



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 5th September 2016

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: John Varden (**JV**) Chairman, Richard Sago (**RS**) Vice-Chairman, Keith Jolly (**KJ**) Treasurer, Neil Jolly (**NJ**), Andy Gilder (**AG**), Mick Watkins (**MW**), Peter Elmy (**PE**), Sue Davey (**SD**), Jane Sago (**JS**).

1. Apologies for absence:

Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Keith Hull, Graham Davey, Bill Damant

2. Approval of previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2016 were approved with a correction to item 11, this should read Verde Mats not Clayton Sports, proposed AG, seconded SD and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

RS asked if moving the raffle table to the Burton room had been a success, in reply it was said there had been no negative response.

Secretary:

Following the recent adverts no interest for this position has been forthcoming

Possible change to League Match Rules:

NJ has put together a set of guidelines to cover the 'drawing out' of player(s) if a team is short and requests a draw out from less than eight bowlers. These were agreed and will be distributed to all league teams with this set of minutes. It was decided not to incorporate these guidelines into Winter and Summer League Rules.

Nomination for beneficiary of Charity Tournament:

This item was discussed at some length with various charities being put forward. It was agreed that this year's nominated charity would be the St Elizabeth Hospice.

4. Chairman's Report:

Since our last meeting we have had the Marion's Fab Four's competition which was well attended and enjoyed by all. I would therefore like to thank all those who were able to attend for their hard work on the day in setting up the event and assisting with the fund raising activities. Following some excellent matches the final was played between Old Felixstowe and Claydon with Claydon emerging victorious.

To date we still haven't had a volunteer for the role of Secretary so I would like to thank Keith Jolly for overseeing this role whilst continuing with his Treasurer's role.

Bildeston update:

JV updated the meeting regarding a letter sent to Bildeston Carpet Bowls Club after the last meeting. This confirmed the Committee decision that the Association were not prepared to make any further changes to the League structure.

If any changes are required in the future the situation will be re-visited.

Website costs:

Paul Daniels, the website organiser incurs certain costs throughout the year including the Association's website Domain charge. It was agreed that KJ would speak to Paul and agree a figure acceptable to him to cover his costs. Also, Paul be requested to submit an annual cost to the Association.

5. Secretary's Report:

KJ & NJ to continue sharing these duties.

KJ also requested that all reports be emailed to him so that they can be copied into the minutes.

6. Treasurer's Report:

KJ presented the balance sheet and explained that the surplus was mainly due to the Potters accommodation payments.

The Potters account will be paid in the next few days.

Insurance documents have been sent to clubs that require them.

He informed the meeting that Capel St Mary CBC have withdrawn from the Association and there were 6 fewer clubs taking part in the Joe Rice Cup this year.

The Association now has 82 members and no associated members.

KJ also mentioned that the Barclays Bank mandate had been updated and confirmed.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

In the absence of JG a report was given by NJ. He informed the meeting that there were six fewer clubs participated in the 2016/17 Joe Rice Cup. These clubs have been canvassed and the main reason was the extra league matches to be played this season in the West and East Division 1.

A club had suggested an extension to the winter league season into April to compensate for the extra league matches. This was discussed but the committee were not convinced of any benefits that would be gained.

However the Committee would welcome feedback from our Winter League clubs on extending the season into April, these can be emailed to suffolkcba@gmail.com or in writing to SCBA c/o 79 Westward Deals, Kedington, Haverhill, CB9 7PJ.

NB: If a change is to be made, it would not be until the 2017/18 season.

Promotion and relegation issues surrounding East Divisions 1, 2 and 3 were discussed in some detail but it was decided that the status quo of two up and two down should remain.

8. C.P.O. Report:

AG - Nothing to report

9. County Captains Report:

The next event for the county team is the Six Counties Teambowl at Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday 25 September. The Suffolk team are hoping to win this event for the fourth consecutive year.

The squad's final fundraising event for 2016 is the Chairman's Invitation Triples on 9 October at Needham Market. There are still some spaces left, if anyone would like to enter a triple.

On the following Sunday (16 October) is the squad trials and the selectors invite bowlers from our any of our SCBA member clubs to put their name forward, come along & have a go. If anyone would like more information please call Neil Jolly on 01440 712328 or email suffolkcba@gmail.com

Then between 11 and 14 November it is the final competition for the current Suffolk squad, the National Championships at Potters. Firstly on the Friday night, Suffolk play Sunderland for the Inter-County League title. Then across the weekend, the Suffolk team will be looking to win their fourth consecutive National team title.

10. ECBA Report:

MW reported on the ECBA Triples held on Sunday 4th September.

This event was well supported by Suffolk clubs and the winners were Steven Cain, Neil Jolly (Suffolk) and Jaxon McKenna (Sunderland) they defeated Andy Gilder, Mick Watkins and Jim Goodrich (Suffolk) in the final.

Unfortunately Margaret Southgate had a fall during the competition sustaining a broken wrist. The committee wishes her a speedy recovery.

MW informed the meeting that he had been asked to officiate at the Special Olympics Great Britain.

11. ECCBA Report:

NJ had nothing to report. The next ECCBA Committee meeting is on 13 October which NJ is unable to attend. Apologies will be sent.

12. Forthcoming Events:

Joe Rice Cup & Chairman's Plate Draw.

The draw had taken place and all teams had been notified.

ECCBA Teambowl at Littleport – Sunday 25th September

Chairman's Invitation Triples Sunday 9th October

Suffolk Squad Trials, Sunday 16th October

Suffolk Closed Triples at Needham Market Sunday 6th November

ECBA National Championships at Potters Friday 11th – Sunday 13th November.

13. Any other business:

NJ raised the issue of a new shield/cup for the match between the runners-up in the West Division and East Division 1. AG said that he may have a trophy that would be suitable, this to be explored before the next meeting.

MW still had all the previous Committee Minutes and other correspondence and asked if a suitable solution could be found to move these on. JS suggested the Suffolk Records Office archives. It was also put forward to approach Paul Daniels to see if these items could be scanned onto discs. It was decided that Needham Market Community Centre be booked and the paperwork be sorted and a decision made on what is to be kept. JV, MW, JS, and NJ to carry out this work.

With regard to the promotional mugs held by MW and KJ, these were going to be put on sale.

PE said there was a discrepancy in a summer league result, JG be asked to correct.

JS asked if the Women's Institute could again have use of the Association's carpets for their annual event. This was agreed.

JV had received a telephone call from a club saying that an arranged Winter League fixture had been cancelled and their opponents had suggested an alternative date of April 6th 2017. The meeting all agreed that this was not acceptable and that both clubs should seek to resolve this issue so that the game was played before the 31st March 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.02pm.

The next meeting will be held on 14th November 2016 commencing at 7.30pm at the Needham Market Community Centre.

Contact list changes:

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Capel St Mary – delete from contact list.