



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

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The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

held at Needham Market Community Centre

On Monday 17th June 2019

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Representatives attended from the following clubs:

Barking, Bealings, Belstead, Bentley, Bildeston, Bramford, Brantham, Brockley, Burstall, Chelmondiston, Claydon, East Bergholt, Elmsett, Harkstead, Hintlesham & Chattisham, Kelsale, Kesgrave, Martlesham, Needham Market, Offton & Willisham, Old Felixstowe, Rivers, Somersham, Sroughton, Tuddenham, Whatfield, Withersfield

The Chairman opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence:

Neil Jolly, Andy Pooley, Peter Elmy, Bildeston, Stutton, Horringer, Sizewell, Stutton, Tostock, Cockfield, Stanningfield & Hoggards Green

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

Proposed by Bentley and seconded by Martlesham and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

Item 11: It was incorrectly stated that Rosemary Coe (Ipswich) had put forward a suggestion & this should have been Colin Rose, apologies were duly made.

Chairman's Report:

As this is my last Chairman's Report, having served for three years, it gives me an ideal opportunity to say some heartfelt "Thanks" to my fellow Officers and Committee Members who, as a team, have managed the many events and administration of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association. I have felt privileged to have been a part of that organisation.

Sally, as Vice Chairman, has done much behind the scenes with organizing raffles and purchasing the many trophies needed for the league winners and numerous tournaments played throughout the year, whilst Jim has co-ordinated the Summer and Winter League results as well as the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate.

This year has brought about some important changes. Peter Dent, the new secretary, has recorded the minutes of meetings and dealt with the correspondence in an efficient and timely manner. Paul Daniels has also been an asset to the county as our Treasurer and Website Manager and keeps a close eye on our finances, producing balance sheets for every meeting.

Andy and Sue Gilder with Jane and Richard Sago have been running both the Suffolk tournaments and the charity event which enabled Suffolk to present a cheque of £1,000.00 to the Wish Upon a Star appeal at West Suffolk Hospital.

Neil, the County Captain, together with Sally and Tom as fellow selectors, has selected the county teams that have won the Six Counties League for the ninth consecutive year, plus the National Championships held at Potters for the sixth year running – what a fantastic achievement. Neil does such a lot behind the scenes which often goes unnoticed and he can always be relied upon to give sage advice when unusual situations arise.

I am also grateful to Shirley Watkins as our photographer for the many pictures she has provided, and to the catering team at the Needham Market events.

It is evident that all committee members work well together to maintain the sport that we all love.

This year's Suffolk Champions are: Singles - Sam Runnacles; Pairs - Sam and Tom Runnacles; Triples - Sam and Tom Runnacles with Clint Watling; and Fours - Keith and Neil Jolly with Mike and Paul Daniels. I am sure we wish them well representing Suffolk this year.

The Joe Rice Cup was won by Barking, with Great Blakenham winning the Chairman's Plate competition.

In conclusion, I should like to say how nice it has been to see so many new faces at our tournaments and supporters at Suffolk's County matches.

5. Secretary's Report:

Most of you will be aware that I only took over the responsibility of County Secretary one year ago, and therefore I am still relatively new to the role.

I should however at this stage like to take this opportunity to not only thank the Chair, whose help and guidance has been invaluable, similarly the Captain, but also the remainder of the Committee who have been very patient & understanding.

From a secretarial standpoint the year has been remarkably quiet, with very little correspondence apart from Steve Isles, Claydon, relating to teams playing short in the winter league, and this will be covered under AOB.

I should like to formally thank Martin Spurling, Needham Market Community Centre for all the co-operation we have received over the past year as he has been exceptionally accommodating and without this, we would have had severe problems.

Finally, I should like to add that if any club or individual has any problem then please contact me & I promise to respond and help where I can or locate someone who can and will assist. All my contact details, email telephone etc can be found on the web site. Individuals or clubs first point of contact should be to the Secretary, and then I will liaise with the Chair/Captain or the appropriate individual on the Committee

6. Treasurer's Report:

I trust that you all have had the opportunity to examine the financial information including the balance sheet that has been made available to everyone here.

