2
Inter League		
Raffle	895	947
Trials	105	72
Charity Raffle	771	453
Charity Competition	720	560
Charity Donation	235	300
EngCBA Team Subsidy	812	541
Durham	2735	519
Sundry	400	70
Uniforms	52	313
ECCBA		640
Nationals		130
Eng Triples	591	
Squad Dinner	720	
Potters	100	

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Bank to End

Business Reserve	2866		
Current Account	3702		
Cash in Hand	<u>240</u>	6808	3331

Expenditure

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Hire of Hall	1303	2385
Pr & St	389	583
Nationals	1817	1464
Trophies	388	2025
Insurance	2616	2627
Lottery Licence		
Durham	2735	1037
Raffle	302	432
Postage	389	478
Charity Donation		1146
ECCBA	584	584
Champ of Champ	450	450
EngCBA	100	100
Sundry	146	366
Uniforms	190	300
Delgate Exp	139	365
Eng Triples	591	
Squad Dinner	720	
Hire of Carpets	460	

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Accounts Audited By Richard Jones

Signed

Treasurer Keith Jolly

Signed

Dated 6 June 2011



CAPITAL ACCOUNT

CURRENT ASSETS

Business Reserve Account	2866.00	
Current Account	3702.00	
Cash in Hand	240.00	6808.00
Stock	1000.00	
Capital Equipment	450.00	1450.00

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Hire of Hall (SCC)	281.00	
Hire of Hall (Bildeston)	300.00	
Charity Donation	1450.00	2031.00

NETT ASSETS 6227.00

Roll of Honour

2010 - 2011

SUFFOLK LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for the Scapa Leisure Surfaces Sheild.

WINNERS – Great Blakenham

RUNNERS UP – Brockley

JOE RICE CUP

WINNERS – Great Blakenham

RUNNERS UP – Belstead

CHAIRMAN,S PLATE

WINNERS – Claydon

RUNNERS UP – Tuddenham St Martin

MICK McNEIL SPORTS SHEILD

EAST SUFFOLK CHAMPIONS – Great Blakenham

WEST SUFFOLK CHAMPIONS – Brockley

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS For the Shire Sports Trophy

WINNERS – Old Felixstowe

RUNNERS UP – Hoggards Green

THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

WINNERS – Bealings

RUNNERS UP – Elmsett

SUFFOLK SINGLES CHAMPION

Tom Runnacles– Barking

SUFFOLK PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Rita and Paul Daniels – Kelsale

SUFFOLK TRIPLES CHAMPIONS

Rita Mike and Paul Daniels – Kelsale

SUFFOLK FOURS CHAMPIONS

Heather, Trevor, Steven Cain & Don Allum – Great Blakenham

2011 ECBA Champion of Champions

Over the weekend of 11 and 12 June the ECBA Champion of Champions event took place at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool.

Ten counties took part, Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Suffolk.

Suffolk were represented by:

Singles: Tom Runnacles (Barking)

Pairs: Keith and Neil Jolly (Brockley)

Triples: Mike, Rita and Paul Daniels (Kelsale)

Rinks: Don Allum, Heather, Trevor and Steven Cain (Great Blakenham)

Tom got off to a great start on Saturday morning with a comfortable 10-2 win against South Tyneside. Unfortunately he was not able to follow that up in his second game, losing 12-6 to his opponent from Cambridgeshire. However he then bounced straight back with a convincing 14-1 win over North Tyneside. Next up was the Hertfordshire player, who had won the recent Eastern Counties event but Tom played his best game so far, winning 12-6. The last game of the day against his experienced Durham opponent would be a tough one and disappointingly Tom lost out in a low scoring game 9-4.

With Rita and Paul Daniels winning both the Suffolk triples and pairs, they chose to play in the ECBA triples event. This gave Keith and Neil Jolly (Suffolk Pairs runner-up) an opportunity to defend the ECBA pairs event they'd won last year.

However the defence of the trophy started badly in their first game against Norfolk, an inconsistent performance resulting in an 8-6 loss. The next game was better though as they edged out the Northumberland pair, 10-5. Their third game was far more comfortable, as an early lead was extended against Essex, winning comfortably 16-4. The good Hertfordshire pair were next, but unfortunately the Brockley pair could not repeat their previous performance, losing a close game 9-4. Last up was another father and son pair from Cambridgeshire. This was a tight game which went to the last bowl, with Keith and Neil a little fortunate to snatch a 7-5 win.

