



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 16th May 2016.**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Neil West(**NW**) Chairman, Keith Jolly (**KJ**) Treasurer, Neil Jolly (**NJ**), Sally Goodrich (**SG**), Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Richard Sago (**RS**), John Varden (**JV**).

1.Apologies for absence: Andy Gilder (AG), Mick Watkins (MW), Jane Sago (JS) & Carol West (CW)

2.Approval of previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2016 were approved with a correction to a typographical error in the last paragraph of item 12; proposed JV, seconded RS and duly signed.

3.Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the minute other than those shown as agenda items for this meeting.

4. Chairmans Report: NW read his report as follows:

Since our last meeting I chaired a meeting of the East Division Clubs. We'll talk about this further under agenda item 12. Suffice to say it was very well attended. I'd asked clubs to send representatives who were prepared to voice an opinion, suffice to say they didn't disappoint.

We've seen the conclusion of the winter league, Cup and Plate. Thanks to everyone for their help with these events.

I have to declare a conflict of interest in the Suffolk v Bury League match. I understand it was a close run thing with Suffolk only dropping by one game in each session. However, I have to report that the cup was won by the Bury League 14 points to 10. Thanks to Richard for organizing this event for the SCBA.

I was at Potters last week for the ECBA Festival of Bowls. It was a truly international event with teams from Norway and New Zealand. There were 19 Suffolk bowlers entered. Two made it through to the Singles Quarter Finals. Paul Daniels made it one stage further but unfortunately couldn't get past the Sunderland competition leaving an all Sunderland final.

In the pairs there were 9.1/2 Suffolk teams 5 of which made it through to the knockout stages, our very own Sally Goodrich who, with Ally, made it all Suffolk final just losing out to Rita and Paul Daniels.

Finally, the Rinks. 4.3/4 Suffolk teams 2 of which made it through to the knockout stages. Kay & Pete Masters together with Julie & David Hurr made it through to the final but couldn't quite get the better of the Norfolk rink.

5. Secretary's Report: NW said he'd received a number of contact detail changes that will all be included in these minutes. **Action NW**

6. Treasurer's Report: KJ presented the balance sheet and invited questions. He said that these figures were the final accounts and pointed out that they contained £100 received from the County Squad sponsor that needed to be passed on to the squad. KJ stated that the surplus on the year was down considerably on the previous year; there were no exceptional expenses, and suggested that the committee consider whether there is a need to increase revenue. A number of ways of doing this were suggested. However, after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that while the accounts continue to show an annual surplus we should hold off increasing costs for clubs and individual players. This decision was proposed SG, seconded KH and agreed unanimously.

KJ said that he was getting in contact with Richard Jones to audit the accounts. It was agreed that SCBA should recompense Richard in the usual way. **Action KJ**

7. Match Secretary's Report: JG reported that the Summer League had started, was running well, and that he'd received 6 or so results so far.

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

9. County Captains Report: NJ read his report as follows:

Since my last report, the county team have completed their ECCBA league campaign, competed in the Six Counties Championship & hosted our first fundraiser of 2016.

On 20 March we faced Essex at Needham Market in our last league match. We went into the match with a very healthy lead at the top of the league & barring an absolute disaster, we would be champions. The team finished in style, thrashing Essex 30-6 in our biggest win of the season. As a result we won our sixth consecutive league title, finishing a massive thirty six points ahead of second place Cambridgeshire.

Last month we travelled to Braintree looking to retain the Six Counties Championship. The day turned out to be a two horse race between ourselves & Hertfordshire. However we were able to beat every county & finished five points ahead of Hertfordshire, which looks more comfortable than it actually was.

Most recently the squad hosted the Random Triples. As usual we quickly received our maximum entry of 96 bowlers. An enjoyable day ended with David Ford (Great Blakenham) as the winner, ahead of Margaret Southgate (Barking) & David Tennant (Old Felixstowe). We cleared around £450 profit from the day, which is a great start to our fundraising efforts.

Our next fundraiser is Marions Fab Fours at Needham Market on Sunday 10 July. Entry forms are out & available on the SCBA website.

