



# 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 1 July 2019

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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

### 1. Apologies for absence:

Keith Hull (KH).

### 2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 May 2019 were approved and duly signed.

### 3. Matters Arising:

**NJ** reported that the Suffolk uniform supplier only had the master print for the Suffolk logo within an embroidery programme. It was agreed that a different way needed to be found for production of the logo, for the purpose of the centre block laminates.

**JV** reported that he had contacted Felix Press and Label Artwork who had quoted a setup fee of £20 for the laminate. **JV** offered to follow this up & it was unanimously approved.

**SG** reported that she was waiting for information regarding alternative materials for the Delivery Blocks and would have the information for the next meeting.

**NJ** reported that Lawshall had informed him that they would not be renewing their SCBA membership for the forthcoming year, due to their reduced club membership.

**RS** reported that little progress had been made as far as advertising/publicity was concerned. Emails had been sent to the Sports Editor of the EADT, but so far unacknowledged. This would be followed up again with them.

### 4. Correspondence

**P-D** reported that a letter had been received from John Hayward (Belstead) with a proposed change to the winter league format. The letter/suggestions were all discussed, but it was agreed that this topic had been appropriately dealt with at the recent AGM. The decision by a unanimous vote, was to keep the letter on file and refer the matter to the 2020 AGM. **P-D** agreed to inform John Hayward of the Committee's decision.

### 5. Chairman's Report:

Please can I firstly thank John for all his work with the committee and for carpet bowls in general. If I can be half as good as John, I will be happy.

I would also like to thank the other officers and committee members for their continued support with the work the association does behind the scenes, it is a thankless task which isn't appreciated as it should be. I

am looking forward to working with you all to continue supporting the bowlers of Suffolk, allowing them to enjoy their chosen sport.

During my tenure as your chairman, I would like to think that if possible, we can reduce the negativity that I feel is entering carpet bowls and promote it as the great social occasion it is and should be.

By no means am I perfect, I am going to make mistakes, so please bear with me and we can sort these out together.

I must congratulate "The Repair Men" for their success in the recent Marion's Fab 4's, an earner for the squad funds. A close final with "Stancock" a pity there had to be a loser, congratulations to both teams.

**6. Secretary's Report:**

There was nothing additional to report.

**7. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer (PD) provided the latest *Income & Expenditure* report and referred to the recent insurance expenditure, which had increased from last year's premium. Insurance generally was discussed, given there have been no claims made in recent years. It was pointed out that this was very much a niche insurance cover, alternative quotes in the past had proved difficult to obtain and self insuring was far too risky. Our clubs were familiar with the current costs and although there had been an increase for the 2020 year it was expected that most clubs would accept this, although Capel St Mary had already opted out.

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

There was nothing new to report.

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

Since our last Committee meeting, the squad has held their second fundraiser for 2019, Marion's Fab Fours. It was held at Needham Market on Sunday 23 June, attracting a full entry of 40 teams, with bowlers from all of the local counties.

After a full day of enjoyable bowls, the final was between The Repair Men (Andy Pooley, John Varden, Peter Elmy & Don Allum) & Stancock (Marion Bean, Keith Fellingham, Vic Keyton & Graham Clampin). It was Stancock who got off to the better start, but The Repair Men fought back well, culminating in a single shot on the final end to force an extra end. They then finished the job on that end & it was victory for The Repair Men by 6-4.

We were delighted that Marion Brown could be there, not only to bowl but to present the trophies to the finalists.

For squad funds we were able to clear around £825 profit on the day & we thank everyone who attended &/ or assisted in the smooth running of the event.

Looking ahead it is less than three months to our final 2019 fundraiser, Chairman's Invitation Triples on Sunday 15 September, again at Needham Market. The entry form is already out, see the SCBA website & will also be sent out again with these Minutes.

