



# *Suffolk* **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

## The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 14th September 2009

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.**

**Those present:** Jeremy Brown (JB)(Chairman), Keith Jolly (KJ)(Treasurer), Graham Robinson (GR)(Secretary), Freda Wright (FW), Neil Jolly (NJ), Peter Jones (PJ), Mick Watkins (MW), Andy Gilder (AG), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Richard Williamson (RW), Steven Cain (SC) Marion Brown (MB), Richard Sago (RS), Jane Sago (JS).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Keith Armes.
- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 13th July 2009 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Andy Gilder, seconded by Sally Goodrich and signed by Jeremy Brown.
- 3. Matters Arising:** Item 14: Mick Watkins reported that the revised date for Winter Finals clashed with a T&D bowls event. It was agreed to discuss this in AOB.  
Item 6: Peter Jones confirmed that the wine had been given to the auditor.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that the Durham weekend had been a roaring success. Suffolk hope that this event will continue but because of financial restrictions there may have to be changes in future. He congratulated Barking on winning the Summer League playoffs and thanked Sally Goodrich, Jim Goodrich, Marion Brown and Karla Brown for their work on the day. He welcomed Freda Wright onto the committee.
- 5. Secretary's Report:** Graham Robinson had nothing to report.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Keith Jolly presented a balance sheet with the income and expenditure to 14th September and indicated that everything was on track. He confirmed that 93 clubs were members this year plus two associate members. There was one new club - Bures. All clubs had paid their membership with the exception of Wenhaston. He raised the question of the County Squad Funds, and after discussion it was confirmed that this was not linked to the SCBA so the SCBA were not involved but the County Squad may need to discuss whether they should produce a balance sheet. The County Squad have run raffles at certain SCBA events when the SCBA has opted not to run one. There were various views on this so a list of who does the raffle for each event needs to be drawn up. The recipient of the raffle proceeds ought to be displayed on the day.  
KJ reminded everyone that anything with financial implications for SCBA should be notified to him as early as possible.

**7. Match Secretary's Report:** SG reported that there were only 20 teams entered for the Joe Rice Cup this year and she felt that the format needs looking at for future years. **Ideas are invited from member clubs with suggestions about a change in format for the Cup and Plate which would encourage more entries.**

There had been problems this year with both the Summer and Winter League details being circulated rather late. There was a need to plan ahead and circulate the Summer League details in January and the Winter League in June.

SG congratulated Barking on their Summer League win. It was noted that there had not been individual trophies for the Finals Day winners, this was an oversight and suitable trophies will be obtained by MB for the Barking players.

**8. Child Protection Officer's Report:** AG circulated the final final draft of the Child Protection Policy together with forms for Incident Reporting, Responsible Person Registration and Child Registration. The committee were asked to read these and let AG have any comments with a view to agreeing the policy at the next meeting. Copies could then be passed to the clubs with a view to incorporating it in the constitution at the next AGM. It was confirmed that any CRB checks needed for responsible persons would be funded by SCBA.

**9. County Business:** Neil Jolly reported that the Durham weekend had been a fantastic weekend, he congratulated Linda Cook and David Storey on winning the Saturday Pairs and the Suffolk Team on winning the Sunday match by 29-19 and expressed a hope that this event could continue.

The numbers for the County Trials on 20th September are down on last year with only 2 or 3 new faces trialing despite efforts to encourage Heritage area players to participate. The county is starting to lose some older players and there are not many younger replacements coming in. He reported that the Six Counties Teambowl is on 27th September and Suffolk are fielding a strong team. The County Squad have been notified of the National Championships in Blackpool in November and a flier is to be circulated to clubs as spare seats on the coach will be available at £10 per person. There are two home league games in November/ December and Bildeston has been booked for these. This is now the preferred home venue.

Richard Sago reported that entries for the County Triples and Pairs was very low so far. The closing date for the Triples is 25th September. It was suggested that the information could go onto the Bury League web site and NJ agreed to give the details to RS.

**10. English Carpet Bowls Association:** MW reported on the ECBA meeting of 22nd August and circulated the attached notes. It was noted that Suffolk are to supply six scoreboards and £25 worth of raffle prizes. MB agreed to get the prizes. NJ and the other selectors will sort out who mans the raffle and transport of scoreboards.

AG was invited to attend the next meeting with MW as the Child Protection Policy will be discussed with a representative from NSPCC. There will also be discussion regarding whether ECBA funds the setting up of the policy by counties and the training of officers.

**11. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:** PJ had nothing to report but invited items for the next meeting on 15th October. It was noted that Sandra Hearn of Hertfordshire had, sadly, died recently and condolences by Suffolk would be given at the meeting. NJ agreed to get a condolence card and send it on behalf of SCBA.

