



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 January 2017

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence:

Sue Davey, Graham Davey, Bill Damant.

2. Approval of previous minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016 were approved, proposed AG, seconded by MW and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Position of Secretary: JV reported that this position was still vacant, however AG had indicated that he would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary. A short discussion followed in which AG indicated that having to house the photocopier might be a problem. JV thanked AG for his offer but this would be held in abeyance until the photocopier problem was solved.

Collating of past minutes by Paul Daniels: JV reported he had made contact with the Suffolk Records Office, they were prepared to store hard copies of the minutes and certain conditions would apply. It was decided that the best format was to store the minutes on memory sticks, one copy to be kept by the Chairman the other by the Secretary. An approach will be made to Paul Daniels to ascertain the number of memory sticks required and for him to purchase and complete this process.

David Schofield and Margaret Southgate had been approached regarding Minutes prior to 1992 but neither could be of any help.

NJ reported that he had amended the wording relating to Winter League Rule 2s in respect of illness, etc happening during a match – “where does the substitute player come from”

The wording was unanimously agreed and an updated version of the Winter League Rules will be sent to all participating clubs.

Addition to rule 2s

In the event that a bowler starts a game but is unable to finish it (i.e.: illness, injury or an unforeseeable event), they can be replaced by a substitute, i.e.: a club member who is not already playing or a bowler chosen by lottery from the other bowlers not playing at the time. If the bowler being replaced is a skip, the substitute bowler cannot go into the skip position, therefore the team order would have to be changed (with no bowler playing in the same position twice in the match). Also as per rule 2d, the substitute bowler cannot bowl in the same position, nor on the same carpet during the match.

If a substitute is not available to play and as a result a team is unable to field the minimum of 8 bowlers, refer rule 2q.

AG produced the trophy that could be made available for the game between the runners-up in the West Division and East Division 1. AG had obtained a cost of engraving (£25), if it needed to be 're-dipped' the cost would be £60. Wording to be engraved on the trophy was discussed and the Committee were asked to think about this and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

NJ had updated the contact list and events calendar (Jan-Dec 2017) and these will be circulated with these minutes

JV requested that item, **3a Correspondence** be added to the agenda.

RS had emailed both JV and MW regarding the date of 2017 Suffolk Triples. This event was scheduled for 17th December and a similar date in 2018. RS thought this was too close to Christmas and might have an effect on entries. In reply MW said these dates were the only available dates to hold this event, further Needham Market Community Centre is a well used venue and rescheduling could be a problem. Some discussion took place and it was decided to go ahead with the 2017 date. Any detrimental effect on the numbers entering the competition would be monitored for the future.

4. Chairman's Report:

Since our last meeting Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association ran the Open Charity Fours competition in aid of East Anglian Hospices. I am very grateful to Jane and Richard Sago for their hard work in arranging this event which raised a splendid £1000 approximately, which will I am sure be gratefully received by Mr Nigel Donkin who was pleased to attend the event. My thanks also go to Paul Daniels for producing the match schedules and also to those helpers who turned up to lay the mats and those who assisted with the raffle.

All tournaments run for carpet bowlers in Suffolk take a good deal of organising and we should all be mindful of this and help where we can.

5. Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report:

KJ produced a balance sheet and reported that not too much had happened since the last meeting.

KJ thanked R & JS for the balance sheet together with receipts and proceeds for the Charity event.

A date for the presentation of the cheque is to be arranged.

Hall charges for Needham Market Community Centre were increased from 1st January 2017.

7. Match Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

8. C.P.O Report:

Nothing to report.

9. County Captains Report:

Back in November, the Suffolk team started their 2016/17 ECCBA league campaign with a home match against Norfolk. With Needham Market unavailable, the match was played at Bildeston but the change of venue didn't have a negative effect. It was a convincing 29-7 win to start the season and the victory took us straight to the top of the league.

Then just before Christmas we were back at Needham Market for our second match against Hertfordshire. They proved to be tough opposition and whilst we weren't at our best, we led from start to finish, running out 22-14 winners, which maintained our top spot in the league.

Most recently, Cambridgeshire were the opponents in another home match at Needham Market. In what was our best performance of the three matches played, we thoroughly deserved a superb 30-6 win. This kept us top of the league, with a seventeen point advantage over second place Essex.

Looking ahead, the team are on their travels for our final two league matches. Firstly on Sunday 19 February we face Essex at their new venue in Great Salings, which will be a fresh challenge for the players. Then to finish our season, on Sunday 19 March, we play Bedfordshire at Barton-le-Clay.

Finally, our first fundraiser for 2017 is the Random Triples at Needham Market on Sunday 26 March. This is always a popular event, the entry form will go out with the Minutes of this meeting and we would suggest you get your entries in early to avoid disappointment.

10. ECBA Report:

MW had attended a meeting on Saturday 14th January at Rotherham.

He informed the meeting that the Chairman, Mike Walker will only serve one more year and Rita Daniels would not be standing for re-election at the next AGM (23rd April 2017)

New Zealand will be sending 8 bowlers to take part in an international game at the Festival of Bowls in 2018.

40 bowlers from Norway were attending the 2017 Festival Bowls at Potters Leisure resort.

The dress code at the 2016 National Championships was discussed at some length – no resolution was arrived at but further discussion will be held before the next event. An issue regarding an Essex bowler and a referee at the National Championships was discussed. The Essex bowler concerned had been warned about his future conduct. A discussion over squad rotation had been highlighted at this years' National Championship, this will be monitored at future events.

The criteria to join the ECBA was also discussed but a suitable conclusion was not found.

The ECBA Rinks will be held at Littleport on 16th April and the ECBA triples on 10th September at the Sherburn Community Centre in Sunderland.

MW reported that he and AG had recently given a bowling demonstration in Worcestershire.

11. ECCBA Report:

Nothing to report.

12. Forthcoming Events:

January 22nd / February 5th Suffolk Closed Pairs

February 26th Suffolk Closed Singles

March 6th Joe Rice Cup Quarter Finals

March 8th Chairman's Plate Quarter Finals

March 12th Suffolk Closed Fours

March 15th Joe Rice & Chairman's Plate Semi-Finals

13. Any other business:

JV had been approached about the ruling on non-attached club bowlers entering competitions. They were not allowed to enter Suffolk Closed events but any other competition should not be a problem.

MW said that he has got a supply of English Carpet Bowls Association rule books if a club/anyone wishes to have a copy.

NJ informed the meeting that he had been approached about the setting up of a Facebook page for Suffolk Carpet Bowls. In principle this is not a problem but it should be indicated this is not linked to the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association.

SG referred to the earlier item raised by RS and asked the meeting if it would be a good idea to book the Needham Market Community Centre in advance, say for the next 3/4 years. MW replied that bookings had been completed for 2018 but would investigate the possibility of achieving further advance bookings with Louise Mills (NMCC). MW was aware that other organisation had done this.

MW requested that help was always needed before and at the end of any event, any assistance would be welcome from those taking part.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be held on 20th March 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at the Needham Market Community Centre.