



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 14th January 2019

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those Present: John Varden (**JV**) Chairman, Sally Goodrich (**SG**) Vice Chair, (**NJ**), Paul Daniels (**PD**) Treasurer, Sue Gilder (**SCG**), Richard Sago (**RS**), Jane Sago (**JS**), Keith Hull (**KH**), Peter Dent (**P-D**), Secretary, Andy Gilder (**AG**), Peter Elmy (**PE**), Ian Hunt (**IH**), Andy Pooley (**AP**).

1. Apologies for absence:

Neil Jolly and Jim Goodrich

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November were approved. Proposed by **SCG** and seconded by **SG** and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

RS reported that the 'Wish Upon a Star' charity event, in aid of the West Suffolk Hospital and held on 5th Jan was very successful and raised £941, after all expenses had been deducted, there were 32 teams and a new format was tried. All helpers were particularly thanked. Sue Smith, the Charity representative for 'Wish Upon a Star' was present and passed on her grateful thanks.

RS & JS thought that some new ideas should be considered for the 2020 season, and that the charity competition should be perhaps moved to the second Sunday in January.

4. Correspondence

There was some considerable discussion in relation to a members letter to the committee and the points raised were discussed as follows:

- suggesting that those clubs who were short of players for competitions should be able to 'borrow' players from other clubs who would have surplus players that could make themselves available to play for other clubs, assuming that the necessary regulations were in place to control the concept.
Both **NJ & JV** thought the idea was good but that the organisational control would be too difficult and time consuming, however **AG** proposed that the suggestion should not be adopted, seconded by **JS**. The proposal was carried unanimously.
- There was a discussion around the possibility of having a Presentation evening, and as there was no clear decision it was suggested that the idea should be included in the minutes and then for Clubs to respond individually. **SCG** proposed

that Clubs should be allowed to express interest. Seconded by **AP**, and carried unanimously.

- **New Member Search** It was acknowledged that many clubs struggle with maintaining membership numbers and the committee were asked for ideas. The committee agreed to:
 - Make enquiries at the EADT with regard to advertising and associated costs
 - Try to find someone willing to be responsible for this.

It was agreed that more information was required, and **RS** offered to visit the EADT in Ipswich to discuss options and report back at the next committee meeting.

KH had raised the possibility of changing the present scoring system in all matches. The suggestion was that a side that had lost or drawn a game would have the possibility of scoring a bonus point in any game if they had won more ends. It was felt that any change in the scoring rules would probably have to be discussed at the AGM, it was left that the matter should be discussed in greater detail at the next committee meeting and then if progressed, to be put before clubs at the AGM. There was no further correspondence to report on.

5. Chairman's Report:

Well another calendar year has finished which gives me, as your Chairman, an ideal opportunity to thank your committee for all their hard work in organizing and recording the events run by the SCBA. The leagues, the tournaments, the County Team and control of the finances all take considerable effort for which we are, I am sure, most grateful.

Since our last committee meeting on November 5th, much has happened within the County. The Suffolk team was once again successful in winning the County Championship and becoming National Champions at Potters. What was particularly gratifying, was the number of club members who came to support the County Team.

The Suffolk Charity Fours was again organized by Jane & Richard Sago, assisted by members of Burstall CBC, and managed to raise a significant amount for the "Wish Upon A Star" charity at Bury Hospital. I am sure they will be pleased to come and collect the cheque in due course.

In closing my report, I would like to thank those of you who bring raffle prizes and are able to assist with the setting up and clearing away of the equipment at tournaments. It is much appreciated by the County committee.

6. Secretary's Report:

There was nothing additional to report.

7. Treasurers Report

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

It was suggested that the money raised (£941) for the 'Wish Upon a Star' charity should be increased to £1000.00 the additional to come from club funds. This was proposed by **AG** and seconded by **PE**. The motion was carried unanimously.

