



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 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**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Bill Damant (**BD**).

**1. Apologies for absence:** Sue Davey, Graham Davey.

JV reported to the Committee that he had received a telephone call from Graham Davey and due to personal circumstances both he and Sue Davey had resigned from the Committee.

JV thanked Sue and Graham for their support during their time on the Committee.

**2. Approval of the minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved, proposed by AG, seconded by RS and duly signed.

**3. Matters Arising:**

The cleaning of the new trophy (The David Schofield Cup) had been completed and presented on Winter League Finals night.

JV reported that he had contacted Bildeston and Martlesham Carpet Bowls Clubs and had informed them of the Committee decision with regard to their previous correspondence.

SG reported more signage regarding the use of the honesty box at evening competitions had had the desired effect.

KJ reported that he had been in contact with Copy IT Digital regarding the servicing of the photocopier. He was advised the machine would indicate when a service was required.

RS reported that the Bury League v Suffolk League match had taken place and was won by the Bury League by 6 shots, both teams winning 6 games each. RS thanked the Bury clubs for their help in making ready the hall and clearing up at the end.

**4. Correspondence:**

No correspondence received

**5. Chairman's Report:**

What a pleasure it is for me, as Chairman, to start my report by congratulating so many teams and individuals for their recent successes.

The Winter League saw Barking as Champions of Div 1 East, Nayland victorious in Div 2 East and Harkstead as Div 3 Winners. Stanningfield are Champions of Div 1 West. Well done to all members of these teams. The play-

off for the Div 1 overall Champions was held at Needham Market on 19th April and, despite some excellent bowling by Stanningfield, they couldn't overcome Barking who took the County Championship. This evening event saw a new trophy, namely The David Schofield Cup, competed for by the runners-up of West Div 1 – Brockley against the East Div 1 runners-up - Claydon. Once again there were some very tight matches but Brockley won through and it was fitting that David Schofield was able to attend and present the Cup.

The Joe Rice Cup was won by Barking overcoming the challenge of Gt Blakenham in the final, whilst Stanningfield saw off Claydon's challenge in the Chairman's Plate.

Following Finals Day at Needham Market, we can now congratulate Mick Watkins of Barking as Suffolk Singles Champion; David Ford and Steven Cain of Gt Blakenham as Suffolk Pairs Champions; Tom and Sam Runnacles of Barking, with Clint Watling of Claydon as Suffolk Triples Champions; and Sue and Steve Isles and Jim and Sally Goodrich of Claydon as Suffolk Fours Champions. Hearty Congratulations to you all.

The East v West match held at Needham Market on May 3rd was a tightly contested event with the East winning on points only, but the West scored more shots. This was a most enjoyable evening all round.

The English Carpet Bowls Festival held at Potters proved a clean sweep for Suffolk. The Singles was won by Sue Gilder, the Pairs won by Jim Goodrich and Neil Jolly and the Fours won by Rita, Mike and Paul Daniels supported by Avon Compton of New Zealand. What a coup and congratulations to all those who took part.

The ECCBA Champion of Champions played at Welwyn Garden City on Sunday 14th May saw the Suffolk Triple of Sam and Tom Runnacles with Clint Watling winning the triples title. Although playing some good bowls, the Suffolk Single, Pairs & Rinks players failed in their bid to lift the trophy. However they all did Suffolk proud.

#### **6. Secretary's Reports:**

NJ continues to monitor any incoming emails, and passes the relevant contact list changes to KJ for inclusion in the minutes.

The position of Secretary still remains vacant.

**If you know of someone who would be interested in helping out in this capacity, or you fancy the job yourself, please contact Keith Jolly for more details.**

#### **7. Treasurer's Report:**

KJ presented the balance sheet together with a balance sheet overview and a (mini) balance sheet for the Suffolk Disciplines. As the SCBA is used as a holding account for the squad dinner, £707 has been deducted from the account year end balance to show a surplus of £539.

KJ requested that balance sheet be adopted, proposed by AG and seconded by RS.

A meeting with the auditor has been arranged for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **8. Match Secretary's Report:**

Some Summer League matches had been played.

JG reported that the SCBA website now shows the dates when Summer League matches are to be played, together with the results and league tables. This will also be used in the Winter League. All fixture secretaries are requested to inform JG of any date changes.

#### **9. C.P.O Report:**

AG had nothing to report.

KJ suggested that this item be removed from further Committee agenda's. This was agreed and that AG would keep the Committee informed of any future developments.

#### **10. County Captain's Report:**

Having won their seventh consecutive ECCBA league title in March, Suffolk went into the six Counties Championship at Braintree on Sunday 9 April as favourites.

The day started well for Suffolk with dominant displays against Essex and Bedfordshire, giving them an early overall lead in the competition.

Top spot was maintained with further wins over both Norfolk and Hertfordshire.

That meant with just Cambridgeshire to play, Suffolk had already won the event. A final session loss to Cambridgeshire, whilst disappointing, was not damaging and Suffolk had won the Six Counties trophy for the third consecutive year.

The Suffolk team now have a break during the summer months and their next event is the ECCBA Teambowl on 24 September.

Our fundraising for 2017 started in late March, with ever popular Random Triples, held at Needham Market Community Centre.

As usual we quickly received our maximum entry of 96 bowlers.