Whilst a little way off yet, the team for the Nationals at Potters in November has been selected. Jim Goodrich has again sorted out everyone's accommodation, but if anyone wishes to come along to support & stay at Potters, please contact myself or Jim.

10. ECBA Report:

There was no ECBA report. NW congratulated Rita Daniels who is now secretary of ECBA. It was questioned whether it was healthy for Suffolk to hold so many official positions with ECBA.

11. ECCBA Report: The ECCBA league & Six Counties event were both won by Suffolk, details within my Captains report.

Most recently at Braintree was the ECCBA Champion of Champions events, where Suffolk were represented by our Closed Competition winners.

It was a good day for Suffolk winning both the pairs & fours, & just missing out on the team trophy.

FOURS - Mick & Shirley Watkins and Tom & Sam Runnacles (Barking)

(a last minute change meant that Tom & Sam had to stand in for Sue & Andy Gilder)

They began the day with a close fought game against Hertfordshire which ended in a 7-8 defeat.

However they followed that with a 9-5 victory over Cambridgeshire, a 9-6 win against Essex & a convincing 15-4 win over Bedfordshire. However they still needed to win their final game against Norfolk, but that never looked in doubt as they raced away to 17-4 win.

They finished in first on 8 points & 57 shots, just 9 shots better than Hertfordshire.

PAIRS - Colin & Peter Fellingham (Cockfield)

They opened their account in fine style, running away to a 14-6 victory over Essex & then, whilst Bedfordshire proved stiffer opposition, they racked up a second win, 8-5. It was then three wins out of three as they beat Norfolk 10-4. Next up was Hertfordshire who proved to be their toughest opposition yet. It was close, but they just came out on top with an 8-7 win.

That left them one crucial point ahead of their final opponents Cambridgeshire. As expected it was a close game, which went right to the final bowl, but Peter & Colin held their nerve to secure a 7-7 draw & the overall pairs title. It also meant that Colin & Peter would finish as the only team in any of the day's disciplines not to have lost a game.

TRIPLES - Margaret & Jim Southgate and Paul Daniels (Barking/Belstead)

They started well with a hard earned 11 draw against Hertfordshire, a 10-4 win over Cambridgeshire & then beating Essex 7-4. Their penultimate game also started well, leading 9-2 over Bedfordshire but somehow they slipped to a 9-10 defeat. They needed to win their final game but struggled to get going & finished with a 5-7 defeat to Norfolk. Hertfordshire took the title with Suffolk in third.

SINGLES - Andy Pooley (Great Blakenham)

It was a disappointing start for Andy as he fell to a 15-4 defeat against Essex. However he fought back in his second to take a 12-6 win over Bedfordshire. He followed that up with a win over Norfolk, however shortly afterwards the Norfolk bowler withdrew from the competition as he was feeling unwell. That meant Andy's win had to be scratched and the event reduced to five competitors. It was a close game against Hertfordshire, but things did not fall Andy's way & he was edged out to a 7-9 loss. Then with the title out of reach his final game against Cambridgeshire was another defeat, 8-4. Andy finished in fourth place.

TEAM

This turned out to be a two way fight between Suffolk and Hertfordshire, with Suffolk leading for most of the day. However Hertfordshire went into the final set of games holding the lead by just a

single shot. The final session went Hertfordshire's way with their pair's win proving crucial. Hertfordshire won the team title, finishing on 25 points, one ahead of Suffolk.

12. League Structure:

Having now gathered the thoughts of all clubs in the SCBA Winter League, the working group have met to discuss the various suggestions put forward by clubs. NJ presented the working group's proposal to the Executive Committee. The document attached to these minutes explains the reasons for having to make some changes, the process the working group went through to involve member clubs, the proposed changes to the league structure, and why the proposal is thought to be the most suitable solution of all member clubs. After some questions and discussion around the room, the proposal was seconded RS and agreed on by a majority of 7 votes to 1. The changes detailed in the attached document will therefore be introduced in the 2016/2017 winter league season.