SG suggested that the cheque should be presented on Jan 24th at the Random Triples event. This was unanimously agreed

8. Match Secretary's Report:

SG reported that there had been an issue with the Hadleigh v's Bealings match. Apparently on arrival Bealings found the centre was locked and Hadleigh were unable to contact the caretaker, so the match could not be held. Due to this, Hadleigh offered the match and points to Bealings. The committee discussed this situation and unanimously agreed that it was incorrect and that the match should be re-played at a mutually convenient date. Failure to follow this course of action then the result must be that neither side would score any points.

9. County Captain's Report:

Since our last Committee meeting in November, it has been a busy and successful time for the Suffolk team.

Over the long weekend of 9-11 November, the Suffolk team and our supporters were at Potters for the National Championships.

On the Friday evening, Suffolk played Sunderland for the Inter-County title over six nine end games. At the halfway stage we looked in control, but as the games went on, it wasn't quite so comfortable. We did enough in the end though, winning three and drawing one, for an overall 7-5 win. This was Suffolk's sixth Inter-County win in the last seven years and got our weekend off to a winning start.

The National Championships with nine counties taking part started on the Saturday morning, with Suffolk the defending champions. The Suffolk team had a fantastic first day, losing just two games and drawing three from the twenty four played. Overnight we sat in top spot with forty one points, with a ten point lead over Hertfordshire.

We were glad of that healthy advantage as we had a bad start to Sunday, losing five out of our first six games and by lunchtime, our lead had been reduced to just five points.

However the team responded very well over the next three sessions and with a few other results also going our way, we were National Champions again, with a session to spare.

We finished with seventy two points, nine points ahead of second place Hertfordshire.

This was Suffolk's sixth consecutive Nationals title win, an incredible achievement. A couple of weeks later, we had our first ECCBA league match of the season, at home against Cambridgeshire, played at Bildeston with Needham Market unavailable. Different venue and a different looking Suffolk team made no difference, a good start with a 24-12 win.

Then last month, we were away to Essex and with an improved team performance, we were pleased to leave with a 26-10 win.

Those two wins put us at the top of the league, with a ten point advantage over Hertfordshire and Norfolk.

Looking ahead, our remaining three league matches (10.30am start) are:

- 20 January: Against Bedfordshire, at Barton-le-Clay
- 17 February: Against Norfolk, at Bildeston
- 17 March: Against Hertfordshire, at Needham Market

Also coming up is the squad's first fundraiser for 2019, the Random Triples. This is being held at Needham Market on Sunday 24 February and at the time of writing, there are still some places left if anyone wishes to take part.

10. ECCBA Report:

Nothing to report, the next meeting is the ECCBA AGM on 20 June 2019

11. ECBA Reports:

National Championships

PD reported that following the difficulty experienced by some teams in being able to pull together a full team of 24 players for the event, it was proposed that the team size be reduced to 20 players with each county selecting 5 rinks.

Essex, Northumberland and Suffolk all pointed out that any such change would put them in the position of having to drop players who had turned out for the county all season. It is unlikely that Suffolk would agree to any such arrangement.

It was therefore agreed that the event format should remain the same but that a set of rules should be drawn up allowing counties to compete in the event with a minimum of 20 players in order to ensure the continued involvement of all member counties.

Chairman - As previously advised Mike Walker will be standing down as Chairman at the next AGM.

To date no names have been put forward to fill the role. However, the current Vice Chairman, Colin Young said that he would be prepared to stand in the absence of any other nominees, Mike Walker said that he would be willing to take on the role of Vice Chairman in order to help maintain continuity.

12. Forthcoming Events:

Sunday 3rd & 10th February Suffolk Closed Pairs.

Sunday 24th February Random Triples

Monday 4th March Joe Rice Cup Qtr Finals

Wednesday 6th March Chairman's Plate Qtr Finals

Sunday 10th March Suffolk Singles Qualifying

Wednesday 13th March Joe Rice & Chairman Plate Semi

13. Any other Business

There was nothing raised

At this point no other matters were raised and the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 18th March 2019 at Needham Market. (7.30pm start)