



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 6th November 2017.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Sally Goodrich (**SG**) Vice Chairman, Keith Jolly (**KJ**) Treasurer, Jim Goodrich (**JG**) Neil Jolly (**NJ**), Richard Sago (**RS**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Ian Hunt (**IH**), Peter Elmy (**PE**), Andy Gilder (**AG**), Mick Watkins (**MW**).

1. Apologies for absence: John Varden, Andy Pooley, Bill Damant and Jane Sago

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2017 were approved. Proposed by Neil Jolly, seconded by Keith Hull and duly signed.

3. Matters arising:

MW reported that he had had a follow up meeting with the manager of the Needham Market Community Centre regarding obtaining a further set of hall keys.

The hall manager said this was not possible due to health and safety and security issues.

MW may reconsider his decision not to be the keyholder (next year) if suitable arrangements are put in place by the Executive Committee to ensure the setting up / putting equipment away at SCBA events.

4. Correspondence:

An email was received from a member club.

Following an incident in a Winter League match, they sought clarification on the rule concerning the knocking over of a block whilst delivering a bowl.

NJ responded to the club, referring them to the ECBA rule 9.3 which details exactly what constitutes a foul delivery.

The email was copied into MW (as National Referee) who also confirmed the position, as NJ had stated.

5. Chairman's Report:

I would like to start my report by thanking Sally, as Vice Chairman for taking this meeting as I shall be on holiday.

Since our last Executive Committee Meeting I have visited Ipswich Hospital on two occasions to make the necessary arrangements with The John Le Vay Prostate Cancer Support Centre who will be our beneficiaries at the Charity Fours competition on Saturday 6th January 2018. This popular event will be organised by Richard and Jane Sago. We are also grateful to volunteers from Old Felixstowe CBC who will man the raffle, and any donations of prizes will be most welcome on the day.

The recent Chairman's Triples event held at Needham Market was a sell out, such that nine mats were used to avoid disappointing too many teams. There were teams from Essex, Hertfordshire and Norfolk in attendance which, together with our own Suffolk club teams, made for a very competitive day's bowling. The final pitched the Bicycle Repair Men of Great Blakenham against Me Her & Him from Bealings and, after some close bowling the Bealings

team emerged victorious. My thanks go to the County fund raising committee for all their hard work during this season.

To end my report I would like to wish the Suffolk County Team every success at the National Championships at Potters on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November. This will be a challenging event (we are the defending champions) and we would appreciate any support you are able to give.

6. Secretary's Report:

Still no interest shown in the vacant Secretary's position and KJ reiterated it was a priority that position be filled.

Two contact change of details are shown at the end of these minutes.

7. Treasurers Report:

Not too much movement in the accounts since the last meeting.

Suffolk Trials and in part Suffolk 4's entry fees received.

Potters invoice paid in respect of the upcoming National Championships and 200 x 2nd class stamps purchased.

It was proposed by RS and seconded by IH and agreed that the balance be accepted.

8. Match Secretary's Report:

JG reported all was running smoothly within the leagues.

As previously agreed JG was keeping a spreadsheet showing the number of teams playing short. Currently from the 40 league teams only 11 teams have been able to play 16 bowlers in each match.

It was also agreed that match results would not be entered into the leagues tables until the actual / scanned result sheet had been received by JG

9. County Captain's Report:

Since our last SCBA Committee meeting, the county squad have been involved with three events.

Firstly on Sunday 24 September, the team played in the ECCBA Teambowl at Littleport Leisure Centre. We were looking to win this competition for the fifth consecutive year. Each county had four singles, pairs and triples, playing one game against each of the other five counties. We led from start to finish and of the twenty four points available, we scored: Bedfordshire (21), Essex (13), Cambridgeshire (18), Norfolk (14) and Hertfordshire (18). Suffolk finishing comfortably in first position with eighty six points, twenty four points ahead of second place Essex.

Then on Sunday 8 October, the squad ran their final fundraiser for 2017, the Chairmans Triples at Needham Market. With so many entries received, we increased our limit to 45 triples. After an enjoyable days bowling it was the team of Me, Him, Her (Jenny Green, Roy Lonsborough, Don Allum from Bealings) who were the deserved winners.