I have once again attached the Income & Expenditure figures as of 30th April 2019, this shows the comparison with the previous year, together with the current Capital Account and an overview of the Balance Sheet showing any differences of plus or minus 10%.

You will note that this year the Association has made a profit of £1065.00.

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

7. Match Secretary's Report:

Jim Goodrich reported that the winter leagues had run relatively smoothly, the various competitions had run smoothly, and league results were OK.

One of the ongoing issues was the various errors with the results sheets, ranging from incorrectly completed forms to failure to even send them in. Clubs were asked to please make any effort to ensure the result sheets were correctly completed and duly signed off and then returned.

8. Election of Officers:

The Chair read out all the current Officers and then formally announced his retirement from the post of Chairman. Andy Gilder had agreed to take over the role of Chairman.

Andy Gilder then proposed that John Varden should remain on the committee, not least of all to assist him in his new role. John Varden was happy to remain as a Member of the Executive Committee.

As all current Officers were prepared to stand again a vote was taken

Proposed by: Bill Dammant – Sproughton

Seconded by: Lesley Chisholm – Needham Market

The current Elected Officers are therefore now:

President – David Schofield: Oton & Willisham

Chairman – Andy Gilder: Barking

Vice Chairman – Sally Goodrich: Claydon

Honorary Secretary – Peter Dent: East Bergholt

Honorary Treasurer – Paul Daniels: Kelsale

Match Secretary – Jim Goodrich: Claydon

Child Protection Officer – Andy Gilder: Barking.

9. Election of Committee:

The current Committee were all prepared to stand again, and the Chairman then asked the meeting if there were any further nominations for Committee members. None were forthcoming, so it was proposed that all the current members of the Committee should be re-elected en-block.

Proposed by: Brian Tyler – East Bergholt

Seconded by: David Schofield – Oton & Willisham

The re-appointment of the current Committee was unanimously approved.

The Committee members are now as follows as all had indicated that they are willing to remain:

Neil Jolly (Brockley)
Keith Hull (Tuddenham St Martin)
Jane Sago (Burstall)
Richard Sago (Burstall)
Peter Elmy (Great Blakenham)
Andy Pooley (Claydon)
Ian Hunt (Martlesham)
Sue Gilder (Barking)
John Varden (Claydon)

10. Annual Membership Subscriptions:

In light of the current financial position it had been decided not to increase the annual subscription for the forthcoming year. This is due for payment on 31st July

11. Any Other Business. (Indicative polls to be taken on each proposal to be raised at the next Executive Committee Meeting).

- Tuddenham proposed awarding a club team who lost or drew a match a bonus point if they had won more ends than the opposition. Proposal rejected.
- A lively debate with input from most clubs in attendance was had on the following:
- Claydon's proposal 1 - That prior to the start of the season all clubs should submit a register of members. This was well rec'd by Clubs and the committee to investigate.
- Claydon's proposal 2 - That any team playing a match short must exclude 3's & skips for the second half pull-out was defeated.
- Claydon's proposal 3 - Referred to shot penalties for teams playing short. This was defeated on the grounds that many clubs just didn't have sufficient players, and this meant it wouldn't be worth playing.
- Claydon's proposal 4 - suggested 3 points for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. This was also defeated.
- Claydon's proposal 5 - That a club arriving for a match short should have the second half players picked out by the opposing captain. This was also defeated.

Other letters covering suggestions and responses to potential changes to league play were submitted by Rivers Cockfield, Bildeston, Bentley, Offten & Willisham, Stutton & Tostock and all were discussed. The general view of the meeting was that making changes was likely to reduce the number of league teams.

Other comments included the idea that Suffolk might consider holding an annual presentation evening and when put to the vote it didn't prove to be popular. Harkstead had asked whether in the Summer League, a shot handicap could be applied where a lower division team played a higher division team? This will be put to the new committee.

The committee were asked for clarification on the delivery box position and the English Carpet Bowls Association rule book clearly covers this.

The last comment related to the delay in presenting trophies to clubs who gained promotion, and this would be looked into by the Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.10 pm.