



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 2nd July 2018

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those Present: John Varden (**JV**) Chairman, Sally Goodrich (**SG**) Vice Chairman, Neil Jolly (**NJ**) Captain, Paul Daniels (**PD**) Treasurer, Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Richard Sago (**RS**), Jane Sago (**JS**), Andy Pooley (**AP**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Ian Hunt (**IH**). Peter Dent (**P-D**), Secretary.

1. Apologies for absence:

Andy Gilder, Sue Gilder, Peter Elmy.

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2018 were approved. Proposed by RS and seconded by AP and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

JV had received a letter from Mick Watkins thanking the committee for their unexpected gift, this followed his retirement from the committee after many years very valuable contribution. It was noted that he offered his ongoing services, should this ever be required.

Keith Jolly also wrote to thank the Committee for his gift and reminded the committee that Richard Jones had audited the SCBA accounts for the past nine years. He works at the West Suffolk General Hospital and by way of thanks for this service the committee should consider making the charity 'My Wish' the recipient for the forthcoming year. Although he is not directly connected with this charity it would be a gesture thanking him for the service provided over the past years.

The committee discussed the request and although in principal there were no objections it was decided to delay any decision until the next committee meeting in order to carry out some research into the 'My Wish' charity.

4. Correspondence:

There was no additional correspondence received other than that reported.

5. Chairman's Report:

I am delighted to welcome Peter Dent as our new Secretary and Paul Daniels as the Associations new Treasurer. Keith Jolly has been our Treasurer for many years, done a magnificent job and had decided to take a well earned rest. He also, due to the lack of any volunteers to undertake the Secretary's job, added this to his duties. We are indebted to him for all his hard work and wish him well. Mick Watkins has also stepped down from the committee this year having been Suffolk's representative at the English Carpet Bowls Association, Closed Competition organizer and key holder/ bookings contact with

Needham Market so here again we say thank you. Sue Gilder has been elected to our committee and I will look forward to working with the new team and existing members to meet the challenges ahead

6. Secretary's Report:

There was nothing additional to report.

7. Treasurers Report

The recently appointed Treasurer (**PD**) made the draft 'Income and Expenditure' report available for discussion and these were unanimously approved. Letters relating to – Public Liability and Property Insurance details will be sent out to clubs when their deadline to respond has expired. **PD** reported that some clubs had already replied, but it was early days.

8. Match Secretary's Report:

JG reported that Bealings had advised they would only be entering one team in the 2018/19 winter league, that team to be their East Division 3 team and requested to be removed from the East Division 1. This was discussed, JG advised that the three East Divisions would then have ten teams each, which would work well and address the balance issue between those leagues. A vote was then taken following this proposal, proposer **JG** and seconded by **RS** and carried unanimously.

JG also reported that the Summer leagues were progressing as per normal.

9. County Captain's Report:

NJ reported that since our last Committee meeting, the squad have held their second fundraiser for 2018, the popular Marions Fab Fours.

This was held at Needham Market Community Centre on Sunday 24 June, with a full entry of 40 teams, not only from Suffolk but the surrounding counties as well.

After an excellent days bowling, the runners up were "Three of Herts & The Joker (Rebecca & Craig Hearn, Jason Ellis & Neil Jolly), beaten 6-3 in the final by the worthy winners of Jack Smackers (Neil Tuckey, Pete, Rita & Tom Runnacles).

With thanks to everyone who made the day happen & took part, we cleared nearly £800 profit.

10. Election of County Captain & Selectors

It was proposed that **NJ** should continue for a further twelve months as County Captain – proposed by **KH** and seconded by **RS**. The vote was carried unanimously. There was a vote of thanks to **NJ** for not only all the work involved with the County Team but also his assistance and guidance with the management of the Suffolk Committee.

It was agreed that Sally Goodrich (**SG**) and Tom Runnacles should both continue as County team selectors

11. ECCBA Report:

NJ attended the ECCBA AGM on Thursday 21 June.

The Suffolk team were congratulated on winning the Eastern Counties League & Teambowl. Fees for the 2018/19 season will be unchanged.

Suffolk's suggestion of having a reserve Sunday set for league matches, in the event of postponements was discussed. Whilst in principal this was a good idea, in practice this would be difficult to do, given each county's differing calendars. It was agreed that best efforts should be made for any re-arranged match to be played before the final round of matches. The quality of the carpets at Littleport Leisure Centre (where the Six Counties & Teambowl events are held) was discussed. It was agreed that enquiries would be made with the venue to establish how much storage space for carpets

they have & also with a potential contact who may have some carpets available. It was agreed that over time, it would be beneficial for the events if the worst of the carpets could be replaced.

Going forward the Teambowl will now be played on the Sunday in the third week of September, to avoid clashing with another event. The dates for the Six Counties & Champion of Champions events will be unaltered.

The next ECCBA meeting will be on Thursday 11 October, NJ may not be available for this. The 2019 ECCBA AGM will be held on Thursday 20 June.

12. ECBA Report:

PD reported that the 'Champion of Champions' event went very well, with Sam & Tom Runnacles and Clint Watling winning the triples and that Hertfordshire won everything else. Generally the Suffolk representatives bowled well and ended up a worthy second in the team event.

13. Matters arising from the AGM

This was held on 18th June. It was felt by all to have been a success and 24-member clubs were present with a total head count of 38. A range of topics were discussed and straw polls taken where applicable and necessary. All topics to be discussed at this Committee meeting.

- There had been a proposal from Gt Blakenham to reduce the number of ends in Winter League matches from 11 to 9. This was discussed at some length and a straw poll taken at the AGM, with the motion defeated by 14 votes to 3. This decision was unanimously endorsed by the Committee.
- Peter Castle (Bramford) suggested that matches should commence at 7.00pm as opposed to 7.30pm. The committee had no issue with the suggestion, clubs were free to agree this, providing that both team Captains concerned were in agreement prior to the day of the match. An earlier start would of course then lead to an earlier finish time. It was acknowledged that earlier starts might not be generally possible, due to work/family commitments.
- There were suggestions that in order to finish earlier that food need not be served and maybe only tea/coffee and biscuits. The members felt that this could well remove the 'socialising' part of the league matches, which would be a pity. The committee felt that this should again be left to teams to make their own decisions, but they should advise any change to their opposing teams.
- Patrick Mann (Chelmondiston) suggested imposing time limits for each match. The Committee sympathised with the view that matches in some instances were taking too long. It was decided not to put in any time restraints but to leave it to the club captains to ensure that a minimum of time was wasted.
- Teams arriving very short of players should, out of courtesy advise the home team in advance to enable adjustments to food provisions, etc. This was agreed by the Committee.
- Any team arriving short should have their first 8 players selected by the opposition Captain. The committee pointed out that some, due to work, may not be able to arrive in time for the start. It was decided that the suggestion was not practical.
- When teams are short, then in the second half games a rule should be introduced whereby any Skip, if picked out of a hat, must play as a 'number 2' and any 'number 3' must play as Lead. This applies to the winter league where 16 players are required. This was not supported by the Committee.

14. Club Contact Listing

NJ reported that the Contact List, including the new committee, was in the process of being updated and would be sent out with this set of Minutes.

15. Any Other Business:

- **NJ** reported that the 'Code of Conduct' was now on the SCBA website.
- **NJ** advised that the rule revisions for the Winter League had been done and the updated rules will go out with this set of Minutes, to those clubs in our leagues.
- **NJ** suggested that due to the Festival of Bowls at Potters next May, the Committee meeting should be moved from 13th May to the 20th. This was approved by Committee.
- There was to be discussions with Needham Market Hall regarding the availability of the hall and booking of our events for 2020, and a meeting was to be arranged.
- There was some discussion as to whether the winter league dates should be changed and extended into mid April. It was decided not to make any official changes at this stage but to react as necessary at the appropriate time, i.e.: if we have another bad winter where many matches are cancelled.

16. Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd September 2018

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.