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# 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Neil West(NW) Chairman, John Varden (JV) Vice Chairman, Carol West(CW), Keith Hull(KH), Richard Sago(RS), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Mick Watkins (MW) Andy Gilder(AG), Freda Wright (FW).

**1.Apologies for absence:** Neil Jolly (NJ), Keith Jolly (KJ), Jane Sago (JS).

**2.Approval of previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2015 were approved, proposed JV, Seconded JG and were duly signed.

**3.Matters Arising:**

- NJ wrote suggesting a slight change to the wording of the rule 1d change agreed at the previous meeting as follows:

**Winter Rules:** In any winter league season (1 September to 31 March) no bowler can knowingly play for more than one club, or team within that club, in SCBA league matches, without the express authority of the SCBA Executive Committee. Where a club has two teams in the same league, the two matches between those two teams must be played before 1 October.

**Summer Rules:** No bowler can knowingly play for more than one club, or team within that club, in the Summer League in any one Summer League season, without the express authority of the SCBA Executive Committee. Where a club has two teams in the same league, the two matches between those two teams must be played before 1 June.

All present agreed that the suggested wording be used.

- NW confirmed to JG that the names shown against forthcoming events are those that confirmed their attendance at the meeting. As JG was not at the meeting NW did not presume that he would be attending which is why his name was not shown at all the events he actually attended.

**4. Chairmans Report:** NW once again congratulated the county squad on winning the Six Counties Championship and securing a clean sweep of all English and Eastern Counties titles. NW also congratulated those involved in the ECBA Rinks. MW said that he'd had good comments from those attending and that the event showed a profit of £267 for ECBA.

**5. Secretary's Report:** FW said she'd received a charity competition invitation which she will distribute to clubs with the minutes of these meetings. NW passed FW details of a change of Chairman received from Stratford St Mary.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** KJ sent the following report

KJ expects to receive payment from Nayland for Summer League trophies in a day or so.

SCBA have received a further £100 sponsorship from Suffolk Windows.

A letter and certificate have been received from EAAA acknowledging receipt of £1000 donation.

KJ has spoken to Henderson's insurance brokers, they have also dealt with Sports Cover, our existing insurers so he will not pursue further. KJ has received information from Endsleigh that may reduce the public liability premium, also increase the 'per claim' figure from £5000 to £6000 at no additional premium. Property and Officers Insurance no change.

FW confirmed she has 209 2nd class stamps in stock.

KJ is in the process of finalising the accounts and will make arrangements for them to be audited.

**7. Match Secretary's Report:** JG said there had been difficulty with one winter league fixture being scheduled to be played on the same date as finals evening. Having spoken to the clubs concerned the fixture was brought forward two days as the result determined the winners of West division 2. After some discussion it was agreed that clubs shall be reminded of the need to contact SCBA executive committee if they're unable to play fixtures within the published league dates. This will also be relayed to clubs at the AGM.

JG said he'd received communication from players from a number of clubs asking if their club can be placed in a certain group in the leagues. JG was congratulated for considering requests and for formulating the groups as best he can taking into account geographical positions of the clubs entered. JG reported that there are 36 teams in the Summer League with Hintlesham now playing.

JG reported that Needham Market were unlikely to play next year as they are having difficulty with the hire of their venue.

NW said that Ixworth had made enquiries about joining the Bury League because of transport difficulties.

JG said that we may need to consider realigning the number of teams in each division. This will be considered further when Winter League entries are known.

**8. C.P.O. Report:** AG said he nothing much to report but expected no change until after the election. He has received some communication from Sport England about Child Protection which he plans to look at in more detail. He suspects that it's not relevant to SCBA as we do not offer coaching to young people.

**9. County Captains Report:** NW read NJ's report as follows:

Having retained the ECCBA league title in March, April saw the county team look to regain the Six Counties Championship at Braintree Leisure Centre. Despite fielding a much changed team, it was another successful day with Suffolk finishing in first place with 39 points, five ahead of Cambridgeshire. This win means that Suffolk now hold all of the Eastern Counties & English team titles, which is a fantastic achievement.

In other county team matters, we held our ever popular Random Triples event, which was an enjoyable day's bowling. Our next fundraising event is Marion's Fab Fours (19th July) & entry forms will be sent out soon.

The county squad vote on the uniform went 16 - 10 in favour of staying as we are. We will be establishing what items of replacement clothing the squad bowlers would like, so this can be progressed.

**10. ECBA Report:** MW attended the ECBA meeting prior to the AGM and reported on the demonstrations that had taken place.

EBCA have been promoting carpet bowls in Norway, Sweden and Holland. Grants are available from the relevant country's governments on the grounds of improving health. It is suggested that a European Federation be established using ECBA rules. In addition it is expected that teams from New Zealand will be attending the Festival of Bowls in 2016.

