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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 1st September 2025 – 7:30pm

Those Present: Andy Gilder **AG** (Chairman), Neil Jolly **NJ** (Vice Chairman), Paul Daniels **PD** (Treasurer), Lauren De Banks (Secretary), Andy Pooley **AP** (Media Secretary), Frank Wilkin **FW**, Sue Gilder **SCG**, Adam Hubbard **AH**.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Sally Goodrich **SG**, Jim Goodrich **JG**, Richard Sago **RS** (Match Secretary), Jane Sago **JS**

Peter Dent **PDE** has formally resigned from the committee. The committee shared that he will be missed and has been good with us throughout his tenure.

- 2. Approval of previous minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2025 were proposed by **FW**, seconded by **SCG** and approved and signed by the Chair.

- 3. Matters arising:**

AG: Date at the top was the 19th May and should have been 30th June.
No other matters arising.

- 4. Chairman's Report:**

AG: Good evening, friends.

Good to see you all and I hope you all have had a good holiday. It is about now the work starts in earnest again, so let's go.

My apologies but I need to start with some not so good news. On 11th August at home with family Celia Cobbold peacefully passed away. Sincere sympathy and thoughts go to David and the family, and their friends.

There is one other thing for me to do, and that is to thank those who have been e-mailing me and working towards the 40th Birthday Party. I thank you for your work towards this common goal.

- 5. Treasurer's Report:**

PD: All the clubs who were expected to renew their memberships and insurance, have done so. We are down 3 on last year due to clubs having closed, all of which had let us know at the time.

The year's other big transaction is for the Nationals, all of which has come in and been paid to Potters. We will have a contingent of 43 people going this year, including supporters, up from 35 last year.

Overall, the accounts are in line with where we were at the same time last year, so we're on target to make sure that we at least break even.

- 6. Match Secretary's Report:**

RS (sent prior to the meeting): Summer league seems to have gone ok with no problems, hopefully Paul has finals night under control. We are happy to do tea/coffee and biscuits. Could someone else do the raffle if you want one as with 70 players it should be worth it.

Winter league had a couple of complaints re travelling for some teams, I think this is now sorted. Several fixture lists have been sent in so most clubs seem happy. Personally, I think the leagues are well balanced.

It looks as though it's time to get entry forms together again for the fours - 16th November. Are we happy to leave entry fees as the same as last year?

PD: No need to change fees.

SCG Agreed to email **RS** to say that she had the tea/coffee stock and would sort raffle with them.

NJ: Cup draw was done and league info was sent out. Emails had been received to discuss issues with the travelling for some teams and both have now been rectified.

7. Captain's Report:

SG: After agreement from the committee Colin Fellingham has been appointed as a selector, as there had been a vacancy for some time. The selectors and I have had a get together, it was nice to welcome Colin (very brave with 3 women). I Have sorted Team Bowl and Nationals and will let players know. We discussed Trials and as yet don't know what format it will take.

8. ECBA Report:

NJ: The next ECBA meeting is online on Saturday 20th September, **NJ** to attend & will report back at our next meeting.

Before then is the ECBA Triples on Sunday 14th September at Coxhoe Village Hall, hosted by Durham Carpet Bowls Association.

Looking further ahead, the ECBA Nationals is being held at Potters (Hopton) over the long weekend of 24 to 27 October.

9. ECCBA Report

PD: There will be a meeting after the team bowl.

10. Media Secretary's Report:

AP: As always, the Summer months have been quiet. Following is holding steady at mid-330s but I'm hopeful that it will increase during the winter months when the posting becomes more frequent. I will be in full work mode this Sunday (40th celebration) and will try to capture the celebrations as they happen. So, expect lots of posting, pictures and maybe the odd video as the day progresses.

11. 40th Birthday Celebration

i. Programme

AG: Programme for the format has been sorted. We have a full 96. These have all been sent out to players.

For the charity, there will be slips of paper on the draw table. Players can select a charity of their choice and at the end of the day, a charity will be selected. I will explain this at the start of the day.

NJ has done a sterling job. He has trawled through the minutes and come up with some interesting facts about people that have been involved with the SCBA since its conception. Throughout the course of the day, these snippets will be shared with the rest of the attendees.

I will also hold a minute's silence at the beginning of the day to remember all those that are no longer with us.

ii. Decorations

LDB: I have bought some decorations to go up, including a balloon arch! I will arrive early on Sunday to get them up before people arrive.

It was agreed we would arrive at 8am.

iii. Draw/Raffle

AG: People have been asked to bring draw prizes. The draw will be in the Burton room this time to allow more space. It also draws people into the Burton room to take part in what else is going on in there. There will also be a £1 in a bucket to go around.

iv. Burton Room

AH and **FW** will be heading up the target bowls in the Burton room. £1 a go for 6 woods, cash prize.

Catering will be done by Trish as normal and **JS** is sorting a cake.

NJ: We know of people that have entered but we don't know how many additional people will just pop in. We just need to be aware of those people and make sure they get a mention too.

12. Forthcoming events:

- 3rd Sept - Summer League Finals
- 7th Sept - 40th Birthday Celebrations
- 14th Sept - ECBA Triples – Durham
- 28th Sept - Chairmans Triples
- 5th Oct - ECCBA Teambowl – Littleport
- 19th Oct - County Trials
- 24th-27th Oct – Nationals @ Potters
- 3rd Nov – SCBA Committee meeting

13. Any Other Business:

NJ: Regarding bookings, we talked about moving the AGM to the Burton room going forward. Are we doing this going forward now? Agreed

We have some ECBA and ECCBA events in 2027 that we are hosting, are you happy for me to book these? Agreed

Attachments with minutes – Updated contact list, 2026 calendar and Trials entry form.

PD: Two new clubs have started up – Lakenheath and Gipping Valley, with support and the equipment that the ECBA obtained from Braintree.

NJ: A team in Haverhill have also joined the Bury league – they have been given the details of joining SCBA if needed.

Meeting closed: 8.21pm