



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 20 May 2019

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence:

Jane Sago (**JS**), Keith Hull (**KH**) and Peter Elmy (**PE**).

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 March 2019 were approved and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

JG reported that the Hadleigh/Bealings match was, in the end, never played and neither side received any points, it was in effect a 'dead rubber'. In this instance any result would not have affected their positions in the league, nor had any effect on promotion or relegation. However, the committee always has the overriding decision, and this would be final.

JG also reported that he and **JV** had awarded the trophies for the league championships to Martlesham-Division 2 and Bealings-Division 3. On that night **JG** & **JV** took the opportunity to discuss the trophies awarded and whether it was time to update the Div 2 East trophy. The straw poll taken concluded that teams were happy with the current trophies.

JV reported that the donation in memory of Rita Daniels had been paid.

NJ said that it had proved almost impossible to move the Suffolk Triples in 2020 from the provisional date of 20 December, as no other alternate date could be found at Needham Market. There was an alternative suggestion that the location could be moved and this was to be investigated, with East Bergholt being a possible venue.

4. Correspondence

P-D reported that a letter had been received from Claydon Bowls Club regarding proposed rule changes when teams played short of players in the winter league. The options were discussed and agreed it should be discussed at the AGM, when a straw vote can be taken. A final decision would be made at the following Committee meeting.

The letter from Claydon had been circulated to clubs and **JG** had so far received five responses all with varying suggestions, but leaving the matter to be discussed at the AGM.

JV reported that he had been asked to raise the matter of an anonymous letter received by a member of a club and whether it contravened the SCBA Code of Conduct. It was agreed that this was an internal club matter and that the committee should not get involved.

5. Chairman's Report:

As my term as Chairman of Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all officers and members of the Executive Committee for their support and enthusiasm over

the last three years. I have enjoyed my time serving as Chairman, being part of a team dealing with the many issues that are brought before the Committee.

Well done to the Suffolk team playing in the ECBA Champion of Champions event held at Littleport, Cambridgeshire. The team comprised Sam Runnacles (Singles), Rita & Peter Runnacles (Pairs), Tom Runnacles, Clint & Emma Watling (Triples) and Neil & Keith Jolly with Mike & Paul Daniel (Fours). This was, by all accounts, a very competitive event and whilst Suffolk won both the singles and fours we finished in a very creditable second place behind Cambridgeshire.

My thanks also go to Jim & Sally for organizing the Joe Rice Cup, won by Barking, and the Chairman's Plate, won by Great Blakenham.

Other results include the East v West match which was won by the East, and the Bury League v Suffolk League match which was won by Bury. Both events were very competitive and most enjoyable.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing all clubs represented at our Annual General Meeting on Monday 17th June 2019.

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. **PD** advised that the upturn in the figures for the current year was down to the increased subscription fee (£410), additional profit of £150 from Suffolk Competitions, and an extra £80 from hire of carpets and the carry-over of postal supplies.

The appointment of Keith Jolly as the Auditor was approved unanimously.

8. Match Secretary's Report:

JG reported that the summer league matches had started, albeit slowly with only a few matches in May. The fixtures were now on the SCBA website.

9. County Captain's Report:

Since our last meeting the Suffolk team has had one outing, the ECCBA Six Counties event at Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday 14 April, where they were looking to regain the trophy. The six counties all fielded six rinks (fours), each playing one nine end game against all of the other counties.

The day started well for Suffolk with nine points, four wins & a draw against Norfolk.

They followed that up with seven points off Hertfordshire & crucially nine points against Cambridgeshire, which moved Suffolk into top spot overall.

Essex proved to be a more difficult opponent, only five points scored & now only four points separated the top four teams, with Suffolk still clinging onto first position.

There was no panic from the Suffolk team though, finishing in style with a maximum twelve point return against Bedfordshire.

An overall win for Suffolk, six points ahead of second place Cambridgeshire, adding the Six Counties trophy to the league title won the month before.

Looking ahead, the squad's second fundraiser for 2019 is the Marion's Fab Fours, being held on Sunday 23 June at Needham Market Community Centre. At the time of writing there are still some places left, please see the SCBA website for the entry form.

10. ECCBA Report:

The 2019 Eastern Counties Champions of Champions event was played at Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday 12 May. Suffolk were represented by:

Single: Sam Runnacles (Barking)

Pairs: Pete & Rita Runnacles (Barking)

Triples: Emma & Clint Watling & Tom Runnacles (Claydon/Barking)

Fours: Mike & Paul Daniels, Keith & Neil Jolly (Belstead/ Brockley)

In the singles event, Sam started well with consistent bowls & two wins against Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire. A third win (against Cambridgeshire) looked on the cards until a disappointing final end, resulted in a slim 9-10 defeat. Sam bounced back well though, with two convincing wins against Essex & Norfolk. No-one else could match Sam's four wins & he was the deserved winner.

In the pairs event, it proved to be a difficult day for Pete & Rita. Defeats to Hertfordshire & Cambridgeshire (eventual winners) were costly. They did get two good wins though & that was good enough for a third-place finish.

The triples event looked like being the closest of the day & the Suffolk triple were always in the mix. An early defeat to the Norfolk triple (eventual winners) was crucial though, but going into the last game, they could still win it. It wasn't to be though, finishing on four points (two wins) & another third place finish.

The four started the competition well with two wins, but a heavy defeat to Hertfordshire looked like being costly. However the Hertfordshire four ended the event with only two wins & three draws. This opened the door & a strong finish with wins against Cambridgeshire & Essex took the Belstead/Brockley four to eight points & the event win.

The ECCBA AGM is on Thursday 20 June & NJ will attend.

11. ECBA Report:

Colin Young (Sunderland) was appointed Chairman and Pauline Charleton as Secretary.

Some revised rules for the National County competition have now been agreed and the counties have been informed.

12. AGM: 17 June 2019:

JV made the following points:

- Proposed Agenda discussed
- 28 days notice was required for election of Officers
- Election of Officers for the new Committee:
 - Andy Gilder – Chairman – proposed by Claydon & seconded by Martlesham
 - Sally Goodrich remains as Vice Chair
 - Paul Daniels remains as Honorary Treasurer
 - Jim Goodrich remains as Match Secretary
 - Peter Dent remains as Secretary

13. Club Contact List

This was to be updated once the various new club contacts/additions were finalised & circulated to clubs before fixtures have to be arranged for the next winter season.

14. Any other Business

JV raised the following:

- He had re-painted the SCBA centre discs & delivery blocks. Regarding the blocks, whilst many looked fine, he felt that at some point replacement blocks should be made from hardwood, the number being approx.40. Sue Gilder offered to look into this on the committee's behalf and report back.
- He suggested that three removable laminated SCBA badges could be sourced, to be placed on the three mat centres for county matches. JV had obtained a couple of cost estimates. NJ offered to investigate whether our current uniform suppliers had the necessary logo in pdf format, which could be used as a template.

RS said that he had, as yet, received no response from the East Anglian newspaper relating to advertising/promoting the game, in an attempt to attract new people to the game.

Date of next meeting: Monday 1st July 2019 at Needham Market. (7.30pm start)