An application to join Sport England has been refused because the ECBA is missing certain policies deemed essential for membership. Sport England accreditation will assist member clubs to access lottery funding grants. ECBA are in the process of producing these policies in readiness for a further application being made.

The Champion of Champions will be held at Wolsingham for the last time. Last year's event resulted in a £2000 deficit in ECBA funds. To reduce costs it was agreed that from 2016 the event will be held at Soham.

The Festival of Bowls entry is down a little on last year but still promises to be a good event.

At the AGM Paul Daniels was elected as Treasurer, Jamie Smith as Secretary & MW as National Referee. Mike Walker remains as Chairman.

**11. ECCBA Report:** NJ sent his report as follows:

NJ attended the ECCBA committee meeting on 19th March. The Suffolk team were congratulated on their league win. It was agreed to reduced the number of meetings to one (in October) & an AGM (June). The Chairman (Mike Walker) advised this would be his final year & he would be standing down at the ECCBA AGM (18th June). County delegates were

asked to make enquiries within their county to find someone to take on this role. NJ will attend the AGM.

#### **12. AGM:**

NW said that he was willing to stand as chairman for another year. FW is will to continue as secretary. JV is willing to stand as Vice Chairman. AG is willing to continue as CPO. JG is happy to continue as Press Officer/Match Secretary. Committee members present all indicated a willingness to stand again. NW will confirm if KJ is happy to continue as Treasurer. (NW)

NW proposed a change to the constitution to delete the role of Press Officer as an office required to be elected at the AGM and replace with Match Secretary. This was seconded by AG and agreed unanimously. The committee proposal will be conveyed to clubs in the AGM notice to be sent out to clubs shortly.

JV asked if there was an official photographer. MW explained that his wife Shirley stood down from performing this task. NW said that the committee had previously agreed that they would make sure someone would bring a camera along to events to ensure that photographs would be taken of winners etc. JV also suggested that the SCBA should keep an official photo album. NW thought that there was a picture archive on the SCBA website.

The committee have not been made aware of anything likely to be raised by clubs at the AGM.

#### **13. Forthcoming events:**

Forthcoming events identified as follows:

- ECCBA Champion of Champions (10th May) KJ & JV will attend in addition to MW & NJ
- East v West (6th May) is organised by the county squad.
- Bury v Suffolk 13th May. Bury league to host. JV organising for suffolk.

#### **14. Any other business:**

- NW read correspondence from NJ proposing a change to our closed competition rules in relation to player substitution for the ECCBA & ECBA Champion of Champions. Current rules allow teams to substitute players in the Pairs & Triples (one player) and Fours (two players) where original players are unable to attend. Substitutes must not have already played in the particular competition in the same season. This is thought to be too restrictive. After some discussion the proposal was seconded by MW. Members voted 4 in favour, 5 against the proposal.
- KJ wrote asking if the Tony Webber Trophy should also include 'Suffolk Fours'. The wording on this trophy was discussed at a previous meeting and agreed not to include the discipline.
- MW raised the issue of diary dates from the previous meeting. The availability of Needham Market Community Centre meant that there was insufficient Sundays available for all competitions. After a lot of discussion MW was asked to look for availability in December for one of the closed competitions. Either just a Sunday or an adjoining Saturday/Sunday. Failing that, MW was asked to look at the availability of moving one competition back to

East Bergholt. MW was also asked to find out if the community centre was available on the second weekend of January (Saturday or Sunday) so that the charity competition can be put back a week as discussed at an earlier meeting.

- RS suggested asking people to enter Needham Market Community Centre via the side entrance during competitions to avoid people disturbing play on what is traditionally mat 1. This was thought to be worth a try. FW will make laminated signs to be placed on the outer door.


- SG asked if SCBA would like her to continue to organise the purchase of trophies for the closed competitions. NW asked her to do so. MW proposed a 20% increase in budget for these trophies, seconded by KH and passed unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 22.03

All being well the next meeting will be 7.30pm Monday 1st June 2015 at Needham Market Community Centre.

**Contact list amendments:**

**A copy of the current member contact list is distributed with these minutes**

  
N.P. WEST  
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## 2015 Six Counties Championship

On Sunday 12 April the ECCBA Six Counties Championships was held at Braintree Leisure Centre.

The competition involved the six Eastern Counties, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Each county were represented by six rinks (fours), each playing one nine end game against each of the other counties.

Having retained the ECCBA league title last month the Suffolk team were now hoping to regain the Six Counties Championship, having finished runners up to Cambridgeshire last year.

