



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 14th January 2016.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Neil West(NW) Chairman, Keith Jolly (KJ) Treasurer, Carol West(CW), Mick Watkins (MW), Neil Jolly (NJ), Jane Sago (JS), Richard Sago (RS), John Varden (JV), Keith Hull (KH).

1.Apologies for absence: Freda Wright (FW), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG) & Andy Gilder (AG)

2.Approval of previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2015 were approved proposed JV, seconded KH and duly signed.

3.Matters Arising:

KJ asked about the cost of hall hire for the west division meeting. NW said he expected to receive the invoice at the end of January.

MW spoke about our attendance at the Needham Market Christmas Fayre. He thought it created some interest. Next year we will be placed in a more prominent position.

4. Chairmans Report: NW thanked members for attending and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said the charity tournament was a great success and thanked Jane and Richard for organising. NW congratulated the county squad on their success against Hertfordshire, albeit with a closer margin than we'd become used to.

5. Secretary's Report: NW said that FW had nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report: KJ presented the balance sheet. He advised that the cost of the mugs currently appeared under sundries, it was felt more appropriate to create a promotional expenditure heading. KJ pointed out that the balance sheet did not include monies received for the pairs and singles closed championships.

7. Match Secretary's Report: NW read JG's report saying that the winter league, Joe Rice cup & Chairman's Plate were going well. He had received an email from Bealings 2 asking for the start time of matches to be brought forward to 7.00pm allowing them to finish earlier than with a 7:30 start. This was discussed, it was agreed that no changes would be made to the rules however, it was decided to point out to clubs that they are able to negotiate alternative arrangements so long as both clubs concerned agreed.

JG had received an email from Woolpit advising that their home fixture against Hitcham could not be played within the time frame allowed, due to hall availability and availability of the visiting club. JG had also received a call from Hitcham confirming that the match couldn't be played. The matter was discussed at some length. The restricted time frame allowed was brought about by the need for West Division 2 teams to complete their fixtures by January 31st. Neither team were solely to blame for the situation, as such, and without setting a precedent, it was agreed that points should be shared between both teams, rather than awarding either team the full 10 points.

8. C.P.O. Report: no report.

9. County Captains Report:

Since the last SCBA meeting, the Suffolk team have started the defence of their ECCBA league title.

Back in November, our first match was at home against Bedfordshire. Coming only a week after winning the Nationals led to a rather flat performance, but a solid 26-10 win.

Then just before Christmas we faced Norfolk at Wortwell. This time out, it was a far improved display reflected by the convincing 29-7 win. Unusually, the match had five drawn games (out of eighteen) but the games won by Suffolk, were in the majority fairly convincing.

Most recently we travelled to Ware to play Hertfordshire. The most difficult league match we've had for a good few years. We were 10-8 down at halfway, then turned it around to lead 14-10, only to lose the next session & 16-14 behind. The team showed great character & composure though, winning all three games in the last session to win the match 20-16.

Suffolk sit top of the league, we are nineteen points ahead of second place Cambridgeshire, who we travel to next on 21st February.

We finish our league campaign with a home match against Essex on Sunday 20th March. That match is at Needham Market, 10:30am start & supporters are welcome.

10. ECBA Report:

MW reported on the recent meeting. The presentation that should have been made to Margaret Southgate at Potters took place at Gunton Hall just before Christmas.

Details have been agreed with Potters for this year's Nationals, JG should have received the booking form. Potters have agreed a two night option with a discount of £25 on the full weekend price.

The National Championship Trophy still bears Pontins' name. The meeting had agreed for this trophy to be replaced with one named in memory of David Storey. JV asked if previous winners would be shown on the new trophy, MW thought this would be the case.

Champion of Champions will be held at Stanley, the change of venue allows a reduction in entry fee to £5.00 per person.

The English Rinks will also be held at Stanley, entry forms will be posted on the website soon.

ECBA will be running carpet bowls at the Special Olympics in August 2017.

An extraordinary general meeting was held with the purpose of adopting procedures required by Sport England to allow Carpet Bowls to be recognized with ECBA as the sport's governing body. The proposal was passed with one abstention. Recognition by Sport England will make it easier for member clubs to access lottery grant funding.

11. ECCBA Report:

Nothing to report.

The next scheduled ECCBA meeting is the AGM on June 16th 2016. NJ plans to attend.

12. 2016 Charity Event: RS said that event had gone very well, a full 45 teams entered. The day raised £1350 on the day which after expenses meant a profit of £1297.24. After a further donation at the meeting, it was agreed to round this sum up to £1365.00 which will be presented to CLIC Sargent at the Chairman's Plate Quarter Final on March 9th. RS thanked everyone for their help, in particular the team from Thurston who arrived early to help set out equipment. JV thanked JS & RS for their efforts.

13. West Division:

NW reported on the meeting held with West Division clubs on January 8th. Seven of the twelve teams were represented at the meeting. Many ideas were offered by clubs. The subcommittee, comprising NW, NJ, MW, JV & JG will discuss these ideas at a separate meeting. Date to be confirmed. (NW)

14. Forthcoming Events:

- 31st January 2016 Pairs Championship. (JV, KH, MW, KJ, NJ, NW & CW)
- 7th February 2016 Pairs Championship. (NW, MW, JS & RS)

MW will ask others for help setting up.

- Joe Rice Quarter Finals 7th March (NJ, NW, CW, MW, JG, SG 6:45pm)

CW will arrange raffle prizes & tickets

- Chairman's Plate Quarter Finals 9th March (MW, NW, JS, RS, JG, SG 6:45pm)

MW will arrange raffle prizes and tickets

15. Any other business:

- MW said that one black wood had become damaged. IF ANYONE HAS A SPARE BLACK HENSELITE WOOD PLEASE CONTACT MW otherwise a full new set may have to be purchased.

- NJ said there was no date on the calendar for the East v West fixture. Based on normal schedule this will be held on May 4th. MW will check the hall booking then get it added to the calendar.

NW mentioned the mugs left over from the Needham Market event. It was discussed that they should be retained and used for promotional purposes rather than being given away. MW & NW both hold stock.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:57

The next meeting will be 7.30pm Monday 14th March 2016 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Contact list change

None