After an enjoyable day of bowls, where everyone got to play five games, the worthy winner was Sue Gilder (Barking), who was the only bowler to win all five games.

The squad's second fundraiser is the Marion's Fab Fours, on Sunday 25 June, at Needham Market Community Centre.

Entries are starting to come in, but there are still spaces available and we would encourage you to enter for what is an enjoyable and social day of bowls. The entry form is enclosed.

NJ also reported the Steven Cain, a County Squad selector is standing down.

NJ and SG would remain and third selector would be required.

One team player has indicated they would be interested, however if more than one person comes forward a final decision of that third person would be made at Committee level.

#### **11. ECCBA Report:**

The AGM is on June 15<sup>th</sup>, NJ to attend.

Peterborough may make an application to join the ECCBA. This would require a constitutional change. It also means that Suffolk would need to find two extra Sundays in an already congested calendar. If this application is accepted the Committee agreed that NJ would have delegated authority to make the correct decision on behalf of Suffolk.

#### **12. ECBA Report:**

Apologies from Rebecca Hearn of Hertfordshire. Durham not present.

Minutes were approved. The Chairman reported that the ECBA meetings were not well attended, as there are only three meetings a year, he felt more effort should be made for all counties to attend. He was disappointed that the application for Sport England recognition had been stopped, not helped by the lack of information from all Counties. We continue to work without a Secretary, volunteer required. The finance has improved, a deficit has been turned around. A Carpet Bowls Europe will be formed at the Festival of Bowls. Rita Daniels was thanked for her work. Winners of the various ECBA competitions were congratulated. The Treasurer reported a profit of £8.12, compared with a loss of £3850. National Referee reported that no training had taken place in the north, partly due to finance, but also time. Will attempt to deal within the next few months. Concern was reported about the number of measures carried out at the Nationals, and asked for counties to only call for referees when agreement cannot be achieved. A change in the constitution was approved, to allow Unitary Authorities to apply for membership of the ECBA. Rule 1.8 was discussed and the stipulated weight was removed. All Officers were re-elected, with the exception of the secretary. The meeting closed at 2.35.

Mick Watkins

Apologies from Rebecca Hearn, Hertfordshire, not in attendance were Essex and Durham.

National Referee, Mick Watkins, felt that although discussion took place, no decision was made regarding bowls trousers and the dress code. They were approved. Mick Watkins reported that he had attended and gave a demonstration in Inkpen, in Berkshire. Web inquiries had resulted in two new clubs in Bedfordshire. Rebecca Hearn had sent a report regarding the Special Olympics, and the approval of Mike Walker and Mick Watkins, as Officials. The statutes for a Carpet Bowls of Europe were circulated, the object to promote the game throughout Europe. An £88 profit was reported from the ECBA Rinks, hosted by Cambridgeshire. Rule 1.8 was discussed, and a proposal to be approved at the AGM.

Colin Young, Sunderland, reported that the restaurant at Stanley Bowls Club has now closed. The centre will allow people to bring their own food. The ECBA will cover the cost of van hire for the event. A change in the constitution, to allow wider membership, will be put to the AGM. The Festival of Bowls was reported. Following the poor attendance at the ECBA Rinks, it was agreed that although there is no fixed date, Easter should be avoided. Counties will find a suitable date in March or April, and decide on entry fee and format. All future trophies will be purchased by Mick Watkins. Hertfordshire raised the matter of a bowler gaining an unfair advantage, by using a walking stick, placed on the mat. The English Referee had approved this. It was agreed at the meeting that there was no need to change rule 9.4, and all decisions will be left to the National Referee. The meeting closed at 2.03.

MW reported:

Peterborough had made an application to join the ECCBA.

The Festival of Bowls 2018 would include entries from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Australia and New Zealand.

It is proposed that the ECCBA Champion of Champions, to be hosted by Bedfordshire at Needham Market be moved from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018, to allow an international practice day for the above mentioned countries at that venue.

It is proposed that an International Competition would take place during the following week at the Festival of Bowls.

The make-up of the England team has yet to be decided.

Bedfordshire would be requested to donate £50 towards the use of the Association's equipment for the Champion of Champions.

JG raised the question of dress code with MW (as the National referee)

Quite a lengthy discussion was held on this matter. With regard to the ECBA MW reported that at the next National Champion of Champions the dress code will be adhered to and any offending team would have points deducted.

With regard the ECCBA NJ requested that JG email him the programme wording for the dress code for the recently held Champion of Champions and if there were any issues he would raise them at the ECCBA AGM.

### **13. Forthcoming Events:**

Annual General Meeting - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Needham Market Community Centre

JV asked if all current members and officers of the Committee would be happy to continue.

All agreed to stand for re-election.

MW would open the hall.

SG would be prepared to meet and greet members attending the meeting.

Marion's Fab Four's – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Needham Market Community Centre

#### **14. Any other business:**

AG suggested the removal of the 'shirt and tie' (part of the Suffolk team dress code) to a more modernistic uniform might be a way of getting a younger generation interested in carpet bowls. It was generally thought this was a good idea. The Suffolk Squad investigated a change of uniform a few years ago but the majority were in favour of keeping the current uniform. However, this could be re-visited with the current squad.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.18.

Next Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July held at Needham Market Community Centre

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**Rivers, Ipswich** – change of playing venue, from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

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