



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 2nd September 2019

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those Present: Andy Gilder (**AG**) – Chairman, Sally Goodrich (**SAG**) - 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 (**SCG**), Paul Daniels (**PD**) – Treasurer, Peter Elmy (**PE**), Adam Hubbard (**AH**), Peter Dent (**P-D**) - Secretary

1. Apologies for absence:

Keith Hull (KH).

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st July 2019 were approved and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Adam Hubbard had agreed to join the Committee and he was warmly welcomed by the Chairman & remainder of the Committee.

4. Correspondence

Following the discussion at the last meeting relating to the publishing of the league, county and any other matter of significance in the local press, **AG** had contacted Mark East (EADT) and received a response that their sports department were happy to publish anything we could provide them with.

NJ suggested that there was now a requirement for someone on the Committee to take on the role of communicating with the EADT to agree what could be published and in what regularity – weekly, fortnightly

This was put to the vote and approved unanimously. **AP** agreed to take on the role and progress this with the EADT.

5. Chairman's Report:

It is with a heavy heart that I give this report that the SCBA has lost one of its members, not just a member, a member that assisted in the start of carpet bowls in Suffolk in 1985, who were a successful club, with their members holding several county and national titles during its time in the leagues. I am referring to Great Blakenham. It's difficult enough attracting new clubs and bowlers, but to lose one is sad.

They have had their issues in the past, but they managed to overcome them. It would seem that their latest issue within the club was a 'bridge too far'.

My thoughts go out to those who have had to come to this decision, a very difficult one to make I am sure.

We can only wish the remaining members of the club best wishes for their futures and hope they will remain as bowlers.

6. Secretary's Report:

There was nothing additional to report.

7. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer (**PD**) provided the latest *Income & Expenditure* report and added that there was nothing of particular issue to report other than to raise the point that two clubs (Lawshall & Great Blakenham) had not renewed their membership and therefore the income received for club membership would be reduced for the current year.

8. Match Secretary's Report:

JG reported that almost all of the winter fixtures had been received.

Due to the loss of one club from Division 1 East, there was now an imbalance within the leagues and this was discussed, voted upon and approved unanimously-

Division 1 East - Remains with 9 clubs.

Divisions 2 & 3 East - Remain with 10 clubs.

It was requested by **JG** that all member clubs be reminded that there is a cut-off date for league matches to be played by, in both winter and summer and where possible, this should be complied with. If clubs are looking to play any matches after the cut-off date, they should notify **JG** PRIOR to re-arranging the match, in order to gain Committee permission. Generally, any re-arranged match dates should be advised to **JG**, so records can be updated.

9. County Captain's Report:

Nothing to report since our last meeting, but upcoming events for the squad are:

Chairman's Triples: (Sunday 15 September) – final fundraising event for the squad in 2019. We have received entry from 40 triples, which is the maximum we can accommodate & are looking forward to an enjoyable day of bowls.

ECCBA Charity Teambowl: (Sunday 22 September) – Being held at Littleport Leisure Centre. Suffolk are the defending champions & indeed will be looking to win the event for the seventh consecutive year.

Suffolk Squad Trials: (Sunday 13 October) – Being held at Needham Market, the trials for a position in the squad for the 2019/20 season. The captain & selectors will be requesting some assistance from Committee members, with marking on the day.

10. ECCBA Report:

Nothing to report, the next ECCBA Committee meeting is on Thursday 10 October, which **NJ** aims to attend.

11. ECBA Report:

There was nothing to report of particular interest other than **PD** advising that the 2020 ECBA Champion of Champions dates had been fixed for weekend of 6 and 7 June 2020.

12. Forthcoming Events

04/09/19 Summer League playoffs – Needham Market

15/09/19 ECBA Triples – Durham

15/09/19 Chairman's Triples – Needham Market

22/09/19 ECCBA Charity Teambowl – Littleport

13/10/19 Suffolk County Trials – Needham Market

03/11/19 Suffolk Fours – Needham Market

13. Any other Business

NJ reported that there was to be a 'Bowls Demonstration' at Laxfield, being organised in conjunction with Active Suffolk. **NJ** and Mick Watkins were attending on afternoon of Monday September 16th and this might possibly result in a new member club in the future.

SCG had brought along samples of the hard wood carpet delivery blocks made by her son who had very kindly agreed to supply the 40 that were needed. He had very kindly agreed not to charge for the materials. These were a vast improvement on the current blocks as maintenance would be minimal as they had only been lightly oiled.

It was agreed unanimously agreed that a donation of £50 should be made, and sincere thanks to be passed on.

IH reported that his club Martlesham, were looking for a sponsor to assist in purchasing a new club uniform.

RS reported that a suitable date/ venue for the 2020 Suffolk Triples had yet to be finalised, currently the two possible dates were 29th November or 6th December 2020. He had found a source of mats, to avoid the transporting of equipment from Needham Market, with East Bergholt still being the likely venue, Needham Market being unavailable. **RS** agreed to investigate the availability and costs and report back at the next Committee meeting.

JS raised the question of next year's charity for our Charity Fours competition, currently 'Dementia' had been selected. The options were discussed in order to ensure locality and benefitting as many people as possible, which was considered by all to be important. **JS** advised that her research had established that 85p went to the local organisation selected and 15p to cover the administration. The final decision and details would be reported back at the next Committee meeting. All the Committee thanked **JS** for the work carried out to date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd November 2019 at Needham Market at 7.30pm