



# *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 2nd. June 2014.**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: Neil West (NW) Vice Chairman, Keith Jolly (KJ) Treasurer, Graham Robinson (GR) Secretary, Mick Watkins (MW), John Varden (JV)

**1. Apologies for absence:** Andy Gilder (AG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Sally Goodrich (SG), Richard Sago (RS), Jane Sago (JS), Freda Wright (FW)

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:**

It was proposed by NJ and seconded by JV that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written.

**3. Matters Arising:**

- KJ suggested rewording the item under section 16 of the April 14th meeting minutes relating to the subsidy paid to players. Due to changes made by ECBA the £10 entry fee will be paid direct to ECBA leaving players receiving £25
- JV reported on the Suffolk v Bury League fixture saying that it was a good evening. Suffolk was represented by teams from Barking, Gt. Blakenham, Needham Market, Old Felixstowe, Stratford St Mary & Tuddenham each playing 2 games. JV asked that the committee recognise the efforts of GR & FW in running the raffle and MW for getting the equipment out. The result was that Suffolk lost 6 - 18. It is hoped there will be more time to organise Suffolk's representation next year.

**4. Closed Championships:**

In response to concerns about the drop in entries, difficulties getting sufficient clubs to bring equipment, venue hire costs and comments received about the accessibility of East Bergholt for clubs on the extreme east and west of the county, the committee decided to look at ways of rejuvenating the competitions. Following on from the previous meeting, there was a lot of discussion about the logistics of holding the closed competitions at Needham Market rather than East Bergholt. MW said he had investigated the availability of Needham Market Community Centre.

The suggestion is to hold the fours championship at Needham Market, group stages and knockout playing down to the last eight on Sunday 26th October. The schedule will depend on the number of entries received.

Due to the number of teams expected to enter and the desire to play the competition to conclusion on the day, the triples competition will need to remain at East Bergholt and will be held on Sunday 16th November.

For the singles and pairs championships competition will be played at Needham Market and will each be split between two days. Each day will play to a final four resulting in eight

teams/players moving forward to finals day. The entry forms will have the facility for clubs to indicate a preference. Entry forms will go out earlier than previous to allow closing dates to be brought forward, allowing more time to establish and publish the playing schedule. The pairs will be played on February 1st & 8th, the singles on February 22nd and March 1st. MW will make a presentation to member clubs at the AGM explaining the changes and the reasons for the change. (MW)

#### **5. AGM:**

NJ suggested that NW & GR review each other's reports to prevent repetition. (NW, GR)

KJ said he will be visiting the auditors 9th June. It was agreed to purchase a couple of bottles of wine to recompense the auditor as usual.

KJ said that he expects to receive premium details from the insurers by the end of the week. This will allow him to prepare details to present at the AGM.

GR has received correspondence from Stanningfield nominating NW for the position of Chairman.

Nominations for new committee members will be invited at the AGM. GR will prepare a draft voting slip in case nominations exceed the number of spaces available. (GR)

KJ suggested that subscriptions can remain unchanged for the forthcoming year.

NJ will present feedback to the AGM on the changes made to Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate. (NJ)

#### **6. Any other Business:**

MW spoke about the calendar pointing out that SCBA are responsible for hosting the 6 Counties competition on April 12th 2015 & ECBA Rinks on April 26th 2015. Both events will be held at Needham Market Community Centre.

It was agreed that MW should ask Shirley and his daughters to provide refreshments at SCBA events in the forthcoming year. (MW)

NJ mentioned a suggestion that SCBA establish something in memory of Tony Webber. Various ideas were discussed including the possibility of renaming an existing competition/trophy. This issue will be discussed further at the July executive committee meeting.

MW said that the forthcoming charity competition had 35 entries. Unfortunately BBC Radio Suffolk are unable to field a team due to other commitments, however a presenter will be attending in the afternoon to interview players and present trophies.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm.

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