



Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 15th September 2008

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present:

Jeremy Brown (Chairman), Keith Jolly (Treasurer), Keith Hull, Sally Goodrich, Jim Goodrich, Margaret Southgate, Steven Cain, Neil Jolly, Graham Robinson, Peter Jones, Mick Watkins, Andy Gilder.

1. Apologies for absence:

Keith Armes, Richard Sago, Jane Sago.

2. Approval of previous Minutes:

After the correction of item 8.g) where the date should have read 14th October not 4th October, the minutes of the Committee Meeting of 14th July 2008 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by G Robinson, seconded by M Watkins and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

9.d) Margaret Southgate pointed out that the revised competition rules had not been sent out with the triples details. These now need to be sent and all committee members to get a copy.

8.d) It was confirmed that the coach for Blackpool had now been booked. It will probably depart later than previous years as Suffolk are not playing the first night.

4. Chairman's Report:

Chairman Jeremy Brown presented the following report -

I would like to start my report by thanking Graham Robinson for running the Charity Rinks in July also to Richard and Jane for a superb grand draw and all those that helped sell tickets on the day. On the down side I was disappointed with the number of clubs that didn't return their unsold tickets or returned them unsold surely it's not hard to sell a few books.

Last Sunday saw our Summer League Finals Days I wish to thank Steven and Neil for running the day which went very well also Sally for a wonderful raffle.

Our visit to our friends in Durham in August was a great success it was a lovely weekend enjoyed by both Counties, also the result on the Sunday was superb my thanks go to Margaret and Neil for organising the weekend we look forward to welcoming Durham back here next August.

The winter league is now upon us and I wish all clubs the best of luck for the coming season.

5. Secretary's Report:

There was no secretary's report.

6. Match Secretary's Report:

Sally Goodrich pointed out an anomaly regarding the winter rules as there are two versions, one including the rule for teams playing short in cup matches. After discussion it was concluded that the rule needed to be rewritten to clarify the procedure. The revised wording will be:

"In cup and plate matches a team can only earn the two bonus points for shots if they play with 16 bowlers in both legs and their total shots for both legs is higher than their opponents. If after both legs the match is tied on points then the total shots scored over both legs will be the deciding factor, irrespective of the number of bowlers used."

Jeremy Brown to use this wording to update the rules and send to Graham Robinson for circulation with the minutes so clubs have clarification prior to first cup games. Sally Goodrich also raised the issue of how many games players had to play to qualify for finals days, this had apparently been discussed in committee several years ago when a 3 game qualification was agreed but not incorporated in the rules. After discussion two proposals were voted on 1) to not have any qualification rule, or 2) to add a qualification rule for summer and winter finals. Option 2) was approved by 7 votes to 4. After further discussion it was agreed that players should play at least 3 summer or winter season matches to qualify to play in that season's finals. Neil Jolly agreed to review the rules and incorporate this. This to be done before next summer league.

7. Treasurers Report:

Keith Jolly presented an income/expenditure sheet to 30th August with a balance of £8989. For clarification the income titled 'National Team' will be renamed 'ECBA subsidy' and Keith Jolly will look at clarifying the two expenditure items labelled 'Nationals'. He also presented a balance sheet for the charity fours which made a profit of £1350. Cheques of £675 have been presented to the two charities, FIND and MENCAP.

a) Keith Jolly confirmed current membership at 94 clubs. Wenhaston had paid two subscriptions, one for each team. Unless they are two separate clubs only one payment is required and Keith Jolly to make contact and offer refund.

b) Insurance letters are ready to go out with these minutes.

c) Keith Jolly enquired about the rights of associate member clubs. These are normally clubs not in the county who are not eligible to enter our closed tournaments. The situation regarding clubs situated outside the county who are full members was discussed.

d) Change of Signatures -This is still not finalised, Jeremy Brown and Keith Jolly to complete paperwork after the meeting and contact Keith Armes (who was not present)

