



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 Monday 10th. September 2012

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: Keith Armes (KA) Chairman), Keith Jolly (KJ) Treasurer), Graham Robinson (GR) Secretary), Jim Goodrich (JG), Richard Sago (RS) Jane Sago (JS), Andy Gilder (AG), Sally Goodrich (SG), Neil Jolly (NJ), Mick Watkins (MW); Freda Wright (FW), John Varden (JV).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Rita Daniels (RD) and Neil West (NW)
- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes were approved and duly signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:** Item 7 from previous minutes – JG had contacted the clubs who had not fulfilled their fixtures. It was felt that clubs entering the leagues must make every effort to play ALL matches. NJ has updated both Summer and Winter rules, the latter will be sent out with these minutes to all clubs entered in the Winter league and Cup and Plate.
- 4. Chairman's report:** The Chairman announced the resignation of Rita Daniels from the committee.
- 5. Secretary's report:** GR read a thank you letter from Durham CCBA following the recent weekend of competition which was enjoyed by all who attended. GR again felt he had to raise the problem of clubs keeping him updated with their contact and the lack of response. 73 e-mails were sent last time and only 37 clubs replied. Please ensure that your club contact passes on the relevant information, it was suggested that the "junk mail" option should also be checked as sometimes the e-mail could end up there.
- 6. Treasurer's report:** KJ reported that the collection of the annual membership and Insurance payments had been very difficult this time. 25% of clubs had to be reminded with some clubs still not having made their payment as yet. He stated that he had received several "excuses" for not receiving the information hence he felt, as did the Secretary, that clubs must keep us updated with their responsible club contact. After discussion it was felt that a letter should be sent out to clubs who have not renewed their membership and Insurance by the closing date, stating that they are no longer members of the Association and are not therefore covered by our Insurance. This could also mean that those clubs would not be eligible to enter the leagues.

- 7. Match Secretary's report:** JG reported that Summer Leagues have now finished . Congratulations to all those who won their leagues and good luck on Finals night being Wednesday September 12th . at Needham Market. The teams competing are Nayland, Belstead, Brockley, Knodishall and Copdock & Washbrook. JG said that some of the clubs have already started their Winter League fixtures, we wish all clubs the best of luck for the forthcoming Winter games.
- 8. County Captain's report:** NJ reported that the recent Durham v Suffolk weekend had been a great success. The usual Saturday friendly pairs was won by Shirley Watkins (Suffolk) and I.Clark(Durham). The more serious team game on Sunday was won by Suffolk 32 -- 16.NJ mentioned the County Trials will be held at Bildeston on the 14th. October 2012. Entry forms have already been distributed.
- 9. Closed Tournaments:** Following the recent resignation of RD, KA asked for volunteers from the committee to take over running these tournaments. RD has agreed to hand over all the necessary paperwork to her successor.GR said that he would be happy to take over this role with the help of FW and will speak with RD regarding obtaining the paperwork etc. JV suggested a letter of thanks be sent to RD thanking her for all her work on the committee. This will be done. Paul Daniels has very kindly offered to continue his contribution and help in the running of these events.
- 10. Suffolk v Heritage Date:** As yet, no venue has been found to suit the dates provided. GR to speak to RD to arrange possible further dates and venues.
- 11. English Carpet Bowls Association:** Please see enclosed report. MW reported that there had been comments regarding dress code and length of time taken over ends during games. Some rules have been amended for removing the woods in the head. See rule 6.3(already available on the web-site) New rule books have been ordered and a copy will be distributed to all member clubs as soon as possible.
- 12. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:** There was nothing to report at this time. NJ to attend the next meeting on the 18th. October 2012.
- 13. Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate:** NJ reported that the sub- committee has met as agreed and progress has been made. Meeting with club representatives is being shared by the sub-committee. A questionnaire has been devised, they will pool all response and comments and a conclusion will hopefully be reached before the next AGM.
- 14. Any other business:** Charity Tournament to be held January 6th.2013 – JS and RS have kindly offered to organise this competition. GR and FW will attend to the catering on the day. It was suggested that the charity to benefit from the day could be a local Stroke Association home. KA to make further enquiries as soon as possible so that the entry forms can be sent out early October with a possible closing date of November 30th.2012.
GR and FW stated they will continue to cater for County games but have decided not to continue to cater for most of the other competitions due to other commitments. JS asked the committee for permission to use the county mats for her WI colleagues for their tournament. This was granted.

