



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 19th June 2017

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Prior to the meeting proper the Chairman advised those in attendance of the death of Derek Brown.

Derek was a loyal member of the Offton & Willisham Carpet Bowls Club and had served as a County team selector under Tony Webber's captaincy. He also served as an Association committee member.

Representatives attended from the following clubs:

Barking, Bealings, Brantham, Bramford, Brockley, Chelmondiston, Claydon, Great Blakenham, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Martlesham, Offton & Willisham, Old Felixstowe, Somersham, Sproughton, Stratford St Mary, Stutton, Whatfield.

1 Apologies for Absence:

Andy Gilder, Richard & Jane Sago, Pam Reynard / Thurston, Rita & Mike Daniels, Bentley, Cockfield, East Bergholt, Harkstead, Hoggards Green, Woolpit, Horringer, Leiston St Margarets, Tattingstone, Tostock

2 Approval of previous minutes:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th June 2016 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Patrick Mann, Chelmondiston, seconded by Bill Damant, Sproughton and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from those minutes:

The Chairman referred to Item 11 and confirmed that changes to the Winter League structure had been implemented.

4. Chairman's Report:

Despite continual pressure on clubs finding sufficient bowlers to field league teams, carpet bowls in Suffolk remains in a fairly healthy position with good attendances at County organized tournaments. I would like to thank not only your committee for undertaking the organization of these events, but also Paul Daniels who arranges all the match sequences and results.

Suffolk is held in high regard within English Carpet Bowls and this is partly due to our democratic decisions as well as the Suffolk County teams' results. To this end, I would like to pay tribute to Neil Jolly, the County Captain, who together with selectors Sally Goodrich and Steven Cain, have steered Suffolk to its sixth consecutive year as Eastern Counties Champions and National Champions for the fourth year running.

Our Charity Tournament this year was again organized by Jane and Richard Sago to support East Anglian Hospices and a cheque for £1,200 was well received by their representative after an excellent days bowling. As with all tournaments, help on the day is essential and when offers of assistance are made they are greatly appreciated.

Suffolk Champions this year were: Mick Watkins in the Singles; David Ford and Steven Cain in the Pairs; Tom and Sam Runnacles with Clint Watling in the Triples; and Jim and Sally Goodrich with Steve and Sue Isles in the Rinks. I

congratulate you all especially David Ford and Steven Cain who went on to win the Pairs at the National Championships and this helped Suffolk to win the team event.

Your committee has worked tirelessly to manage carpet bowls in Suffolk, making some difficult decisions at times but always in the best interest of carpet bowls in the county and I thank them all for both their input and hard work. Special mention needs to be made of Keith Jolly our Treasurer who, aided by Neil, has undertaken the role of Secretary during this last season.

5. Secretary's Report:

Good evening,

As you will all appreciate the Association has been run without an elected Secretary this year and as John has previously said I took on the role as acting secretary.

In one way or another, the secretarial duties have been covered over the past year.

I have taken the minutes at Committee Meetings and Neil has 'topped and tailed' them for me, I thank him for this.

Between myself and Neil, committee meeting minutes and associated correspondence have been sent out to member clubs.

Neil has monitored the email box and has updated the contact list and has forwarded that information to me for inclusion in the minutes.

John has answered any correspondence that has been received.

However, the Association does require a Secretary. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position please contact me or any committee member. The job is not too onerous.

6. Treasurer's Report:

I assume you all have had time to look at the balance sheet.

An overview of the balance sheet showing any differences of plus or minus 10% is attached, together with the capital account.

You will see that the Auditor found that the current account balance of £3066 was incorrect. This was a typo on my part. I have attached a bank statement from May 2016 proving this figure should have been £3166. That sorted I will carry on.

You will note that the top right hand figure (£1246) is different from the final surplus amount.

On some occasions the Suffolk Squad uses the Association's bank account, the minus figure of £707 at the bottom right is the amount held by the Association in respect of the squad dinner. Therefore the Association has a surplus of £539 for the year ending 30th April 2017.

