



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 21st May 2018.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those Present: John Varden (**JV**) Chairman, Sally Goodrich (**SG**) Vice Chairman, Keith Jolly (**KJ**) Treasurer, Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Richard Sago (**RS**), Jane Sago (**JS**), Neil Jolly (**NJ**), Peter Elmy (**PE**), Andy Gilder (**AG**), Mick Watkins (**MW**), Bill Damant (**BD**), Ian Hunt (**IH**).

Also present Peter Dent (PD) East Bergholt Carpet Bowls Club.

Before the Meeting proper the Chairman welcomed Sue Gilder from Barking Carpet Bowls Club.

1. Apologies for absence:

Andy Pooley, Keith Hull.

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 19th March were approved. Proposed by AG and seconded by BD and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

JV had received a thank you letter from the John Le Vey Prostate Cancer Trust.

NJ had following the previous meeting circulated a proposed amended wording to the Winter and Summer League rules regarding the drawing out of bowlers to play twice. This was agreed together with any reference to Press Secretary being replaced by Match Secretary. A new set of rules would be circulated to all clubs at the appropriate time and placed on the website.

4. Correspondence:

Rivers Carpet Bowls Club had previously indicated that there would be a change to their playing venue but had since queried whether there was any league penalty for changing their club name. They had been advised that there was not.

A letter had been received from Somersham Carpet Bowls Club regarding the upcoming changes to the Data Protection Act. (General Data Protection Regulations – GDPR) & whether clubs need to do anything different in relation to the contact information they hold. It was felt that clubs do not need to do anything, as the details they hold are for internal use, arranging fixtures, etc. On a general point it was also agreed that GDPR would not affect the information kept by the Association as the contact list was only used by Member Clubs and not displayed on our website.

However, it was agreed not to include club contact changes in the minutes displayed on the website.

It will be accepted that if you/your club does not make any representation to the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association by 30th June in respect of the contact information kept by us the status quo will remain.

5. Chairman's Report:

So much has happened worthy of special mention since my last report on 19th March.

The Joe Rice Cup final saw Brockley emerge victorious against Claydon 8-2, whilst Chelmondiston saw off a spirited encounter from Gt Blakenham in the Chairman's Plate final 6-4. This event was well supported with some very tight matches played in a friendly atmosphere.

The Winter League Finals pitched the West Div 1 winners, Brockley, against Barking, the East Div 1 winners, with Barking taking the honours 6-4, whilst Hoggards Green R/U of Div 1 West took on Gt Blakenham R/U of Div 1 East with Gt Blakenham winning 10-0.

The next event on the calendar was the Suffolk Closed Competition finals played at Needham Market on Sunday 29th April. This was a tightly contested event with Neil Jolly (Brockley) winning the singles, Tom & Sam Runnacles (Barking) winning the pairs, Tom & Sam Runnacles together with Clint Watling (Barking/Claydon) winning the triples and the fours winners were Thurston comprising Len Lamb, Sally Dalton, Helen Halls & Marie Hagger. Well done to you all and the best of luck in representing Suffolk at the ECBA Champion of Champions at Stanley on 2nd & 3rd June.

Wednesday 2nd May was the annual encounter of the West v the East and, despite the heavier number of County players competing for the East, the West managed a great victory.

The President's Cup, organized by Richard & Jane Sago, sets teams from the Bury League against teams from the Suffolk League and, despite Suffolk's best efforts, Bury League won 9-3. Well done.

The 2018 Festival of Bowls held at Potters last week was a particularly exciting event this year as it incorporated, for the first time, an International Match between two rinks from England, Norway and New Zealand. I felt privileged to watch some of the most exciting evening bowls ever, with some highly skilled performances and interesting deliveries, particularly by the New Zealanders who emerged victorious. Their friendliness and enthusiasm was infectious. Suffolk bowlers did well with Neil Jolly, Jim and Sally Goodrich & Ally Hobbs winning the Festival Rinks and the Festival Pairs winners were Rita & Pete Runnacles.

