



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 3rd July 2017

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: John Varden (**JV**) Chairman, Sally Goodrich (**SG**) Vice Chairman, Keith Jolly (**KJ**) Treasurer, Andy Gilder (**AG**), Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Bill Damant (**BD**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Neil Jolly (**NJ**), Mick Watkins (**MW**)

1. Apologies: Richard & Jane Sago.

2. Approval of the minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2017 were approved, proposed by AG, seconded by BD and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

None.

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Chairman's Report:

JV thanked all Committee Members for standing for re-election.

Following the Annual General Meeting there is only one event to report on, namely Marion's Fab Fours. Considering the recent passing of Derek Brown it was very courageous of both Marion and Jeremy to attend and play and for Marion to present the trophies to the winners and runners up. Well done to you both at such a difficult time. This event was won by Snow White and the Three Dwarfs from Barking after a tense final against Team Thatch from Hertfordshire.

We now look forward to the challenge of another year's competitive bowling in Suffolk.

6. Secretary's Report:

Membership Renewal letters had been sent out.

KJ informed the meeting that Elmswell Carpet Bowls Club had advised the Association that they were not going to renew their membership. An email has been sent thanking them for their support and advising them that club members could no longer take part in the Suffolk closed competitions and they should make alternative insurance arrangements.

7. Treasurers Report:

KJ presented the balance sheet. The large deficit (£3802) is due to the insurance payment. Included in the insurance figure was payment of £392.00 appertaining to Public Liability insurance

cover for the Association. Following the last committee meeting an email consultation was carried out with Officers and Committee Members to ascertain whether or not the Association should be protected against any occurrence that may happen. The results of this consultation were unanimous in its approval.

However, this additional insurance cost is almost certain to have a major impact on this years' finances.

Similarly, if any club withdraws its membership and has insurance arranged through the Association, this will result in a shortfall in insurance revenue.

This years' premiums are based on the number of clubs taking out insurance last year.

A club treasurer asked if they could pay their annual payment direct to the Association's bank account, this was agreed by KJ.

KJ then asked the Committee to allow him to make enquiries regarding online banking for the Association.

It was proposed by AG, seconded by JG and agreed by a show of hands that KJ contact the bank.

8. Match Secretary's Report:

JG reported that two teams were not able to arrange a convenient date for both of their respective summer league fixtures, despite there being two months left of the season. Both teams agreed to give each other the 10 points.

The Committee agreed that this should not be allowed as this would potentially set a precedent for the future.

JG to contact both clubs and discuss this matter further.

JG and JV had visited the winter league winners of Division 2 (Nayland) and Division 3 East (Harkstead) and presented them with their trophies.

JG had been asked by a club if they could play a fourteen year old child. JG informed them if a parent or guardian was in attendance this was not a problem.

9. County Captain's Report:

It is the off season for the county team during the summer, but on Sunday 25 June the squad held their second fundraiser for 2017, Marions Fab Fours.

Forty teams from Suffolk and the surrounding counties entered the event at Needham Market Community Centre. Each played four group games with the eight group winners and runners-up qualifying for the knockout stages.

The day concluded with an exciting final, edged 6-5 by the Barking four of Jean Sampson, John Dowsing, Mick Watkins & Andy Gilder, over an experienced and quality Hertfordshire four. We were delighted that Marion Brown was there to present the trophies.

The Suffolk team's next event is the ECCBA Charity Teambowl at Littleport on Sunday 24 September, closely followed by the squad's third and final fundraiser, the Chairmans Triples at Needham Market on Sunday 8 October.

10. Election of Team Captain:

NJ agreed to continue as County Captain, proposed AG, seconded MW, agreed unanimously. SG was happy to continue as a selector.

Steven Cain was standing down as a selector.

Tom Runnacles had offered to fill this position, this was proposed by JG, seconded by KH and agreed by a show of hands.

NJ added:

Steven has worked with Sally and I for the last eight years and the commitment he shows on the carpet is reflected by his dedication to the Suffolk team behind the scenes.

In selection meetings, he is able to balance the success of the team with ensuring we do the right thing by each and every squad member.

Steven has played a significant role in getting the Suffolk team to the top of the game nationally and his input will be greatly missed.

On behalf of Sally, myself and the Suffolk squad, I thank him for his work and constant support over the years we've worked together.

11. ECCBA Report:

NJ attended the ECCBA AGM on 15 June.

The Suffolk team were congratulated on winning the ECCBA league, Teambowl and Six Counties events in the past twelve months.

Sam and Tom Runnacles and Clint Watling were congratulated on winning the ECCBA Triples Champion of Champions.

The ECCBA Officers and fees for entry to ECCBA events would be unaltered for 2017/18.

The proposal from Bedfordshire that in league matches, the home county should bowl black was agreed and the ECCBA rules have been updated.

The dress code at the ECCBA Champion of Champions event was raised, as there was a bowler (not from Suffolk) who did not adhere to it. The dress code was in the event programme and it was agreed that county delegates should reinforce the message to their representatives. In future, any bowler in clear breach of the dress code rule will be excluded from playing, as per the wording of the rule.

The 2018 ECCBA Champion of Champions event will be put back a week, to 20 May, to be hosted by Bedfordshire, at Needham Market. This is because on Sunday 13 May, representatives from New Zealand playing in the ECBA Festival of Bowls wish to have a practice match at Needham Market.

The next ECCBA meeting is 12 October 2017, which NJ will attend.

Looking further ahead, the SCBA are hosting the ECCBA Six Counties at Braintree Leisure Centre on Sunday 8 April 2018, SCBA Committee assistance will be needed here.

NJ was willing to continue as the Association's ECCBA representative, proposed KH seconded SG

12. ECBA Report:

MW reported that Peterborough had decided not to join the ECBA.

MW was asked if he would continue as the ECBA representative. MW agreed but said there is an opportunity for another voice from Suffolk on the ECBA Committee, proposed AG seconded JG.

13. Matters arising from AGM:

KJ circulated a copy of the letter presented at the AGM by Martlesham CBC which referred to proposals for teams playing short together with a precis of other options put forward at that meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place but the committee were of the opinion that the status quo would remain for the 2017/18 winter league season.

It was agreed that JG would keep a spreadsheet detailing the number of players per team throughout the winter league season. At the end of the winter season, the Committee will then review team shortages over this period with the possibility of changing the playing format for the 2018/19 winter league season.

It was suggested by John Austin, Old Felixstowe, that the "Guidance for Team Captains" be sent out again. It was agreed this will be done once all the teams are known for the forthcoming winter league season.

The 2018 Charity Fours benefactor was deferred until the next meeting.

14. Club contacts / calendar dates:

An updated contact list and calendar dates are included 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

15. Forthcoming Events:

Summer League Finals – Wednesday 6th September, SG to buy raffle prizes.

16. Any other business:

MW informed the meeting that he would cease to be the Association's key holder for Needham Market Community Centre from the end of this current season.

JV thanked MW for all his effort and hard work that he has put in over the past years.

MW agreed to speak with the Needham Market Community Centre contact to see if they would agree to the Association having two (or more) key holders.

KJ referred to the lack of interest from members to serve on the Committee.

The Secretary's post had been vacant for over a year and we now have three Committee member vacancies.

If anyone is interested in either of these positions please contact Keith Jolly for more information.

It was also agreed to produce an advertisement for these positions and to include it on the Associations website.

NJ informed the meeting he wished to step down from assisting with the Joe Rice Cup draw.

Date of next meeting – 4th September 2017 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm