



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 7th July 2014.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: Neil West (NW) Chairman, Keith Jolly (KJ) Treasurer, Andy Gilder (AG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Sally Goodrich (SG), Neil Jolly (NJ), Mick Watkins (MW).

1. Apologies for absence: Graham Robinson (GR), Richard Sago(RS), Jane Sago(JS), Freda Wright(FW)

2. Approval of previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

3. Matters Arising:

- KJ will confirm that the booking of East Bergholt on October 19th has been cancelled
(KJ)

- MW reported that the recent charity event went well and received good publicity. The event raised £545 on the day. It was agreed to round up to £550. MW will contact Radio Suffolk with a view to arranging for the cheque presentation to take place at Marion's Fab Fours.
(MW)

- Discussed the options to recognise Tony Webber's contribution to carpet bowls in Suffolk in some way. It was proposed AG and seconded JG that the Fours Closed Championship trophy be replaced with a new award bearing Tony's name. NW will ask David Schofield to check that Tony's widow has no objection.
(NW)

4. Chairman's Report:

NW had nothing to report.

5. Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report:

KJ presented the balance sheet and said that he'd received some membership renewals that didn't appear on the balance. Payments relating to the forthcoming Durham trip are pretty much sorted.

KJ said that the Auditor had commented that we must request a letter of receipt from the benefiting charity in future.

7. Match Secretary/Press Officer's Report:

JG reported that the league was ticking along nicely. He'd received a comment from Tuddenham questioning why the Summer League is fours and triples while the minimum number of players required is the same as the Winter League. There followed some discussion about the history of the Summer League and it was agreed that the difference recognised that generally clubs find fewer players available in the Summer months, it therefore reduces the likelihood of teams having to play short.

8. CPO's Report:

AG reported that he continues to monitor regulations but has not identified any changes that affect SCBA. In response to a question from JG, he reaffirmed that previously reported changes to regulations had reduced the requirements for organisations such as ourselves.

9. Committee roles:

It was proposed AG, seconded KJ that NJ remain and County Captain and that SG and Steven Cain remain as selectors.

SG agreed to continue to arrange league and competition trophies and that she and Heather Cain would continue to run the draw at county games.

Following discussions with GR at the AGM, MW agreed to take on the role of Competitions Secretary, receiving entries for Closed Competitions and dealing with organisation on the day.

NJ agreed to continue as ECCBA representative.

MW agreed to continue as ECBA representative.

NW said he understood that FW was happy to continue as Minutes Secretary.

The established sub-committee will continue to review entries for the Joe Rice Cup/Chairman's Plate.

It was agreed to hold-over filling of the vacant Vice-Chairman role to the next meeting.

With GR currently out of action, discussion followed on who would cover aspects of the Secretary's role in the interim period.

- NJ said he would continue to monitor the SCBA email account.
- KJ said that he had asked the county's insurers to send future correspondence directly to him.
- NW agreed to handle postal correspondence and will advise all clubs.
- Following discussion at a previous meeting NJ has been working on reformatting the contact list. He will distribute the current list to clubs that have email contact asking them to confirm the details are correct. NW will do the same for postal contacts. (NJ)(NW)

10. County Captain's Report:

NJ reported that Marion's Fab Fours had received the maximum 40 entries and confirmations had already gone out to clubs.

As KJ reported, all monies are in for the Durham trip. Other than needing menu choices for a couple of players arrangements were complete.

NJ spoke about the ECCBA Charity Team Bowl in September saying the condition of the carpets at the venue in Littleport were generally considered poor. It was suggested that we look to take SCBA carpets and use only the best of the Littleport carpets. MW said he had spoken to someone about transporting the equipment but would need to confirm access to Needham Market CC for collection/return. NJ will confirm that at least four carpets at the venue are in reasonable condition. (MW)(NJ)

JG confirmed that Suffolk Windows and Conservatory's sponsorship of the Suffolk Squad was in place. NJ will discuss with the sponsor how this will be advertised. (NJ)

11. ECBA Report:

MW reported from the recent AGM that the constitution had been changed allowing the Tournament Secretary role to be separate from the Secretary. Nobody has come forward for the vacant Secretary role. A ballot was discussed to nominate a county to provide someone for the role. MW said that if this happens he will point out that Suffolk bowlers already occupy six roles for ECBA. Margaret Southgate has confirmed she will be standing down from the Treasurer position at the end of the year.