Lastly, yesterday was the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions event where the Suffolk Champions took on the Champions from Norfolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. As always this was a highly competitive day's bowling which saw Suffolk win the Triples with Sam & Tom Runnacles and Clint Watling. Well done to all who took part.

6. Secretary's Report:

KJ reported that the minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 8th April at Littleport Sports Centre to discuss the re-arranged match between Bealings 1 and Great Blakenham are attached to these minutes but not available for public consumption.

KJ & NJ had a meeting with been Peter Dent outlining the Secretary's job.

The AGM notice was sent out on 7th May to all clubs giving deadline dates for any proposed Constitution changes and nomination for Officers.

KJ will be contacting Endsleigh Insurance Brokers to obtain the upcoming renewal premiums, hopefully they will be available before the AGM.

7. Treasurers Report

This is the final version of the 2017/18 balance sheet. I have also attached the balance sheet overview, capital account and a balance sheet for the 4 closed competitions.

As Members will note there is a deficit of £519.

This is mainly due to the new public liability insurance arranged for the Association (£396.00)

Balance sheet proposed by Andy Gilder seconded by Jim Goodrich

KJ raised the question of increasing fees bearing in mind the Association will still incur the public liability cost in future years.

A discussion took place and it was a majority decision to increase the Annual Subscription fee by £5.00. It should be noted that the last increase was in 2012.

It was agreed that KJ be responsible for sending out the Winter League / Joe Rice Cup invite letter together with the appropriate payment slip – directly after the AGM. This letter will request that payment be returned to the new treasurer.

KJ concluded by saying that he had enjoyed the last 9 years as treasurer, (and latterly, not so much, as Acting Secretary) and would be available to offer any assistance to the new treasurer (and Secretary)

8. Match Secretary's Report:

JG reported that there were 4 less teams competing in the Summer League.

The Division 3 trophy had been presented to Brantham by himself and JV.

Hintlesham & Chattisham winners of Division 2 will be presented with their trophy on Wednesday (23rd)

JG suggested it might be a good idea to look at replacing the Division 2 trophy and showed the Committee an old trophy that he had in his possession which could be used.

It was agreed that he should speak to our trophy supplier to see if a new plinth could be attached and the possibility of transferring previous winners of the old trophy onto the replacement one.

JG reported that Bealings may only be entering one team into the next Winter League.

A discussion took place as to which league they should be entered into if this was to happen.

A decision on this would this will be held in abeyance until further details are forthcoming from Bealings.

JG & NJ had produced various charts regarding teams playing short during the Winter League season, this was handed round and the information discussed at some length. In summary, the average number of players fielded per team in each match was around 15.

With this information, on balance, it would be difficult to justify making any changes to the playing format for the next Winter League season.

9. County Captain's Report:

Since our last meeting, the county squad have been involved in one competitive event, the Six Counties Championship, held at Littleport Leisure Centre, on Sunday 8 April.

The Suffolk team were hoping to win the event for the fourth consecutive season.

We started the day well, with ten points from twelve against both Bedfordshire and Norfolk, to take an early overall lead.

We then shared six points each with Hertfordshire, which was a fair reflection of the games played.

Then despite some close games, disappointingly we could only get four from twelve against Cambridgeshire.

This left us a lot to do against Essex in the final session and we fell just short. Cambridgeshire were the overall winners, finishing just two points ahead of us.

NJ thanked Shirley Watkins & KJ for taking care of the raffle on the day.

Looking ahead, we have our second fundraiser of 2018, Marion's Fab Fours at Needham Market on Sunday 24 June. There is still time to enter a team, for an event which is always an enjoyable day of bowls.

JV added that NJ should be congratulated on being chosen as team Captain for England for the International matches played against New Zealand and Norway at Potters during last week.

10. ECCBA Report:

The ECCBA AGM is on 21 June 2018, NJ to attend and will report back at the next SCBA meeting.