Most recently we held our Squad Trials, following which the Suffolk Squad for the 2017/18 season was selected, together with the team for our first ECCBA league match, away against Hertfordshire on Sunday 26 November.

Before then, the team has the National Championships at Potters, over the weekend of 10 to 13 November. On the Friday night, as ECCBA league winners, we play in the Inter-County match against Sunderland (Northern League winners). Over the weekend, we will then be looking to retain the National title and in doing so, win the event for the fifth consecutive year.

10. ECCBA Report:

NJ attended the ECCBA Committee meeting on 12 October 2017.

The Suffolk team was congratulated on winning the Teambowl and generally all counties were complimentary about the new venue at Littleport.

For future Teambowls it was agreed that the programme would be amended to include each county being allocated two carpets, to provide markers for the singles games.

With Essex CBA no longer using Braintree Leisure Centre for their events, it was agreed that the Six Counties event in April, will now also be played at the new Littleport Leisure Centre.

Next year's Teambowl will be moved to Sunday 23 September 2018.

11. ECBA Report:

MW attended the ECBA Committee Meeting held on 23rd September 2017.

Apologies were received from Norfolk, Hertfordshire were not in attendance.

Minutes were agreed and signed. There were no matters that were not covered later. Demonstration had taken place in Inkpen and there are other enquiries that could be productive. New clubs had been established in Bedfordshire and encouragement that more will follow. No reports from the Chairman, Secretary, or correspondence. The Treasurer reported an increase in profits from the Festival of bowls, in excess of £3600, up by £1400, this was mainly due to increased numbers. The Rinks and Triples showed small profits. National Referee asked that all Counties submit people to officiate at the Nationals, at Potters. He also made comments on the need to show some consideration when calling for a referee. On many occasions he felt that bowlers were able to carry out the task themselves. Although there was a small entry, the Triples, in Sunderland, was keenly fought, and won by a team from Sunderland.

The ECBA Rinks, in 2018, will be organised by Northumberland, on 22nd April 2018. The 2018 Festival of Bowls will also hold the first International match, as New Zealand have confirmed that they will attend. Norway, Sweden, and hopefully Denmark will also compete. Neil Jolly has been confirmed as England Captain. The delegates had been given paperwork confirming the competition rules for the Triples, Rinks, and the Champion of Champions. All were agreed, apart from the rule relating to substitutions for the Champion of Champions. It was agreed to allow delegates to gauge the opinion of their Counties, and make a decision at the January meeting. In the absence of Rebecca Hearn, the Chairman reported on a very successful operation at the Special Olympics. The ECBA running of the Carpet Bowls was well received, and all participating members were congratulated. Colin Young (Sunderland), would like to see Potters make more space in their magazine, for the promotion of our game. The Chairman replied that, Potters have worked with the Association on an increased level, over the last few years, and he would continue to encourage their involvement in the future.

12. Forthcoming Events:

Sunday 17th December: Suffolk Closed Triples.

KJ, NJ and RS offered to help set up.

Saturday 6th January: Charity Fours.

RS requested additional help.

13. Any other Business:

Further to the above ECBA report a discussion was held regarding the use of substitutes at the Champion of Champions. The Committee was of the opinion that it would cause more confusion and would become difficult to police if a system for substitutes was introduced. Therefore the Committee's view was that no substitutes be allowed once the event had started. MW will report this back to ECBA Committee at their next meeting in January 2018.

MW reported that there were some date changes to the draft diary dates for 2018/2019 (previously circulated to Committee members.) These changes were noted and a revised calendar would be circulated and put onto the website.

MW also advised that when future ECBA Rinks and Triples were held in the South, these events would be run at Needham Market Community Centre and that the ECBA would donate £50 to the SCBA for use of its equipment.

Both SG and RS thanked MW for all his hard work in putting together the events calendar.

IH (for information for teams playing against Martlesham CBC.) advised that their village hall had now installed a car park security system.

KH asked, can a player change clubs during the winter league season?

NJ advised according to our rules that any such request would require the Committee's approval.

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th January 2018 at Needham Market Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Contact changes

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