**10. ECCBA Report:**

**NJ** attended the ECCBA AGM on Thursday 20 June. It was a relatively uneventful meeting, the main points to come out of it were:

- More investigative work can be done to see if the ECCBA can obtain surplus mats, with a view to trying to replace some of the mats at Littleport Leisure Centre, where many of the ECCBA events are held;
- Fees are unaltered for the 2019/20 season;
- There was a proposal to change the format (down to seven ends from nine ends) for the Six Counties event in April, so that bowlers would not have to play two games in succession. It was agreed that it needed to be known first if Bedfordshire would be taking part (there was a suggestion they would not be), as the number of counties would dictate the format change, or not.
- The next meeting is on Thursday 10 October, which **NJ** aims to attend.

**11. ECBA Report:**

The English Triples (being held in Durham) had been moved to 15 September 2019. It was acknowledged that this clashes with the Chairman's Triples (Suffolk squad fundraiser) being held at Needham Market, but

it was not expected to affect the entries for our event.

## 12. Election of County Captain and Selectors

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to **NJ**, the County Captain and Selectors (Sally Goodrich and Tom Runnacles) for all their work over the last twelve months. At the same time it was proposed that the Captain and Selectors should all be re-elected for the next year. This was unanimously approved.

## 13. AGM matters

The Chairman acknowledged that **JV** (Chairman at time of AGM) had dealt with very well with all the contentious issues that were discussed at length at the AGM. The following items flowing from the AGM were then discussed:

- There was a letter from David Schofield (Offton & Willisham) which included various suggestions relating to clubs playing short in the Winter League. Due to the original email not having been picked up by the SCBA before the AGM, the Chairman (**AG**) read out the full letter to the Committee. After discussion it was agreed that most of the content had been covered by the AGM discussion.
- **AG** then went through each of the proposals put forward by the Claydon club (refer AGM Minutes, Item 11 (AOB)), to ensure that the Committee were satisfied that they had been dealt with and defeated at the AGM.
- There was a proposal that all clubs should provide a list of their members prior to the start of the winter season. After a lengthy discussion it was felt that a valid reason for asking for and holding such information could not be established. Also, we could not force clubs to provide that information, they would have the right to refuse the request and therefore the concept could not be fully implemented. It was therefore proposed that the suggestion not be adopted, there was a vote taken and eleven agreed with one abstention.
- It had been suggested that there should be a handicap system introduced to the Summer League. This had been proposed by one club who felt they were at a disadvantage when playing against clubs from a higher Winter League. This was again discussed at length and in general it was agreed that it would be very difficult to come up a simple workable system and implement it. However, it was agreed that if any club felt they had a workable solution, then this could be presented to the Committee to be further discussed.

## 14. Forthcoming events:

South Norfolk v Heritage League (Sunday 21 July at Wortwell) – Being organised by Chris Tilbrook.  
Barrow Ladies and Mens Pairs (Sunday 4 August at Barrow village hall) - Being run by the Barrow club.

## 15. Any other Business

**JV** raised the point that at the AGM there had been a call for new Committee member(s). It subsequently emerged through a conversation with **JV** that Adam Hubbard (Chelmondiston) was interested. **AG** has spoken to Adam and he was willing to join the committee. **AG** had suggested that he should join the committee for the September meeting and this was unanimously approved.

**JS** and **RS** discussed the 2020 SCBA Charity Fours event and the possible options for our chosen charity. After a discussion it was agreed to investigate further the options and make a final decision at the next Committee meeting.

**NJ** asked **P-D** if the SCBA Club Contact List could be updated and a copy forwarded to **JG** ready for distribution when the Winter League information is sent to clubs next month.

**NJ** advised he will send **PD** the updated Winter League and Closed Competitions Rules, so they can be added to the SCBA website.

**NJ** advised that he'd had an enjoyable trip to New Zealand last month, where he had taken part in their National Championships. The NZ game is different to our game, mats are shorter and faster, and there is

no centre block. Discussions are already underway for a repeat trip to New Zealand in June 2020, with a few bowlers in Suffolk having already expressed an interest in going. If anyone else might be interested in going or having a go at the NZ game (we have two mats in Suffolk), contact should be made with **NJ**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 2 September 2019 at Needham Market 7.30pm start.