11. ECBA Report:

The Association has received an enquiry from the North West regarding the possibility of becoming members, they have been advised of the process and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Bedfordshire have been unable to get a team together for this year's ECBA Champion of Champions, but will put arrangements in place to return in 2019. This does however mean that there will now be an even number of teams and therefore no sessions where teams have to sit out. And it will mean an earlier finish on Sunday.

There was around 250 guests at the Festival of Carpet Bowls in May, including 23 visitors from New Zealand and 20 from Norway.

AGM

The Chairman reported on the positive developments from the past year, the forthcoming Carpet Bowls International, the Special Olympics and the inclusion of Carpet Bowls in Indoor Bowler Magazine going forward.

However he also noted the necessity to deal with bad conduct and to form a disciplinary panel, as well as a rise in drunken or yobbish behaviour at the National Championships. He emphasised that it is very important that we stamp this out and asked County Captains to take a lead in ensuring all their players and guests are aware of our code of conduct. In addition he has requested that Potters Resort security team take a zero tolerance with any of our players in the late night bars. Any incidents will be reported back to the ECBA and the Code of Conduct will be invoked.

The Treasurer reported that the Association turned a small profit of £88.10 on the year. While the profit from the Festival was up £400 this was offset by losses from the Nationals which increased by nearly £600 on the year owing to a reduced numbers of guests.

Changes to the ECBA Code of Conduct were unanimously agreed to, amongst other things, include references to social media.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman - Mike Walker, Vice Chairman Colin Young, Treasurer & Competitions Secretary - Paul Daniels, Child Protection Officer - Rebecca Hearn. The post of Secretary remains open as does the post of National Referee following Mick Watkins' decision to step down.

MW has been appointed Development Officer.

NJ thanked and congratulated the Suffolk bowlers (Sally Goodrich, Ally Hobbs, Sue Gilder and Paul Daniels) that had represented England in the International Match, at the Festival of Bowls at Potters.

Trevor Rayner, New Zealand Team Manager had live streamed some of the weeks action and reportedly had over 600 views, at its peak.

12. Code of Conduct:

NJ & JV had produced a 2 page Code of Conduct, loosely based on the ECBA version and this was read out to the Committee.

MW suggested a change of wording regarding the complaints procedure in line with ECBA's code of conduct, this was agreed & NJ will implement that.

JV suggested, after change of wording, that

- (1) Code of Conduct be adopted by the Association, unanimously agreed and
- (2) Be posted on the website.

The SCBA Constitution to be amended at the 2019 AGM.

13. Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd June ECBA Champion of Champions at Stanley

Sunday 24th Marion's Fab Fours at Needham Market

14. Annual General Meeting:

JV asked if all current officers and members of the Committee (apart from KJ & MW) would be happy to continue.

All members present agreed to stand for re-election.

Paul Daniels had been nominated for the post of Treasurer.

Further to MW standing down from the Committee there were certain functions that he had undertaken that needed to be re-allocated.

(a) Designated key holder for Needham Market Community Centre;

(b) Bookings for Needham Market Community Centre

(c) Closed competitions organiser

NJ asked MW to summarise his role.

MW advised hall bookings had been completed up to January 2020 and should be further extended around September /October 2018.

The equipment should be checked regularly and storage of carpets under the stage at Needham Market could be investigated with their hall management.

At some length, the above positions were discussed with following outcome:

Key holder – SG

Hall bookings – NJ, with assistance from JV and RS

Closed competition organisers – RS & JS (with continued assistance from Paul Daniels)

15. Any other business:

KJ to take and produce AGM minutes.

IH (Martlesham) referred back to a letter sent by Nigel Abbott in October 2017 saying that he had not had a reply. KJ pointed out that a final reply had been sent to him on the 13th November 2017.

SG confirmed the next meeting is on 2nd July 2018

RS reported the Bury v Suffolk 'lost' trophy had now been found by the Bury League and gave KJ raffle proceeds and receipts from that event.

NJ suggested that as there seemed to be many Winter League games played after the official cut off date, should the season end date be put back slightly and similarly the start date for Summer League. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next Committee Meeting Monday 2nd July 2018 at Needham Market Community Centre 7.30pm start