



# Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

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**The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.**

**Those present:** Keith Armes (KA)(Chairman), Keith Jolly (KJ)(Treasurer), Peter Jones (PJ)(Vice Chairman), Graham Robinson (GR)(Secretary), Freda Wright (FW), Mick Watkins (MW), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Neil West (NW), Jane Sago (JS), Richard Sago (RS), Andy Gilder (AG), Rita Daniels (RD).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Neil Jolly (NJ).
2. **Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 21st November 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Keith Armes.
3. **Matters Arising:** Item13.2: Durham visit to be discussed later in meeting.
4. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman congratulated the County Team on their victory over Cambridgeshire, and all those involved in running yesterday's successful Charity Tournament. After discussion on the Charity Tournament it was noted that the bar was not heavily used and there was little justification for paying to have it in future years. There was a comment from MW that the raffle results were posted before the games had finished. There was congestion at times near mat 1 because of the proximity to the refreshments and raffle, and people entering and exiting. Given the constraints of the hall these are unavoidable and it will be left to the organisers to continue to run it as they see fit. RD reported the accidental breakage of one of the prizes. The committee approved her claim for a replacement.
5. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary raised several items:
  - 1) Marion Brown has given him two old trophies, one an old East Division 3 cup, the other the glass bowl originally used for Heritage v Suffolk but now cracked. After discussion it was agreed to put the bowl in the Suffolk cabinet at Needham Market and to consider changing the base on the trophy and using it for Heritage v Suffolk if the cup itself is not engraved. If it is then SCBA will buy a new trophy. GR
  - 2) No date had been set for this year's Heritage v Suffolk match. It is Suffolk's turn to host. It was agreed to use Bildeston on 16th June if it is available and if the date is acceptable to the Heritage league. GR to check Bildeston availability via NJ, RD to check with Heritage league. GR/NJ. RD
  - 3) The new draft combined form and letter for subscription, league, cup and insurance had been circulated for comment and a couple of comments incorporated by KJ. PJ made some additional comments and a couple of minor alterations were made to the form which was then agreed for use later this year. GR

6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented an income/expenditure statement to 23 rd January 2012 with a current balance of £6592. Some entry fees for the County Singles were given to KJ by RD.

7. **Match Secretary's Report:** The Match Secretary felt that clubs ought to be reminded of the changes to the finals day dates. It was agreed to do that via these minutes. **Clubs are reminded that the Joe Rice Cup and Chairmans Plate finals will be held at Needham Market on Wednesday 18th April at 19.30. The Winter League finals will be at Needham market on Wednesday 25th April at 19.30.**

8. **County Business:** NJ was not at the meeting, SG presented his report. In December Suffolk beat Hertfordshire 27-9, a great away win on tricky carpets. A good all round team performance. In January Suffolk beat Cambridgeshire 19-17 in another away match. It was a rollercoaster match and an important win against our closest rivals, a gritty and determined display, drawing or winning games that we looked like losing. Suffolk have a three point lead at the top of the league after three away wins and have two home matches left to play starting with Essex at Bildeston on Sunday 19th February.

NJ reported via KJ that when Suffolk host the Six Counties tournament at Braintree he does not want the county players involved in running the day and is looking for help from committee members. There were no immediate volunteers and there is another tournament on that date so this requires further discussion. The supply of carpets for the Six Counties needs to be sorted out. KA will talk to the Essex captain next week and detailed arrangements can be discussed at the Essex county match. PJ to check with ECCBA regarding the raffle prize arrangements.

KA, PJ

NJ also asked via KJ whether SCBA would make a donation towards prizes for the Random Triples tournament. This tournament is for County Squad funds and has been self funding in the past. After discussion it was proposed and agreed that this should remain the case and no donation would be made.

MW confirmed that Durham were planning to visit on the weekend of 4th and 5th August. NJ will sort out the team and bowling but not the hotel and meal arrangements. It was agreed that someone needs to take on the organisation, liaison regarding booking accommodation and meal arrangements. It was suggested that a volunteer from the County Squad should be sought to sort this out.

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SG reported that she was enquiring about a new supplier of county uniforms, KJ passed her details of a potential supplier.

9. **Closed Tournaments:** RD reported that the draw for the Suffolk Closed Singles had been done and the paperwork circulated to entrants.

10. **English Carpet Bowls Association:** MW had attended the ECBA meeting on 21st January at Rotherham and presented his written report of the meeting. There had been no formal proposals for rule changes at the meeting but MW will submit suggestions for wording alterations to make interpretation clearer at the March meeting. PJ will raise the matter of delivery box deletion at the next ECCBA meeting as he had expected this to be proposed. Bedfordshire will not be attending the National Champion of Champions and it is possible that there will be a combined Tyneside team at next year's Nationals.

