



# 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 16th November 2015.**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Neil West(NW) Chairman, Keith Jolly (KJ) Treasurer, Carol West(CW), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Mick Watkins (MW), Neil Jolly (NJ), Jane Sago (JS), Richard Sago (RS), John Varden (JV), Keith Hull (KH), Andy Gilder (AG).

**1. Apologies for absence:** Freda Wright

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2015 were approved with the addition of Keith Jolly's name in the list of members present proposed AG, seconded KH and duly signed.

**3. Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising not already shown on the meeting agenda.

**4. Chairmans Report:** NW thanked members who helped out at the recent fours and triples championships, although he'd heard that numbers were sparse by the time the triples reached conclusion. NW mentioned the sad loss of Trevor Cain since the previous meeting. Trevor was voted joint player's player by the Suffolk Squad, an indication of how much Trevor meant to Suffolk Carpet Bowls. NW congratulated the Suffolk Squad on their success at the National Championships, saying that he found the Saturday quite stressful for spectators so was pleased with the squad's performance on Sunday being so much more positive. NW wished the squad continued success in the forthcoming Eastern Counties League.

**5. Secretary's Report:** NW said there was no report from FW but that he had been presented a Thank You card from Durham County Carpet Bowls thanking Suffolk for the loan of Shirley Watkins at the National Championship when one of their players had an accident and was unable to continue playing.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** KJ presented the balance sheet. He explained that the £400 held in SCBA account in respect of County Squad sponsorship had been passed over to the squad to avoid confusion. KJ said he'd been passed a donation of £25 by JS from the WI for the loan of equipment.

KJ warned that income from membership fees and closed competitions was down on the previous year. As such, with the transfer of funds held on behalf of the county squad, the accounts are likely to show a small deficit at the end of the year. There followed some discussion about the level of subsidies for the Champion of Champions, competition/league entry fees and membership fees. It was agreed to simply monitor this situation rather than consider making any changes at this time.

**7. Match Secretary's Report:** JG said the winter league and Joe Rice cup were up and running, and going well.

**8. C.P.O. Report:** no report.

**9. County Captains Report:**

NJ said that the squad played in the Charity Team Bowl at Littleport and won with 83 points to Cambridgeshire's 70. The Chairman's Triples had an entry of 45 teams. Squad trials attracted more entries and, although the selectors had a difficult decision, resulted in three new squad members for the forthcoming season. Talking about the National Championships at Potters NJ mentioned that we lost a very close Inter-County match on the Friday evening against Durham. In the Nationals the performance of all counties on the first day was considered average, however Suffolk did manage a 1 point lead over Norfolk by the end of the day. Sunday's performance was outstanding, losing only 3 points from a possible 48 to win with 76 points, 18 ahead of second place Cambridgeshire. NJ thanked the team, fellow selectors and supporters and wished the team success at the first of the Eastern Counties league games against Bedfordshire on Sunday 22nd November.

**10. ECBA Report:**

MW said that the National Championships will be the same weekend in 2016. The next ECBA meeting in January will be an Extraordinary General Meeting to adopt changes to the constitution required by Sport England.

**11. ECCBA Report:**

NJ said that on October 8th an EGM was held before the Committee Meeting to appoint a new Chairman. To avoid a county being drawn at random to provide a Chairman, Gerald Sutton (Norfolk) volunteered and was duly elected. At the subsequent meeting (where Suffolk were represented by KJ) the main points were:

Suffolk were congratulated on winning the Teambowl, at which a profit of £455 was raised and donated to Mencap, the chosen charity of the host club, Hertfordshire. The quality of the carpets was discussed and next year's host Cambridgeshire plan to source twelve carpets from within their county.

Home venues for league matches were confirmed by each county, Suffolk will play their home matches at Needham Market.

The next scheduled ECCBA meeting is the AGM on June 16th 2016. NJ plans to attend.

**12. Insurance**

KJ spoke about recent communication with the county's insurers where Sports Cover have asked for specific details of individual club's security arrangements and venue construction

following applications to insure mat winding equipment. After some discussion it was agreed that SCBA should simply pass on these details, and subsequent premium quotation to clubs and allow them to decide whether or not they take up the insurance. There was a general discussion about the insurance policy in place at the end of which the committee agreed that KJ should continue to respond to information requests as they arise.

**13. 2016 Charity Event:** RS reported that entry forms have been distributed to clubs and to date eight entries have been received. NJ offered to send reminders out at the end of November/beginning of December. Helpers will be required to set up in the morning and help with various fundraising activities during the day. CW will contact CLIC Sargent and arrange to collect banners etc. for display on the day. **(CW)**

**14. West Division:**

NW will arrange a meeting at Thurston Community Centre and invite all West Division clubs to attend. The purpose of the meeting will be for clubs to present their ideas for the possible restructuring of the West Division for the 2016/17 season. **(NW)**

**15. Forthcoming Events:**

- Needham Market Christmas Fair December 6th. MW hopes to borrow Barking's Target Mat. NW has ordered branded mugs to be given as prizes. MW welcomed help for others on the day.
- 2016 Charity Event January 9th, RS & JS reiterated the need for help setting out equipment. NW, MW & others said they would be there.

**14. Any other business:**

- MW said that the Pairs Championship entry was ready to be sent out. NW asked him to send an electronic version for distribution by email.
- AG asked that St. Elizabeth Hospice be considered for the 2017 charity event.
- JV said he was impressed by the number of people attending Trevor Cain's funeral.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:45

The next meeting will be 7.30pm Monday 18th January 2016 at Needham Market Community Centre.

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