



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 3rd September 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, Sue Gilder (**SG**), Richard Sago (**RS**), Jane Sago (**JS**), Ian Hunt (**IH**). Peter Dent (**P-D**), Secretary, Peter Elmy (**PE**)

1. Apologies for absence:

Andy Gilder, Andy Pooley, Jim Goodrich, Keith Hull.

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2018 were approved. Proposed by **SG** and seconded by **RS** and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

A discussion took place regarding the charity to be selected for the 2019 SCBA Charity competition, following the agreed research undertaken by **RS** and **JS** and conversation they had with Keith Jolly, who had proposed the 'My Wish' charity that supports West Suffolk Hospital. There were two options:

1. Paediatrics – all equipment based
2. Cardiac Unit – this would be towards the creation of a new cardiac unit

After discussion it was recommended that the charity selected should be the Paediatrics option. Proposed by **RS** and seconded by **SG** and carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence:

JV advised with great regret the death of Brenda Ling, a founder member of the Burstall club.

JV advised an email had been received from Bill Damant resigning from the committee as he now felt that he was unable to commit the time necessary to the role.

5. Chairman's Report:

I would like to start my report by congratulating the following clubs on winning the Summer Leagues:

Group A: Great Blakenham: **Group B:** Barking: **Group C:** Knodishall: **Group D:** Tythe Barn: **Group E:** Somersham

The Summer League Finals will be played at Needham Market on Wednesday 5th September starting at 7.30pm. This should create some very closely fought and interesting matches.

I would also like to acknowledge the work our new Secretary has done in persuading most clubs to receive the SCBA correspondence by email. This will save our Association a significant amount in postal charges.

Looking to the future, a sub-committee met with the Needham Market Bookings Manager and secured an ongoing approval of SCBA dates well into 2020. Needham Market remains our home venue due to the number of mats stored there, the size of the hall and its kitchen facilities.

It should be noted that there were now two places available on the committee and will everyone consider if they know anyone who would be suitable to fill the two places.

In closing, I would like to wish all bowlers every success in the new winter season.

6. Secretary's Report:

There was nothing additional to report, other than to thank all those clubs who had agreed to accept email communication rather than postal, this saving a considerable amount of money and time.

7. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer (**PD**) made the latest 'Income and Expenditure' report (year ending 30 April 2019) available for discussion, there were no queries raised and these were unanimously approved.

8. Match Secretary's Report:

It was reported that all summer leagues had now been sorted apart from one outstanding result. Group winners were as reported in the Chairman's report and all teams have been informed of the final play-off on Wed 5 September at Needham Market.

The Winter League has now begun with all 39 teams from last year playing.

The Joe Rice Cup draw has taken place and includes four extra teams – Bentley, Woolpit, Hundon and Knodishall with one withdrawal being Brantham making a total of 19 teams supporting the competition.

9. County Captain's Report:

The county team have not had any events since our last committee meeting.

Our first outing of the new season is on Sunday 23 September, the ECCBA Charity Teambowl, being held at Littleport Leisure Centre. The Suffolk team are looking to win this event for the sixth year in a row, but we will need to play better than we did in the Six Counties at the same venue, back in April.

On the next Sunday (30 September) the squad have their third & final fundraising competition for 2018, the Chairman's Triples. At the time of writing, there are still some spaces left, get your entry to Sue Gilder ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Then on Sunday 14 October, there are the county squad trials for the 2018/19 season. The entry form has been sent already and will be included with these set of Minutes. The selectors would encourage anyone interested to have a go at the trials. If any bowler would like more information about the trials or county bowls, they can call me (Neil Jolly) on 01440 712328 or email suffolkcba@gmail.com

10. ECCBA Report

There have not been any ECCBA meetings since our last Committee meeting.

The next ECCBA meeting is on Thursday 11 October. NJ may not be able to attend but will ensure any input required from Suffolk is passed to the ECCBA prior to the meeting.

Regarding ECCBA events, the Charity Teambowl is at Littleport Leisure Centre of Sunday 23 September & the ECCBA league starts again in November.

11. Upcoming Events

The Summer League Finals will be held on 5 September and assistance will be required in order to set things up in time.

The ECBA Triples will be held at Needham Market on Sunday 16 September, this will be hosted by Hertfordshire CBA and starting at 9.30am.

The Chairman's Triples will be held on Sunday 30 September, this being a squad event, the organisers and **NJ** will make the necessary arrangements.

The Suffolk Squad trials are on Sunday 14 October at Needham Market, to be organised by **NJ**.

The Suffolk Closed Fours Qualifying is on Sunday 4 November at Needham Market, hall to be open at 8.30am.

12. Any Other Business:

JS requested that the Women's Institute wanted to borrow the SCBA equipment for their own competition. Proposed by (**RS**) and seconded by (**NJ**) and carried unanimously.

SG discussed her new role as keyholder for Needham Market and confirmed, following a recent meeting, that all upcoming dates through to 2020 were now confirmed and that Needham Market had been very accommodating with very few clashes of dates.

NJ followed this up by reporting difficulties setting a date/ booking Needham Market for one event, the Suffolk Triples for 2020 and going forward. It was agreed that the current date (late December) was not ideal and if possible, needed moving. It was agreed that **NJ** will set up another meeting with the Needham Market manager to investigate an alternative date and look to fix dates for 2021 and 2022.

At the initial meeting, it was reported to the Needham Market manager that we were experiencing difficulties accessing the top set of three carpets, as these were not ideal where currently located. Needham Market have subsequently agreed that the top carpets can be moved to a lower level location. We will need to make necessary enquiries to have this work carried out.

NJ reported that following the International Match at Potters in May, we had maintained contact with the New Zealand team and he had arranged for two of their carpets to be flown over. These had arrived and are being kept at the Claydon club. Open and practice nights have taken place and these will hopefully continue on alternate Friday nights, anyone would be welcome to turn up and have a go.

At this point no other matters were raised and the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 5 November 2018 (7.30pm start)