8. **County Business:**
a) Neil Jolly confirmed that entries for the county trials on 21st September were up on last year at nearly 40.
b) The teams and coach for the Nationals at Blackpool have now been sorted.
c) The Durham trip had been a great success with excellent team spirit and a convincing result. It is hoped that Durham will visit Suffolk next year and preparatory work is already being done.
d) The application forms for the triples and pairs have been circulated.
e) The Eastern Counties Teambowl is at East Bergholt on 28th September. The venue to be contacted to see if access on Saturday afternoon to set up is possible, also to ensure that they will be selling tea/coffee all day. Margaret Southgate said if it was necessary to hire a van to transport mats ECCBA would pay. She also asked Suffolk (Neil Jolly or Jeremy Brown) to do the welcome introduction at the start, she will do the end speech.
9. **Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:**
There was discussion on the three options for playing format in ECCBA matches where a county is short of players. The proposals circulated at the last meeting were voted on. Vote carried for option c.
10. **English Carpet Bowls Association:**
A report of the 6th September meeting of the ECBA by our delegate Mick Watkins is enclosed.
11. **Any Other Business:**
Graham Robinson offered to take on the vacant secretary's role. This was gratefully accepted. Peter Jones agreed to take over the role as minute secretary. Graham Robinson will make arrangements to pick up the photocopy machine and other equipment. There was discussion on whether to rent or buy a franking machine but the committee decided it was not economically viable.
Mick Watkins advised of two new calendar dates, 22 Feb 09 for the Random Triples and 26 July 09 for Marion's Fab Fours.
Andy Gilder circulated copies of the draft ECBA child protection proposal. There are a number of questions still to be answered such as penalties for non compliance. Members of ECBA are still looking at this. Committee agreed that Andy Gilder should act as CPO and initiate exploratory discussions with Suffolk County Council, attend next ECBA meeting and report back.
Margaret Southgate had been asked to raise the question of dress code following the ECBA triples where some Suffolk players had not complied. It was pointed out there was nothing regarding dress code in the programme. This was an oversight and the dress code should be adhered to in ECBA competitions.
Jeremy Brown raised the question of subsidising the county players at the national championships. A subsidy of £35 per person was proposed by Steven Cain, seconded by Keith Hull and agreed. Spare seats on the Blackpool coach will be charged at £10 per head for those not involved as players, partners, officials, helpers etc.

The meeting closed at 10.02pm.

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Durham - v - Suffolk 2008

Over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd August, the Durham CBA hosted the visit of the Suffolk county team at Pelton. Thirty five bowlers travelled from Suffolk.

On the Saturday afternoon there was a pairs competition with each Suffolk county bowler being paired with a county bowler from Durham. All of the other bowlers from Suffolk were also paired up to make seven groups of four pairs. During the afternoon, there were some friendly and high quality group and knockout games.

In the first semi-final Sally Goodrich (Suff) and David Storey took an early lead against Shirley Wood and Andy Pooley (Suff) and won comfortably 10-4. The other semi-final was a lot closer and after an extra end it was Moyra Gowland and Jeremy Brown (Suff) who edged out Ian Wilson and Mick Watkins (Suff), 7-6.

The final was dominated by Moyra and Jeremy who with accurate bowling eased to a 9-0 lead after five of the eight ends. Whilst Sally and David did win the next two ends there was no way back and the final score was 9-2 to Moyra and Jeremy.

On the Sunday morning the two counties bowlers returned to Pelton for the county match. Both counties were represented by six rinks (fours), with each playing four nine end games. The Suffolk team knew that the experienced Durham team would be very difficult to beat on their own carpets.

In the first session all of the games were close and by the end two wins each was a fair reflection on the bowls played. Suffolk won their games 10-7 and 11-8 and only just lost the others 8-6 and 8-7.

The second session was a better one for the Suffolk team. There were three wins for Suffolk, a comfortable 13-5, 6-4 and 8-5. In the other game the Suffolk rink gained a well earned point, drawing 9-9.

In the third session the Suffolk rinks performance improved again and wins were secured in every game. The winning scores were 11-7, 7-6, 14-7 and 10-2.

At the halfway stage of the match Suffolk held a very healthy 19-5 overall lead.

Suffolk did not have it all their own way in the fourth session however, with Durham winning two games to share the points. Suffolk winning their games 9-5 and 9-6, with losses of 11-6 and 9-4.

In the penultimate session it was Suffolk who again extended their overall lead, with three good wins, 9-5, 18-4 and 16-2. The other game was lost 11-8.

The final session was also to go Suffolk's way with their rinks gaining two wins, 8-4 and 15-6 and another draw 6-6. The other game was lost 9-3.

After a competitive and friendly days bowling Suffolk had won the match 34-14, winning the Raymond White Challenge Shield for the fifth consecutive time. Both counties are now looking forward to Durham's return visit to Suffolk in August 2009.

Neil Jolly (County Captain)

Suffolk County Team: Supported by Portmak Joinery