



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 4th July 2016.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: John Varden (**JV**) Chairman, Keith Jolly (**KJ**) Treasurer, Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Neil Jolly (**NJ**), Sally Goodrich (**SG**), Andy Gilder (**AG**), Mick Watkins (**MW**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Peter Elmy (**PE**), Graham Davey (**GD**), Sue Davey (**SD**)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jane Sago, Richard Sago, Bill Damant

2. **Approval of previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2016 were approved, proposed KH, seconded JG and duly signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

MW. It had been mentioned again about the number Suffolk officials holding positions with ECBA. This may be due to the fact that the South is more actively involved in the promotion of carpet bowls than the North.

4. **Committee Roles:**

Secretary/Minutes Secretary

These positions still remain vacant. Committee Members were asked to pursue this matter with anyone they may know who would be interested in taking up these roles.

NJ agreed to continue as County captain, proposed SG, seconded AG

Team Selectors, SG and Steven Cain were both happy to continue, SG proposed NJ, seconded MW. Steven Cain proposed NJ, seconded MW.

ECCBA representative. NJ said he was willing to continue representing Suffolk. Proposed AG, seconded JG

ECBA representative. In the absence of any volunteer MW was asked if he would continue as the ECBA representative. MW agreed but made reference to Item 3. Proposed JG, seconded JG

Press Officer. This post has been defunct for some time and has been delegated to the Match Secretary (JG).

JG to contact the East Anglian Daily Times with a view to getting carpet bowls more press coverage.

Website Organiser. Paul Daniels has agreed to continue updating the Association's website. Proposed NJ, seconded GD.

Photographer. Shirley Watkins has agreed to continue as events photographer. Proposed KH, seconded JG.

Auditor. Richard Jones has agreed to audit the accounts for the year 2016/17.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

As this is my first meeting of the Executive Committee there is nothing to say other than extending a warm welcome to everyone and hope we can continue to work together to benefit all carpet bowlers in Suffolk.

Prior to this meeting it was indicated to me that Sue Davey (SD) may be interested in joining the Committee.

At the meeting SD agreed to join the Committee and was subsequently co-opted. All members were in favour.

6. Secretary's Report:

KJ handling postal/receiving correspondence and NJ was continuing to monitor the SCBA email inbox and was in the process of updating the club contact and officers list.

7. Treasurer's Report:

KJ presented the balance sheet and explained that the deficit (-£2423) shown was due to the insurance premium having been paid before all monies have been received from clubs.

ECBA and ECCBA annual subscriptions will be paid by the end of July.

KJ confirmed both the annual subscription and winter league invites letters, together with a Joe Rice Cup flyer had been sent to member clubs.

Westleton Carpet Bowls Club are not renewing their membership.

MW confirmed that Bedfordshire CBA will contribute £50 for the effort involved in setting up hall etc. The ECBA will pay for hall hire.

8. Match Secretary's Report:

JG informed the meeting that he would be on holiday towards the end of August, but would be available for the Summer League play-offs on 7th September. Whilst on holiday all result sheets should be sent direct to Paul Daniels. JG will relay address/email information to the clubs involved.

JG will contact the clubs that need to be present on the finals night.

JG had received an email from a club stating that a result had been incorrectly shown in the league table. The result sheet for this match has been checked and found that the score had been reversed and both club captains had agreed the result. The clubs involved have been contacted and the league table has been amended accordingly.

JG raised a further query relating to a team that had arrived at a match short of players.

The team captain had requested that certain player(s) only played once and were not to be included in the "draw out".

A lengthy discussion took place on when a "draw out" was applicable. It was decided that this matter should be brought forward to the next meeting.

NJ would look at the rules relating to requirement for the need to draw out a player, but did not believe this scenario was covered.

Further to the next meeting PE suggested that a guideline document be sent to all league clubs regarding the drawing out a player.

9. C.P.O. Report:

AG - Status quo still exists insomuch that any children taking part in a bowls event are generally with a parent or guardian.

10. County Captains Report:

NJ said that it had been a quiet time for the Suffolk squad, but we are looking forward to our second 2016 fund raiser, Marion's Fab 4's at Needham Market on Sunday 10th July. We've secured 40 teams so it should be an enjoyable day for all those taking part.

