

In attendance: Rick Hanley (Chairman), David Cairns (Treasurer), David Morran (Secretary), Jeff Orton (Team Captain), Christine Cooke (Committee Member), Eric Newman (TD), Marlene Chant (Committee Member), Mike Sherer (Committee Member), and 30 other club members.

1. Introduction.
 - a. The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Chairman's Report.
 - a. The Chairman thanked the Committee members for their work during the year, and all involved with the Learn & Play course – particularly Peter Bushby and Michael Sherer. Consideration was being given to a further course in the new year if there was sufficient interest.
 - b. He welcomed the new members from Dovercourt and thanked all members for the friendly atmosphere that now existed, stressing that being seen as a welcoming and friendly club continued to be vitally important, both for retaining existing members and attracting and encouraging newcomers to join the club.

3. Treasurer's Report.
 - a. The accounts had been distributed.
 - b. In summary, the club's finances showed a loss for the year of £709, similar to last years £694. The net current assets were £1785. After the losses of the last 2 years it was necessary to better balance the books and the Committee were recommending an increased membership fee of £10. After discussion this was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Consequent to this the Committee had decided that the additional table money for visitors would be £2 above the standard table money charge of £3.
 - c. The Treasurer's report was adopted.

4. Secretary's Report.
 - a. The club had 64 members – a decrease of 6, but average attendance had increased by half a table to 9 tables.

5. Captain's Report.
 - a. The Team Captain reported on a number of activities, including:
 - i. The Colchester team finished 2nd out of 13 in the Abbeygate Shield Team-of-8 competition.

ii. In the Suffolk Summer League Colchester A were third in Division 1 with the B (Hearts) team narrowly relegated to Division 2.

iii Congratulations were due to the many Colchester members who had successes this year - please see report for details

iv. An indication of the strength of the Club is that we supply over a third of the members of the County A and B teams and our NGS ranking is the highest of any of the 20 Suffolk affiliated clubs

6. Presentation of Trophies.

- a. Club Champion – Eric Newman
- b. Club Pairs Championship – Eric Newman and Michael Sherer
- c. Men's Handicap – Keith Belsey
- d. Ladies' Handicap – Lynda Tibbs

7. Election of Officers.

- a. The Chairman thanked Marlene Chant for volunteering to be co-opted to the Committee.
- b. A motion to elect the existing Committee was approved unanimously so the 19/20 Committee is: Rick Hanley (Chairman), David Cairns (Treasurer), David Morran (Secretary), Jeff Orton (Team Captain), Christine Cooke (Committee Member), Marlene Chant (Committee Member), Eric Newman (TD), Michael Sherer (Committee Member), with one vacancy.

8. A.O.B.

- a. The strident voice of the automated timer was raised and the possibility of alternatives would be explored.

David Morran

Secretary