With five regular bowlers unavailable it was a much changed Suffolk team, the rinks selected were:

**Suffolk 1 (S1):** Jim Goodrich, Don Allum, Andy Gilder, Paul Daniels

**Suffolk 2 (S2):** Sue Davey, Ann Hathaway, Colin Fellingham, Sue Gilder

**Suffolk 3 (S3):** Sam Runnacles, Ralph Sadgrove, Mick Watkins, Tom Runnacles

**Suffolk 4 (S4):** Pete Runnacles, David O'Brien, John Varden, David Mittell

**Suffolk 5 (S5):** Rita Runnacles, Ally Hobbs, Sally Goodrich, Steven Cain

**Suffolk 6 (S6):** Keith Jolly, Paul Leach, Peter Fellingham, Neil Jolly

First up for Suffolk were Hertfordshire, a difficult start given the opposition's recent league form. Any early nerves were soon gone though as S2, S3 and S4 all got off to flying starts. Dominating their games from first end to last and three wins were never in doubt, S2 winning 12-2, S3 by 12-5 and S4 by 13-2. That was then followed up by an equally convincing win from S5, again controlling the game on their way to a 13-3 win. The other two games were far closer though, S6 traded shots with their opposition throughout and the last bowl of the game turned a draw into a slim 8-7 win. A similar game for S1 but unfortunately they were unable to complete a clean sweep of wins, just being edged out 6-7. Overall a great start though, ten points and straight into top spot with a two point lead over Essex.

Next up for Suffolk were the defending champions, Cambridgeshire. It was a disappointing start this time, particularly for S2 and S3 who simply didn't get a foothold in their games, losing 1-15 and 2-15 respectively. Slightly better for S1, who were involved in an entertaining see-saw game, which went right down to a last end measure, when one shot scored secured an important 12-12 draw. S4 were also involved in a high scoring encounter, but it was another game lost, by 8-11. A couple of wins were desperately needed, S5 and S6 duly delivered, but only just. In two tight games that went right down to the final bowls, the Suffolk rinks held their nerve, S5 winning 8-7, S6 winning 7-6. Overall Suffolk were fortunate to escape with five crucial points, they were now equal top with Norfolk.

The games didn't get any easier in the next session, with Essex providing the opposition. The first three games were tight affairs and could've gone either way. In the end Suffolk could only manage one win, S3 bouncing back well to secure two points with a 6-3 win. Meanwhile S2 lost 5-8 and S1 could consider themselves unlucky to lose 4-5, with the time limit preventing the final end being played. Suffolk couldn't really afford to lose any of the remaining games and S4 ensured their win by getting off to a great start and running away to a comfortable 11-2 win. Again S5 and S6 were involved in tight games and again the outcome would come down to the final bowls. S6 did just enough to avoid defeat with an honourable 9-9 draw, S6 went one better, winning their last end and the game 6-5. Seven points from Essex was a fair outcome and overall Suffolk were now top on their own with Norfolk and Cambridgeshire four points back.

Five points now covered the top four teams, so Suffolk needed a good session against Bedfordshire. S2 were having a tough day and things just weren't going their way. This time their game went to the final end but again they found themselves on the wrong end of the result, losing 8-9. Better news in all of the other games though, S1, S3 and S4 all got off to decent starts and began to exert more control over their games as the ends went by. Come the finish, they had earned three comfortable wins, S1 and S4 by 13-4 and S3 winning 14-6. For a change S5 and S6 were not involved in nail biting final end deciders, as both had their games wrapped up far sooner, S5 winning 11-5 and S6 by a convincing 18-4. Ten very important points scored, which kept Suffolk at the top of the leaderboard. However going into the final games, there were still three teams in it. Cambridgeshire were only four points behind and with Bedfordshire to play, they provided the biggest danger.

In the final session Suffolk faced Norfolk, who themselves had a slim chance of winning the event. Their chances improved dramatically when they won the first two games, S1 and S2 going down to 4-9 and 4-10 defeats respectively. It was all to play for now and the remaining four games were all low scoring and close during the early ends. However from the middle ends the Suffolk rinks all started to gain a degree of control. S4 and S5 always looked the most likely to record wins and so it proved, S4 edged away to a 9-3 win, whilst S5 raced away to a 14-5 win. That was soon followed up by S6 sneaking a 7-3 win and the job was completed by S3 with a hard earned 7-7 draw.

So to finish Suffolk had taken seven points from Norfolk, meanwhile Cambridgeshire had only scored six points in their final games.

Suffolk were the Six Counties Championship winners.

The final scores were:

	Points	Shots (F / A)
Suffolk	39	265 / 193
Cambridgeshire	34	285 / 192
Norfolk	31	212 / 237
Essex	30	225 / 239
Bedfordshire	26	218 / 261
Hertfordshire	20	209 / 292

What a great day it had been for the Suffolk team, given the changes in personnel and rink combinations, a fantastic effort by all 24 bowlers. Whilst unfair to mention individuals, much credit to Ann Hathaway, Ally Hobbs and Keith Jolly who came into the team late in the day and all played well.

Well done also to S6 (4 wins and a draw) and particularly S5 (5 wins) who were the only rinks in any of the six counties to be unbeaten all day.

For the team, this victory means that Suffolk now hold all of the Eastern Counties and National Team titles, a magnificent achievement by a very talented and committed group of bowlers.

Neil Jolly (County Captain)