PJ was asked to raise the question of supply of carpets at Littleport when Suffolk host the Six Counties or Team Bowl. It was felt that the Littleport carpets were not of county standard and Suffolk would prefer to supply their own.

## 12. Any Other Business:

- 1) JB raised the question of the subsidy for the Nationals at Blackpool. The subsidy from ECBA remains the same at £541 and, after discussion, it was agreed that SCBA would fund the shortfall between the ECBA subsidy and the cost of the coach instead of a per person subsidy. KJ was aware that the payment for the coach would need to be made in advance.
- 2) JB said arrangements for the Charity Tournament needed to be sorted out. It was agreed, following the suggestion by AG, that the charities would be St Elizabeth Hospice and the Air Ambulance. The date was booked for 2nd January at Needham Market, it would be a pairs format similar to the random triples. AG and MB would sort out the precise format, maximum entry and number of mats and give this information to JB who will get the entry forms drawn up. These will be circulated to all SCBA clubs plus other individuals with entries accepted on a first come basis. Richard Williamson offered to help on the day.
- 3) MB asked that all committee members be notified of the timing of events such as finals days to give them the opportunity to support them. She also suggested that she could obtain county uniforms from a cheaper supplier and she will obtain the logo master (which is ours) from Topmarks. She can then source uniforms for new county players.
- 4) MW explained that, regrettably, he would be unable to continue the Portmak Joinery sponsorship. The committee extended its thanks to MW for his past sponsorship. Keith Hull had offered to discuss with Ipswich Plumbers the possibility of repeating their charity sponsorship.
- 5) The date for Winter Finals Day (see matters arising) was discussed to try and avoid a clash with the T&D Hemsby event. It was regrettably agreed that, because of date congestion, it would have to stay at 18th April for 2010. Apologies are extended to T&D Bowls and every effort will be made to avoid a clash in future years.
- 6) JG had received a letter from Whatfield Carpet Bowls Club suggesting that there should be a list of the post codes for club venues. This was felt to be a good idea and PJ agreed to try and extract the relevant post codes from the Post Office web site, they can then be added to the contact list when next revised.
- 7) NJ reported that there were two minor errors in the recently circulated revised Rules for Winter League & Cup. **Would clubs please note that in items 2q and 2s it should read minimum of 8 bowlers not 10.**
- 8) GR said that the arrangements for the Suffolk League v Heritage League match at Needham Market on 1st November needed to be sorted out. FW agreed to do the refreshments. GR & JB agreed to select the clubs to supply teams and to clarify format and mat requirement. JB and NJ will run the event on the day.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.



## SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS FINAL SUMMER LEAGUES 09

<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>PLYD</b>	<b>WON</b>	<b>LOST</b>	<b>DRAWN</b>	<b>SH/F</b>	<b>SH/A</b>	<b>PNTS</b>	<b>AVGE%</b>
HADLEIGH	14	11	3	0	663	491	94	6.71
NAYLAND	14	10	4	0	634	472	89	6.35
ELMSETT	14	6	7	1	575	547	68	4.85
BRAMFORD	14	8	6	0	543	584	67	4.78
STRATFORD ST MARY	14	4	8	2	548	603	66	4.71
POLSTEAD	14	5	9	0	556	561	65	4.64
WHATFIELD	14	6	8	0	556	605	62	4.42
HITCHAM	14	4	9	1	455	569	49	3.5
<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>PLYD</b>	<b>WON</b>	<b>LOST</b>	<b>DRAWN</b>	<b>SH/F</b>	<b>SH/A</b>	<b>PNTS</b>	<b>AVGE%</b>
BELSTEAD	14	11	3	0	679	474	103	7.35
CHELMONDISTON	14	12	2	0	724	452	102	7.28
STUTTON	14	9	5	0	628	486	82	5.85
HARKSTEAD	14	7	6	1	580	592	72	5.14
BRANTHAM	14	5	8	0	574	544	70	4.92
BENTLEY	14	5	9	0	495	601	56	4
SHOTLEY	14	4	9	1	486	641	54	3.85
TATTINGSTONE	14	1	13	0	401	780	21	1.5
<b>GROUP C</b>	<b>PLYD</b>	<b>WON</b>	<b>LOST</b>	<b>DRAWN</b>	<b>SH/F</b>	<b>SH/A</b>	<b>PNTS</b>	<b>AVGE%</b>
BROCKLEY	12	7	4	1	589	387	80	6.66
STANNINGFIELD	12	9	3	0	546	410	78	6.5
COCKFIELD	12	6	5	1	487	466	69	5.75
HOGGARDS GREEN	12	7	5	0	493	450	64	5.33
GT. BARTON	12	4	8	0	391	544	48	4
WOOLPIT	12	4	7	1	410	532	42	3.5
BARROW	12	3	8	1	398	525	39	3.25
<b>GROUP D</b>	<b>PLYD</b>	<b>WON</b>	<b>LOST</b>	<b>DRAWN</b>	<b>SH/F</b>	<b>SH/A</b>	<b>PNTS</b>	<b>AVGE%</b>
TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN	12	7	5	0	593	417	74	6.16
KELSALE	12	7	4	1	498	473	69	5.75
OLD FELIXSTOWE	12	5	7	0	489	492	61	5.08
MARTLESHAM	12	6	5	1	477	502	58	4.83
CLAYDON	12	4	7	1	469	499	57	4.75
OFFTON & WILLISHAM	12	6	6	0	438	518	53	4.46
BEALINGS	12	5	6	1	449	514	48	4
<b>GROUP E</b>	<b>PLYD</b>	<b>WON</b>	<b>LOST</b>	<b>DRAWN</b>	<b>SH/F</b>	<b>SH/A</b>	<b>PNTS</b>	<b>AVGE%</b>
BARKING	12	10	2	0	588	410	84	7
GT. BLAKENHAM	12	10	2	0	590	390	83	6.91
T/ BARN SPROUGHTON	12	6	6	0	487	450	67	5.58
COPDOCK & WASHBROOK	12	6	6	0	487	472	63	5.25
BURSTALL	12	4	8	0	437	517	48	4
OLD NEWTON	12	5	6	1	424	538	48	4
SOMERSHAM	12	0	11	1	351	607	27	2.25