12. ECCBA Report:

NJ reported on the recent AGM saying that the Chairman had congratulated Suffolk on winning the ECCBA league and Charity Team Bowl. Dress code at the Champion of Champions was discussed, it was agreed that club colours, county colours or smart dress (in the event of a mixed team) were all acceptable. The present Officers were all re-elected on block and fees remain unchanged for 2014/15 season. The next meeting was set for 16/10/14

13. Charity Competition:

NW confirmed that JS & RS were prepared to organise the Charity Competition scheduled for 03/01/15 and had suggested the Air Ambulance as the charity. MW mentioned the Stroke Unit at Ipswich Hospital. NW asked members to consider suitable charities in preparation for the next meeting.

14. Items raised at AGM:

West Divisions Structure - Various discussion resulted in a proposal to reduced the number of teams promoted/relegated in the west divisions to 1 team up and 1 team down from the 2014/2015 season. The decision will be confirmed at the next meeting, any clubs affected by the change wishing to voice an opinion on the proposed change should do so to a committee member before then.

Summer League - the suggestion to introduce a handicap system was discussed at length. It was thought to be worth considering in theory but could not see how a handicap would be established in practice. The committee would welcome suggestions from member clubs before the committee could consider moving the idea further forward.

Publicity - Given GR's absence it was agreed to refer this to a future meeting.

15. AOB:

- MW spoke about the proposal to reduce the Closed Competition entry fee for those being held at Needham Market in recognition of the reduced venue hire cost. After some discussion

it was proposed KJ, seconded AG that entry fees remain unchanged but reviewed at the end of the 2014/15 season.

- MW will review the calendar and establish venue hire bookings for 2015/16 following receipt of county dates from NJ. (MW)(NJ)

- MW has received a request from Bedfordshire to book Needham Market CC on their behalf for the ECBA Triples in 2016. They would also like to use SCBA equipment on the day. This was agreed with the suggestion that they make a small contribution (£50) as there will be some effort required by SCBA members.

- It was proposed AG, seconded SG that Carol West be co-opted onto the committee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.10

The date of the next meeting will be 7:30 pm Monday 8th September 2014 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Keep! & pick

Captains Report (for 8 September SCBA meeting)

On 20 July, the squad ran their second fundraiser, Marions Fab Fours. We got our maximum entry of 40 teams & as usual it was an enjoyable day of bowls. At the end it was a mixed Great Blakenham/ Claydon team (Don Allum, Andy Pooley, Malcolm & Linda Tricker) who won the final against a four from Elmstead Market.

The first weekend in August saw a party of 30 bowlers travel up to Durham. On the Saturday afternoon the random pairs competition was won by Sally Goodrich & Dave Templeton (Durham) against Sue Davey & David Storey (Durham). Then on Sunday there was the county match at the Riverside Stadium. The Suffolk team settled quickly & by halfway we had a 16-8 lead. We continued to play well and finished up as comfortable 34-14 winners, retaining the Ray White Shield. Unfortunately due to financial reasons Durham have advised us they will be unable to continue with this biennial event, which has been going since 1990. However Suffolk may in a few years time look to travel up to Durham again, if they can accommodate us.

Looking ahead for the Suffolk squad, next up is the ECCBA Charity Teambowl at Littleport on Sunday 28 September, an event the SCBA is running. The Suffolk team are defending champions.

We then have our third & final fundraiser, the Chairmans Invitation Triples at Needham Market on Sunday 5 October.

On Sunday 12 October the county squad trials are at Bildeston and it is not too late for bowlers to put their name forward for this.

Finally, over the weekend of 1 & 2 November is the Nationals at Potters, where the Suffolk team are defending the two titles they won last year.