MW  
PJ

11. **Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:** PJ reported that there had been no ECCBA meeting so he had nothing to report.

12. **Any Other Business:** AG, who was part of the Barking team that won the Charity Tournament, reported that there was no space left on the trophy for the winners' names. The committee agreed to the buying of an additional base or whatever was needed to make space for future winners' details. The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

AG

The next meeting is on Monday 5th March 2012 at Needham Market

## Cambridgeshire – v – Suffolk

On Sunday 15 January Suffolk travelled to Paston to play their third ECCBA league match of the season, against Cambridgeshire

Suffolk were looking for their third consecutive away success, following wins at Norfolk and Hertfordshire. This would be their toughest test so far, with Cambridgeshire just one point behind them in the league, where Suffolk were sitting top.

The Suffolk rinks selected to face Cambridgeshire were:

**Suffolk 1 (S1):** Jim Goodrich, Ralph Sadgrove, Paul Daniels, Andrew Cooper

**Suffolk 2 (S2):** John Varden, Ellen Grube, James Rous, Sue Gilder

**Suffolk 3 (S3):** David Ford, Trevor Bean, Mick Watkins, David Mittell

**Suffolk 4 (S4):** Andy Pooley, Andy Gilder, Neil Tuckey, Tom Runnacles

**Suffolk 5 (S5):** Peter Runnacles, Don Allum, Colin Fellingham, Steven Cain

**Suffolk 6 (S6):** Sue Davey, Sally Goodrich, Jon Jordan, Neil Jolly

In the first session rinks S1, S3 and S5 all adjusted to the away carpets quickly and it wasn't long before S1 and S5 took complete control of their games. In particular S1, who didn't concede a shot until the penultimate end in winning convincingly 14-1. S5 continued to pick up shots and maintain their early advantage to also win 11-5. Unfortunately S3, whilst staying in their game could not complete the perfect start, just being edged out 9-7.

From the start of the second session it was clear that all three games were going to be close affairs. However the home rinks upped their game from the first session and rinks S2, S4 and S6 were always playing catch up. The only thing Suffolk could get from the games was a hard earned 9-9 draw for S4. S2 were beaten 12-8 and S6 lost 10-9, but only to the final bowl of the game.

The third session saw fortunes swap around again as S1, S3 and S5 continued their good form from their first games. S5 put on the best all round performance, again securing an early lead and easing away to a comfortable 11-2 win. S3 were involved in a far closer game, but they held their nerve during a tight final end to steal a 7-6 win. Most of the drama involved S1 who found themselves 8-2 down with three ends to play. However a great skips shot scored them a six to get them back in the game. They then conceded a two before playing a superb final end to get those two back and snatch an unlikely 10-10 draw.

In the fourth session S2, S4 and S6 were looking to bounce back from their disappointing first games. In two of the games they did just that, both S2 and S4 got off to great starts, building early leads which they were able to increase. Two excellent wins followed, S2 by 12-3 and S4 by 14-5. Unfortunately S6 were not able to complete a clean sweep, slipping to a 10-6 defeat. However the last two sessions had been good ones for Suffolk, taking nine points from twelve.

The penultimate session saw Cambridgeshire hit back again in what was turning out to be a see-saw match. The Suffolk rinks all got off to poor starts and three defeats looked on the cards. However it was again S1 who turned things around and playing a great last end they salvaged two points with an important 10-7 win. For S3 and S5, they were always chasing their games and running out of ends, they lost 12-4 and 9-5 respectively.

With the final session to play Suffolk led overall by 16-14. However given the rollercoaster nature of the match, any final outcome was possible. At the start of the games both S4 and S2 found themselves behind. Unfortunately S2 were unable to recover and lost 13-4. Meanwhile with an end to play S4 were 7-3 down and another defeat looked likely. However they then constructed a great last end and with the skips final bowl secured a count of four to sneak a 7-7 draw and a very valuable point. That left one game to finish, involving S6 who were 4-3 down with three ends to play. They then played their best bowls of the day to score a three-two-three count to take the game 11-4. The final session had been shared, three points each.

The match finished with a Suffolk win 19-17 (shots: 159 - 134).

It had been a great match between the two best teams in the country. The Suffolk team were delighted with the win, which extends their lead at the top of the league.

Overall the Suffolk team had played well, given it was against strong opposition on their own carpets. Well done to both S1 (two wins and a draw) and S4 (a win and two draws) who were unbeaten on the day.

What had been most impressive by the Suffolk team was the spirit and ability displayed in winning or drawing games where defeat had looked the likely outcome. Those points may well prove very valuable when it comes to the end of the season.

Suffolk's next match is against Essex, at Bildeston on Sunday 19 February.

Neil Jolly (County Captain)