Are there any questions you wish to ask regarding this balance sheet?

The Chairman asked that the accounts be accepted, proposed Mick Watkins, Barking and seconded by Sally Goodrich, Claydon.

I have received the insurance renewal premiums from Endsleigh Insurance Brokers. Unfortunately there will have to be a small increase for both equipment and public liability insurance for participating clubs. To insure a full or part set of equipment will be **£9.50** and public liability insurance cover will be **£18.50**.

Any club that currently does not have public liability insurance arranged by the Association and wishes to obtain it may have to pay an increased premium for the first year.

Clubs that have an electrowind carpet roller or something similar will incur an additional cost.

Payment of fees and insurance should be sent direct to the **treasurer** and should be received by **31st July**. This will be clearly indicated in the renewal letter which all **current** club contacts will receive shortly.

Clubs failing to pay by this date will **not** be reminded and it may be considered that they do not wish to re-join the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association.

Richard Jones has agreed to audit the accounts for the year ending April 30th 2018.

Thank you.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

Jim Goodrich reported that everything had run smoothly over the past year and reminded all clubs to provide him with their dates of fixtures, and any subsequent changes to that list, so they can be displayed on the SCBA website.

8. Elections of Officers:

Richard Sago was not seeking re-election as Vice Chairman, however he still wishes to remain a committee member. The Chairman had received correspondence from Claydon nominating Sally Goodrich for this role, the nomination was proposed by John Austin, Old Felixstowe and seconded by David Schofield, Offton & Willisham. Sally Goodrich was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

As there were no nominations for the role of Secretary this position remains vacant.

The remaining officers had all indicated that they were willing to stand for re-election:

Therefore the elected officers are as follows:

Life President – David Schofield, Offton & Willisham

Chairman – John Varden, Great Blakenham

Honorary Treasurer – Keith Jolly - Brockley

Match Secretary – Jim Goodrich - Claydon

CPO – Andy Gilder - Barking

9 Election of Committee:

Sue and Graham Davey have resigned from the Committee, this means there are vacancies for up to three new committee members.

The following Committee Members all indicated that they were willing to remain:

Neil Jolly, Brockley

Keith Hull, Tuddenham St Mary

Jane Sago, Burstall

Mick Watkins, Barking

Bill Damant, Sproughton

Richard Sago, Burstall

Peter Elmy - Bealings

The Chairman invited nominations for Committee Members from the floor. None were forthcoming.

It was proposed by Roy Eyles, Stratford St Mary and seconded by Frank Wilkin, Hintlesham and Chattisham that the above were elected en-bloc.

Auditor for year ending April 2018, Richard Jones, proposed Mick Watkins, Barking and seconded Jim Goodrich Claydon.

10. Annual Membership Subscription:

The Treasurer said that the membership subscription would remain at £30.00 but this may need to increase in the future.

11. Any other business:

The Chairman invited comments from the floor.

A proposal was submitted by Martlesham Carpet Bowls Club and referred to:

“a team unable to provide the required number of players for a match shall play those that are selected to play twice in the following format”

Players shall not play on the same mat twice.

Players in position one from first game play position four (skip) in second game

Players in position two from first game play position three in second game

Players in position three from first game play position two in second game

Players in position four (skip) from first game play position one in second game.

Following a lengthy discussion the Chairman advised the meeting that it would be appropriate to take this matter to the next Committee meeting on 3rd July.

John Austin, Old Felixstowe asked the Chairman how the charity event recipient was decided. The Chairman explained that the Committee decided this from Charities put forward by members.

John Austin asked if British Prostrate Cancer could be considered.

Roy Eyles, Stratford St Mary asked how the capital valuation of stock was realised, the treasurer explained that this was a nominal value based on carpet bowls equipment owned and held by the Association.

Pat Lingley, Brantham thanked Mick Watkins, in his capacity as an English referee for an evening spent with Brantham Carpet Bowls Club.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm