



# *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 5th November 2018

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those Present: John Varden (**JV**) Chairman, Sally Goodrich (**SG**) Vice Chair, Neil Jolly (**NJ**) Captain, Paul Daniels (**PD**) Treasurer, Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Sue Gilder (**SG**), Richard Sago (**RS**), Jane Sago (**JS**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Peter Dent (**P-D**), Secretary, Andy Gilder (**AG**) Peter Elmy (**PE**)

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Andy Pooley & Ian Hunt

### **2. Approval of minutes:**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 were approved. Proposed by **RS** and seconded by **SG** and duly signed.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

**SG** reported that the loan of SCBA mats to the WI had not been necessary as there was insufficient entries and a smaller event was moved to another venue.

**NJ** reported that the arrangements for the Suffolk Triples were ongoing as it was difficult to get a Needham Market date.

**JV** reported that we were all very grateful to those that assisted in the relocation of the carpets and moving from 2 tiers to 3, so making it very much safer to access. Particular thanks to both Martin Spurling for arrangements and Mick Watkins for his assistance.

### **4. Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence to report on.

### **5. Chairman's Report:**

I would like to start my report by thanking Martin Spurling, the Needham Market Manager, for his support and assistance in the alterations to the SCBA carpet storage system. As some bowlers will know, getting mats and equipment down

from the highest level behind the stage was getting increasingly difficult, if not dangerous, and the new arrangements will make the moving of mats so much easier. My thanks also go to Mick Watkins for his carpentry skills.

This season's Charity Tournament will raise funds for the Wish Upon a Star Children's Charity appeal at Bury Hospital. I am sure many of you will support this event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at Needham Market and should you wish to bring along a raffle prize, I am sure it will be much appreciated.

The Suffolk County Bowlers will be at Potters from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November for the National Championships, bidding to win the event for the sixth consecutive year. I am sure club bowlers will join with me in wishing them every success

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

There was nothing additional to report.

#### **7. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer (**PD**) made the latest 'Income and Expenditure' report (year ending 30 April 2019) available for discussion, there were no questions raised and these were unanimously approved. It was reported that all income had been received for Potters and they had been paid.

And that £50 from both Graham's Triples and ECBA Triples for the hire of carpets had been received.

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

**JG** reported that all winter league games had commenced and were progressing satisfactorily. Although there had been some difficulty with some clubs to raise full teams.

There had been correspondence from a Member club bowler and the committee will consider the suggestions raised and these will be further discussed.

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

Since our last Committee meeting, there have been a few events involving the Suffolk squad.

Firstly, on Sunday 23 September was the ECCBA Charity Teambowl at Littleport Leisure Centre.

Each county played with four singles, pairs & triples, each county playing one game against each of the other counties.

The day was dominated by the Suffolk team, as we led from start to finish, scoring highly against all of our opposition. We started off well with eighteen points (from twenty four) against Essex & followed that up with seventeen points from Cambridgeshire, nineteen points off Norfolk & finished the day with twenty points against both Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire.

Overall we won the event with a record ninety four point total, which was twenty six points ahead of second place Cambridgeshire.

This was Suffolk's sixth consecutive Teambowl win, which highlights the squad's consistency, versatility & strength in depth.

Then on Sunday 30 September, the squad hosted our final fundraiser for 2018, the Chairman Triples at Needham Market.

Thirty five teams took part, in what was an enjoyable day of bowls.

By the end of the day it was the team of Matt & Stephen Frost & Sam Runnacles who won the final 10-5, beating the Hoggards Green triple of Sheila Cocksedge, Chris Nunn & Ann Blundell.

Most recently, there were the county squad trials to select the bowlers who will form the Suffolk squad for this 2018/19 season. Entries were up on recent years, with thirty six bowlers competing for a place in the squad.

Every bowler was put into a rink, each rink played four six end games, with every bowl being scored on its accuracy.

The selectors would like to thank Michael Ashman, Keith Hull, Keith Jolly, Richard & Jane Sago who scored the games throughout the day.

After the trials the selectors & captain (Sally Goodrich, Tom Runnacles & Neil Jolly) met to pick the squad. It was a lengthy meeting, difficult decisions had to be made, but we ended up with a squad of twenty seven bowlers for this season.

From that a team of twenty four has been selected for the first county league match, at home to Cambridgeshire at the Chamberlin Hall in Bildeston on Sunday 25 November.

Before that, we have the last event for the current Suffolk squad, the National Championships at Potters, across the long weekend of 9 to 12 November.

On the Friday night, Suffolk are defending the Inter County Championship, with a one-off match against the Northern League winners, Sunderland.

Then across the Saturday & Sunday is the main event, again Suffolk are the defending champions & will be looking to win the National Team event for the sixth consecutive year.

## **10. ECCBA Report:**

There was an ECCBA Committee Meeting on 11 October, which NJ was unable to attend. From the Minutes of that meeting, the main points are:

The Suffolk team were congratulated on winning the ECCBA Charity Teambowl. A profit of £580 was made for the chosen charity (Help for Heroes).

Home venues were confirmed for this season's county league matches.

Norfolk were investigating alternative venues for their hosting of the 2020 ECCBA Champion of Champions & ECBA Triples, as Needham Market is not available on the dates in question.

The next ECCBA meeting is the AGM, being held on 20 June 2019.

## **11. ECBA Report:**

It was reported that Mike Walker was not standing again as Chair and as yet no name had come forward as a replacement.

ECBA Champion of Champions will be held at Stanley on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June

ECBA Rinks will be in Durham on 15<sup>th</sup> September

ECBA Triples will be held at Braintree on 7<sup>th</sup> April which clashes with our Finals Day.

Sunderland had complained about members of other counties interfering in the matter of players that they have suspended.

It was agreed that all other counties should respect their decision that the names of those involved would be circulated

Nationals – Durham and Bedfordshire may be headed to Potters short of players and there's every chance that, in the long run, this will be an ongoing problem.

## **12. Forthcoming Events:**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Suffolk Closed Triples. Any help would be welcome to set up.

## **13. Any other Business**

- **KH** raised the potential issue relating to the current scoring system, no specific action to be taken at the moment, but to be considered by all and for a future discussion as changing it to eliminate the anomalies could well raise other issues.
- **RS** thanked all who assisted on Sunday, and in particular **PD** for his expediency in publishing the results.

At this point no other matters were raised and the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. (7.30pm start)