## Suffolk – v - Durham 2009

Over the weekend of 1 and 2 August, the SCBA hosted the visit of the Durham county team at Needham Market.

On the Saturday afternoon there was a pairs competition with every Durham bowler being paired with a bowler from Suffolk. During the afternoon, there were some friendly, yet competitive and high quality group and knockout games.

In two close semi-finals Linda Cooke (Suff) and David Storey edged out Steven Walker and Ann Hathaway (Suff) and Steven Walker 6-4, whilst Rita Runnacles (Suff) and Bill Smith beat Andy Gilder (Suff) and Joyce Woodward 7-2.

The final was as tight and after some excellent bowls from all four players, it was Linda and David who came out on top, winning 6-3.

On Saturday evening many of the Suffolk bowlers and supporters joined the Durham team at their hotel for an enjoyable meal.

On the Sunday the two counties returned to Needham Market for the county match. Both counties were represented by six rinks (fours), each rink playing four nine end games. The Durham team contained many experienced bowlers and they would provide tough opposition.

In the first session all of the games were close and by halfway the Durham rinks were winning all of them. However the Suffolk rinks managed to turn things around to win three of the games on the last end, 7-6, 8-5 and 7-5. The other game was lost 10-5.

The second session started better for the Suffolk team and this time by halfway they were up in all four games. Those early leads were maintained and the session ended with a clean sweep of Suffolk wins, 13-7, 9-3, 12-7 and 12-5.

In the third session the Suffolk rinks again performed well and in three of the games early advantages were secured. These games finished with Suffolk wins of 16-7, 12-10 and 9-3. The other game was disappointingly lost 21-5.

At the halfway stage of the match Suffolk held a very healthy 20-4 overall lead. However the Durham team had played well and the Suffolk rinks would have to sustain their performance level during the afternoon to secure victory in the match.

In the fourth session the Durham rinks fought back. This time it was the away team that took early leads and held on to them, winning three games and drawing the other. The Suffolk rinks lost 6-9, 10-12 and 5-11, with the drawn game finishing 6-6.

In the penultimate session Suffolk responded well, but as with many of the previous games the outcome was in doubt until the final ends. However Suffolk were able to gain five points by edging two wins 10-9 and 8-7 and getting another draw 8-8. The other game was lost 5-13.

The final session proved to be the closest of the day and reflected the bowls that had been played during the match. Each of the four games was decided on the last end, with Suffolk only securing one win 7-6 and a draw 8-8. The other games were lost 5-6 and 7-8.

After a competitive and friendly days bowling Suffolk had won the match 29-19, winning the Raymond White Challenge Shield for the sixth consecutive time. However the final score did not reflect how close many of the games had been. Suffolk's win was mainly due to a great start in the morning, but Durham had fought back strongly in the afternoon.

Both counties are now looking forward to Suffolk's return visit to Durham in August 2010.

Neil Jolly (County Captain)