



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

SCBA Website is [www.carpetbowls.org/suffolk](http://www.carpetbowls.org/suffolk)

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

Held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those Present: John Varden **(JV)** Chairman, Richard Sago **(RS)** Vice-Chairman, Keith Jolly **(KJ)** Treasurer, Jim Goodrich **(JG)**, Neil Jolly **(NJ)**, Andy Gilder **(AG)**, Mick Watkins **(MW)**, Peter Elmy **(PE)**, Sally Goodrich **(SG)**, Keith Hull **(KH)**

### 1. Apologies for absence:

Jane Sago, Sue Davey, Graham Davey.

### 2. Approval of previous minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved, proposed by MW seconded by NJ and duly signed.

### 3. Matters Arising:

Position of Secretary still remains vacant.

Past minutes, constitutional changes and rule changes since 1993 have all been saved onto memory sticks, one copy to be held by the Chairman the other by the Secretary. JV thanked Paul Daniels for all his help during this process.

AG reported that the cleaning/re-coating of the trophy to be played for between the East and West Division runners up was still ongoing. It was decided to include the SCBA emblem on it when the final inscription on the trophy has been decided.

MW confirmed that he had agreed advance Sunday bookings of the Needham Market Community Centre up to 2019. Similar dates for week day events had also been agreed, again until 2019. JV thanked MW for his efforts.

RS was still of the opinion that holding the Suffolk Triples too close to Christmas might have a detrimental effect on entries. He appreciated the difficulties that MW had with booking Needham Market Community Centre. NJ responded by saying we could gauge the response of this year's triples in December, and, if it was felt necessary (maybe) a change of date and venue could be investigated for this event in 2018.

RS raised the use of the independent Facebook page. NJ said that he had not seen any adverse comments made on it. It also listed various event dates and other matters relating, in general, to Suffolk Carpet Bowls. There is also a rider attached to the effect that this Facebook page is not linked to the SCBA.

### 4. Chairman's Report:

I would like to open my report by congratulating the many players who have qualified for the Suffolk Singles, Pairs, and Rinks and will represent their clubs on Finals Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Needham Market.

Congratulations are also due to the finalists of the Joe Rice Cup – Barking (who overcame Brantham) and Great Blakenham (who won through against Brockley).

The Chairman's Plate will be competed between Claydon (who won through against Chelmondiston) and Stanningfield (who emerged victorious against Bildeston).

The finals of the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

All these finals promise to be keenly fought affairs and are worthy of our support.

As Chairman of Suffolk, I would like to offer my congratulations to the County Captain and his selectors for another great season. Suffolk have won the Eastern Counties League again, what a tremendous effort by all concerned.

I would like to close my report by thanking Paul Daniels for completing the electronic copying of our past Minutes, constitutional changes and rule changes since 1993. Thank you.

#### **5. Secretary's Report:**

KJ - nothing to report.

JV had received a letter from Martlesham Carpet Bowls Club concerning clubs turning up for matches without a full team.

A lengthy discussion on the contents of the letter took place.

The Committee were not of the opinion that the proposal put forward would solve the problem.

JG advised the committee that he had carried out a check on the number of teams going to away matches short of players, the list was quite extensive. The Committee believe this is indicative of the problem that a lot of clubs are now facing and agreed that no changes be made to the current rules.

JV to contact Martlesham CBC and explain the committee's decision.

A letter had also been received from Bildeston Carpet Bowls Club requesting that the club placement in West Division 1 be re-considered at the end of the season.

It was unanimously agreed that the status quo should prevail.

JV will contact Bildeston CBC with the Committee's decision.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report:**

KJ produced a balance sheet and explained the difference in the trophy costs (2017 - £1400 – 2016 - £1092) was due to the payment of an invoice (£173) in this current year relating to trophies purchased in January 2016, plus a general increase in trophy costs.

A deposit cheque for £300 had been sent by JG to Potters Leisure in respect of the National Championships

KJ had requested an invoice from Bildeston village hall for a hiring in November 2016.

200 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps had been purchased (before the impending Increase)

KJ asked JG/SG to request that the sponsorship payment should be made direct to the Suffolk Squad.

#### **7. Match Secretary's Report:**

JG advised the committee that everything is running smoothly. JG requested that all results sheets should be sent to him at the earliest opportunity.

JG reported that he had received several Summer League entries.

#### **8. C.P.O. Report:**

Nothing to report

## **9. County Captain's Report:**

Having won our first three league matches and sitting top of the league, the Suffolk team travelled to Essex on 19 February in confident mood.

However it was a new venue, Essex were also unbeaten so a difficult match was expected. The Suffolk team adapted to the carpets well in the first two sessions and were rewarded with an 8-4 lead. From then on, things only got better and Suffolk eased away to a comfortable 26-10 victory.

That win earned Suffolk an all but unassailable thirty three point lead at the top of the league table, over second placed Essex and Hertfordshire, with one match to play.

On our travels again in that last match, Suffolk faced Bedfordshire on Sunday 19 March. The four points needed to win the league were secured in the very first session, with Suffolk racing into an early 6-0 lead. After that Suffolk dominated the day, losing only two games on our way to a convincing 32-4 win.

This season is Suffolk's seventh consecutive ECCBA league title, this time with a record 139 points total and a record 39 point winning margin over second placed Cambridgeshire. The county can be very proud of the Suffolk team who not only consistently perform at a high level, but also continue to play the game in the right manner.

Looking ahead, the Suffolk squad's first fundraiser for 2017 is on Sunday 26 March, the popular Random Triples at Needham Market. The maximum entry of 96 bowlers was quickly received and an enjoyable day of bowls is expected.

On Sunday 9 April, is the Six Counties competition at Braintree Leisure Centre. The Suffolk team will be looking to retain the trophy and in doing so, win the event for the third consecutive year.

## **10. ECCBA Report**

The AGM will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June at the New Astley Club Newmarket. NJ to attend

## **11. ECBA Report:**

Nothing to report

## **12. Forthcoming Events:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Suffolk Disciplines Finals Day

April 5<sup>th</sup> Joe Rice Cup & Chairman's Plate Finals

April 19<sup>th</sup> Winter League Finals

May 3<sup>rd</sup> East v West

May 10<sup>th</sup> Suffolk League v Bury League

MW is still very concerned at the lack of help in setting up the hall before competitions, this mostly relates to Sunday events.

It was decided that cover to be arranged by the Committee well in advance of any future events.

### **12a Any other Business:**

SG advised the Committee that she would be meeting with L J Wiggins Trophies to order the 2017/18 trophies.

AG raised an issue regarding the honesty box that is used at some events. It would appear that it requires more attention drawn to it, to ensure payment is made for tea/ coffee/ biscuits.

NJ to email squad members about any new uniform requirements.

KJ / NJ to make enquiries regarding the servicing of the photocopier.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

The next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at the Needham Market Community Centre.

**Contact list update:**

**Needham Market, post code for playing venue: IP14 4AD**

**Bealings, post code for playing venue: IP13 6LH**