13. AGM:

NW & KJ confirmed that the AGM notification had been sent to all member clubs. KJ said he'd already received apologies from 2 clubs. There have been no nominations for officers as yet. JV said that he'd approached 4 people who had all indicated that they would be willing to stand on the Executive Committee. The Secretary roll was discussed. It was agreed that the job of minutes' secretary was a crucial role in order to maintain accurate records of meetings and decisions made. The remainder of the secretarial duties, distribution of correspondence etc. could be covered by others in the short term.

It was agreed that the pre-AGM meeting be cancelled. Arrangements could be made to get the committee together should anything need to be discussed by full committee before the AGM.

KJ confirmed that he is willing to continue as Treasurer.

JG confirmed that he is willing to continue as Match Secretary.

NW will talk to AG about continuing as CPO Officer. **Action NW**

JV confirmed that he is willing to take on the role of Chairman and would arrange for his nomination to be sent by his club.

NJ, RS, JS (through RS), KH & SG all confirmed that they are willing to continue to serve on the Executive Committee.

NW will talk to MW about continuing to serve on the Committee. **Action NW**

14. Joe Rice Cup & Chairman's Plate:

Following comments discussed when the working group met with East division clubs, NJ suggested ways that we might encourage more of the lower division clubs to enter the Cup & Plate competition. After some discussion it was agreed to send additional information to all member clubs, along with the entry form, highlighting the positive benefits of the changes that were previously made.

15. Charity tournament:

RS had expressed concern that as Essex had moved their Potters New Year bowls tournament, it now clashed with our Charity Tournament. After some discussion it was agreed that we leave the date of our tournament unchanged.

16. Forthcoming Events:

- AGM Monday 20th June 2016 at Needham Market. **RS** agreed to man the attendance register. All committee members attending should arrive by 7.00pm to prepare the room for the meeting to start at 7.30pm **Action ALL**

17. Any Other Business:

- RS spoke about the Suffolk v Bury match. He said it was a good evening and thanked JV & MW for their help, and Suffolk clubs for their efforts. The match report is attached to these minutes.
- JG advised the possibility of him and SG being away for a few weeks early 2018. NW thanked JG for the advanced warning and assured him that processes would be put in place to cover his Match Secretary role in his absence.
- JG mentioned that he'd received comments that the East division 3 winner's trophy was thought superior to the East Division 2 trophy. It was agreed not to look at replacing it at the moment but that the committee would review all perpetual trophies at some point in the future.
- SG said that she was in the process of arranging trophies for the forthcoming season and asked for confirmation of the date format to be used. It was confirmed that league, cup and plate trophies should show both years covered by the league/competition season, but that closed championship trophies should show the year of the final.
- NJ said that he would review redundant trophies in the cabinet prior to a new lock being fitted by MW. **Action NJ & MW**
- SG thanked NW & CW for their time on the committee. NW said that he had enjoyed his time as Chairman and thank the committee for their support.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:43

The next meeting will be 7.30pm Monday 4th July 2016 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Contact list change

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NEEDS YOU



SCBA is looking to recruit new members to the Executive Committee.

Secretary: The secretary role includes; receiving correspondence sent to SCBA and distributing to appropriate officer, producing and distributing correspondence on behalf of SCBA. Attending committee meetings (6 per year), producing and distributing meeting minutes, monitoring incoming email correspondence and forwarding to appropriate officer, and attending AGM. The role of secretary doesn't necessarily require an in depth knowledge of carpet bowls, as other officers and committee members are on hand to deal with member's queries. Nominations for this role will be accepted from mid-May in readiness for election at the AGM in June. If you know someone who would be interested in helping out in this capacity, or you fancy the job yourself, please contact Keith Jolly for more details.

Committee member: A committee member's role includes; attending committee meetings (6 per year), assisting with the smooth running of SCBA events, and representing member clubs. Committee members don't necessarily need to have in depth knowledge and experience of carpet bowls, but should be willing to contribute to meetings and voice an opinion. If you know someone who would be interested in helping out in this capacity, or you fancy having a go yourself, please contact any of the current committee or email suffolkcba@gmail.com