The committee agreed to look for a replacement to join us in view of recent resignations.

The meeting closed at 9.09pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 19th. November at Needham Market Community Centre.

Suffolk / Durham bowls weekend

Over the weekend of 4 and 5 August, the SCBA hosted the visit of the Durham county team.

On the Saturday afternoon there was a pairs competition at Needham Market, with every Durham bowler being paired with a bowler from Suffolk. Twenty eight pairs were randomly drawn into seven groups of four and there followed friendly, yet competitive group and quarter-final knockout games.

In the semi-finals Peter Wood (Durham) and Andy Pooley edged out John T Leonard (Durham) and David Mittell 7-4, and Shirley Watkins and Ian Clark (Durham) beat Carl Pearson (Durham) and Andrew Cooper 6-2.

The final started very well for Shirley and Ian, with four shots on the first end. Peter and Andy were unable to recover from that as Shirley and Ian controlled the game losing only two ends on their way to a worthy win by 8-2.

On the Saturday evening many of the Suffolk bowlers joined Durham at The Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket for an enjoyable meal.

On the Sunday the two counties met again at Needham Market for the county match. Both were represented by six rinks, each rink playing four nine end games.

The team selected to represent Suffolk was:

S1: Sally Goodrich, Ann Hathaway, Jim Goodrich, Andrew Cooper
S2: Sue Jones, John Varden, Ralph Sadgrove, Sue Gilder
S3: David Ford, Trevor Bean, Mick Watkins, David Mittell
S4: Andy Pooley, Rita Runnacles, Ellen Grube, Tom Runnacles
S5: Peter Runnacles, Don Allum, Colin Fellingham, Steven Cain
S6: Sue Davey, Peter Fellingham, Andy Gilder, Neil Jolly

In the first session the Suffolk team got off to a great start and were all leading their games with five ends played. For S1, S2 and S4 those advantages were protected and they won 10-2, 12-9 and 10-4 respectively. S3 whilst losing the last few ends kept Suffolk unbeaten by drawing 7-7.

The second session didn't start well for Suffolk. It was only S5 that took an early lead and despite losing some of the later ends they held on to win 11-8. S6 were involved in a close game but took control from the sixth end onwards to secure another win, 11-4. Unfortunately S1 and S2 were unable to recover from poor starts and they lost 10-9 and 10-6 respectively.

It was a far better start to the third session for Suffolk, particularly for S4 who shot into an early 10-0 lead. Impressively they didn't concede a shot on their way to a 21-0 win. The other three games concluded with mixed results, S6 were comfortable 15-3 winners, S3 drew another game (8-8) and S5 were very unlucky to lose by the odd shot 10-9.

At the halfway stage Suffolk had an overall 16-8 lead.

The fourth session was another good one for the Suffolk team. S4 again led the way with another convincing win of 13-3. There were also wins for S3 (12-7) and S2 (13-7) who led early and never looked back. S1 were not able to complete the maximum return, getting off to a poor start and losing 12-7.

The penultimate session turned out to be Durham's best of the day. In three of the games their rinks played the early ends well and led from start to finish. Three Suffolk defeats, S2 (12-2), S1 (10-4) and S5 (9-6). The home team's solitary win was provided by S6 by 10-6.

With Suffolk's overall lead back to eight points, Durham could still steal a draw by winning all of the last session games. The home rinks didn't get off to the quickest starts but as the games progressed they all began to exert some control. The session and match concluded with a clean sweep of Suffolk wins, S6 (8-7), S5 (9-6), S4 (14-4) and S3 (11-6).

After a competitive and friendly day of high quality bowls Suffolk had won the match 32-16 (shots: 238-174), winning the Raymond White Challenge Shield for the eighth consecutive time.

All of the Suffolk rinks had performed well and contributed to a good win against an experienced Durham team. A particular well done to S3, S4 and S6 who were unbeaten on the day.

It had been an enjoyable weekend of bowls for all those that had taken part and it is hoped that Suffolk will make the return visit to Durham in August 2014.

Neil Jolly (County Captain)