The Kelsale triple faced an experienced Durham triple in their first game. It was close, low scoring and went to the last bowl. Unfortunately it finished with a 7-6 loss. Their next game against Norfolk proved to be a lot easier and the outcome was never in doubt, a 19-2 win. Another tight game followed against Cambridgeshire, which like their first game went right to the final bowl. Scoring two shots on the last end secured the Kelsale triple a creditable 8-8 draw. Next up were an experienced triple from Northumberland and the Kelsale triple just couldn't get into the game, losing 12-4. However things improved in their final game of the day, when they raced away to a 14-3 win against Sunderland.

In the rinks event the Great Blakenham four got off to a flying start. In a great all round performance they edged away from a very competent Cambridgeshire rink to win comfortably 10-2. Unfortunately they could not follow that up in their second game, slipping to a 13-4 loss to Essex. Things didn't improve in their next game against Hertfordshire, as they suffered another defeat, 9-4. The next opposition were Northumberland and whilst the performance was better the outcome was the same, in a close game an 8-5 loss. To finish the day, the Blakenham four bounced back well and did not concede a shot in a 10-0 win against South Tyneside.

The first day had been a mixed one for the Suffolk bowlers, but all had played well in most of their games. They would all be looking to be more consistent on Sunday.

In the singles Sunday started disastrously for Tom as he crashed to a heavy 13-2 defeat to his Norfolk opponent. However he then bounced back well in his next game, beating his experienced Essex opponent 9-3. He then turned in another fine performance in his penultimate game to secure another win, this time against Northumbérland, 12-5. Tom's final game was against Sunderland and whilst winning the event wasn't possible, third position was up for grabs. Tom played well to take an early lead and held on to win 10-5.

Sunday started better for Keith and Neil, beating their North Tyneside opponents 9-7. Their next game against Durham was just as close. In a see-saw game which went to the last bowl they couldn't do enough to earn a win, finishing with an 8-8 draw. South Tyneside were next and an improved display secured an early advantage which was protected, resulting in an 11-6 win. With the Hertfordshire pair having won the event, the Brockley pair were looking to finish as high as possible if they could win their final game against Sunderland. A tough game finished with a pleasing 9-7 win against difficult opposition.

Sunday also started well for the Kelsale triple, in a one sided game they eased to a comfortable 11-3 win over South Tyneside. The Hertfordshire triple were next and this game followed the pattern of the previous one and finished with a 12-3 win. With confidence high and their bowls reflecting that, the Kelsale triple cruised to another win in their third game, this time 12-2 against Essex. Whilst first place was beyond them, the Kelsale triple didn't ease up in their final game. Their fourth consecutive win of the day followed, 9-3 against North Tyneside.

The Great Blakenham four got off to a terrible start on Sunday. In a game where they just didn't get a look in, they lost 14-1 against Norfolk. However they reacted in a positive manner in their next game with an improved performance to beat the experienced Durham rink 13-2. Next up were an unbeaten Sunderland rink and again the Blakenham four bowled well. However this time it wasn't enough as they were beaten 9-3. North Tyneside were the opposition in the last game, another good display and in a high scoring game they won 22-7, including an incredible maximum eight shots on the third end.

Throughout the weekend there had been some good bowling by all of the bowlers from Suffolk and they could be proud of their efforts.

Tom Runnacles had won six games from nine, playing some steady and skilful bowls. He had finished third overall in a really high quality singles event.

The Brockley pair also had a good weekend, with six wins and a draw from their nine games. Whilst disappointed not to retain the ECBA pairs title, they had finished in a very credible runners up position.

The Kelsale triple had played consistently all weekend, the highlight being their unbeaten run of games on Sunday. They also gained six wins and a draw, finishing in an excellent third place.

The Great Blakenham four were involved in a tough rinks competition, winning four games. Their performances across the weekend merited more than their finishing seventh position.

Finally there was a team event and Suffolk finished in a fantastic second place, edging out third place Northumberland by scoring just one shot more.