The next competitive event for the Suffolk team is the ECCBA Team Bowl at Littleport on 25th September, where will be hoping to win the event for the fourth year in succession.

NJ thanked JG for sorting out the accommodation at Potters for the National Championships in November.

A change of venue is required for the county match versus Norfolk on 27th November and will be held at Chamberlin Hall Bildeston.

11. ECBA Report:

MW reported that the ECBA had acquired a small sponsorship of £200 per year from Clayton Sports, supplier of Verde carpet bowls mats. A discussion took place on whether or not the Association should advertise this arrangement on our website. Generally the Association was opposed to this happening. It was decided to defer a final decision until the September meeting when more details maybe known.

12. ECCBA Report:

The ECCBA AGM was held on 16 June, attended by NJ. The main points were:

- The annual fees are unchanged for the forthcoming season at £3.50/bowler for all events, annual fee at £60 (due by 31 July) & league fee at £420 (due by the end of October).
- Regarding the Champion of Champions event, there was discussion around dress code. It was agreed the following wording would be added to the event programme & it was down to the county delegates to advise their bowlers:

Team colours as specified by your own county for county team events, club colours or county team colours.
Smart/ casual trousers or skirt.

What will not be allowed are: Jeans or skirt/trousers made of similar material or style, shorts, track or jogging suits of any type.

The Officers of the ECCBA reserve the right to exclude any player wearing clothing that is considered as being outside the prescribed dress code.

- Also regarding the Champion of Champion event, it was agreed the programme will also now include a rule that if a player falls ill during the day, they cannot be replaced & all games involving that player will be void.
- Essex advised their home county matches will now be played at: The Salings Millennium Hall, Picotts Lane, Great Salings, Essex, CM7 5DW
- Hertfordshire advised they are seeking a new home venue, as from September they can no longer play at the Drill Hall, Ware.

Dates were set for the next Committee Meeting (13 October) & the 2017 AGM (15 June).

JV thanked NJ for his report.

13. Matters arising from AGM:

At the AGM Chris Leach was proposed and seconded to become a Committee Member. Further to this Chris has decided that he would not be able to fully commit himself to the Association, therefore he will not be taking up his post as Committee Member.

14. Committee meeting dates:

The following dates are already in the calendar:

14th November 2016

16th January 2017

20th March 2017

15th May 2017

15. Correspondence:

An email had been received from Paul Cousins, Bildeston Carpet Bowls Club. Following the restructuring of the Leagues, he requested consideration be given to moving the club from the West Division to East Division 3.

A discussion took place and it was decided that Bildeston CBC had had sufficient opportunities to put their views forward.

It was proposed by AG and seconded by KH that the Association were not prepared to undertake any further changes to the revised winter league format.

JV will write to Bildeston Carpet Bowls Club detailing the Association's reasons for not allowing the requested move from the West Division to East Division 3.

16. Forthcoming Events:

Marion's Fab 4's – Sunday 10th July.

County squad fundraiser – squad members organising.

SD asked if the raffle table could be moved from its current position, (adjacent to mat 1) as it interferes with players on that mat. A different position will be trialled at this event.

ECBA Triples – Sunday 4th September.

This event is being hosted by Bedfordshire CBA and will be held at Needham Market Community Centre. MW to open up and it is expected that members of the Bedfordshire team, as host, will make the hall ready for the event.

Events Calendar - a copy of the current calendar up to July 2017 is distributed with these minutes. This will be updated and distributed every six months to member clubs.

Any club wishing to advertise an event should contact the Association.

Summer League Finals – Wednesday 7th September.

MW to open up, those available to help on the evening, **(JG, SG, JV, NJ)**

SG reported trophies had been purchased.

Suffolk Charity Four's – 7th January 2017.

Richard & Jane Sago have agreed to organise this competition. A Charity is yet to be decided.

17. Any other business:

Barclays Bank mandate changes signed by JV.

JV thanked KJ for taking the minutes of this meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

The next meeting will be Monday 5th September 2016 commencing 7.30pm at Needham Market Community Centre.

Contact List: a copy of the current member contact list is distributed with these minutes. Clubs are requested to advise the Association of any changes either via the SCBA email or by telephone / email to Keith Jolly.