



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

**The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 13th July 2009**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Jeremy Brown (JB)(Chairman), Keith Jolly (KJ)(Treasurer), Graham Robinson (GR)(Secretary), Neil Jolly (NJ), Peter Jones (PJ), Mick Watkins (MW), Andy Gilder (AG), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Richard Williamson (RW), Steven Cain (SC) Keith Armes (KA), Marion Brown (MB).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Richard Sago, Jane Sago.
- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 27th April 2009 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Mick Watkins, seconded by Keith Armes and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. Matters Arising:** AOB - It was confirmed that the racking was now fitted and completed. Thanks were extended to MW for this work.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman welcomed Marion Brown back onto the committee.
- 5. Secretary's Report:** Graham Robinson had nothing to report.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Keith Jolly did not present a balance sheet as the year had just started. He confirmed that subscriptions and insurance payments were being received. He reported that Richard Jones had agreed to audit the accounts again next year. The meeting agreed that Richard Jones be bought a bottle of wine to thank him for his work. Peter Jones to supply.
- 7. Match Secretary's Report:** Sally Goodrich had nothing to report.
- 8. Child Protection Officer's Report:** Andy Gilder reported that he had attended the one day NSPCC training course which had been useful and had confirmed that SCBA are proceeding correctly. The Child Protection Policy, code of conduct and procedures have been revised and are currently with Sarah Fane for her agreement. Once this committee has approved it the recommendation is that it be included in the SCBA constitution at the next AGM. He reported that it was recommended that the CPO and possibly one other attend a more intensive two day course. Forms for clubs to complete should be available at the next meeting.

9. Change to rules re Offton's letter: A number of letters and emails had been received following discussion at the AGM and these were all considered in a lengthy discussion. At the end it was proposed by MB, seconded by PJ that the changes supported by the majority of clubs at the AGM whereby a 5 shot penalty per bowler short, instead of the two point penalty, should be adopted as a trial for one year. This was approved. This will apply to all winter league, cup and plate matches, with cup and plate matches being played for 10 points each for both matches. The written rules will be updated by Neil Jolly to reflect the changes but a précis of the new rule is attached. A questionnaire will be sent to clubs later in the year.

10. County Business: The following positions on the committee were confirmed -
County Captain - Neil Jolly. Proposed by GR, seconded by JG.
County Selectors - Neil Jolly, Sally Goodrich, Steven Cain. Proposed by GR, seconded by JG.
ECBA representative - Mick Watkins. Proposed by AG, seconded by JG.
ECCBA representative - Peter Jones. Proposed by JG seconded by SG.
Closed Tournament Sub Committee - Richard & Jane Sago. Proposed by KA, seconded by MW.
Child Protection Officer - Andy Gilder. Proposed by KA seconded by MW.

11. English Carpet Bowls Association: MW reported that the main item from the AGM was the level of travel subsidy for the national county championships as there was concern by one county and it was to be discussed again at their August meeting. A note to delegates from Tony Cuthbert was discussed. The meeting voted that Suffolk should support the status quo.

12. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association: PJ reported on the ECCBA AGM held in June. An apology from Suffolk on an inadvertent breaking of the substitution rule was accepted by Hertfordshire and there will be no further action or penalty. A revised agreed list of ECCBA rules was circulated.

There had been some organisational deficiencies at the ECCBA Champion of Champions, particularly the failure to arrange a draw, which must not be allowed to happen again. SG made it clear that she had not been asked to organise this.

13. Space on Committee: Following the AGM there was one space to be filled on the committee. MB suggested that another lady on the committee would be good for balance and GR said that Freda Wright might be interested, particularly as she already does much of the catering for the county. There were no other suggestions and the committee agreed that GR should approach Freda and invite her to join the committee.

14. Any Other Business: A letter had been received from Martlesham Carpet Bowls Club regarding Item 3 of the minutes of our 9th March meeting. The minutes may have given the impression that Martlesham were complaining about an infringement of the rules. The SCBA would like to make it clear that this was not the case, Martlesham were requesting a change in the rules and were not alleging that Stanningfield had infringed the rules. An email had been received from Rita Daniels thanking the SCBA for expenses assistance and the support given to her team while representing Suffolk at the ECBA Champion of Champions.

A letter had been received from Great Blakenham suggesting that the finals day be moved closer to the end of the winter season. After discussion it was agreed to change the date to

18th April by swapping dates with the County Juniors event subject to Needham Market being available on 18th April. GR to book Needham.

NJ reported that arrangements for the Durham visit were proceeding well. Trophies for the pairs event on Saturday still needed sorting and SG agreed to get the trophies and the draw prizes.

AG had obtained quotes for the coach to the Nationals in November. It was agreed to accept the cheaper quote. This year the payment for the coach must be made before the trip.

SC reported that additional trophies ordered following finals day were still awaited. GR reported there had been a delay with the supplier but it was all in hand.

JB suggested that one person should be responsible for organising all the trophies and MB agreed to take on the job for this next year.

KJ asked about the engraving of trophies as some clubs have returned trophies unengraved. It was agreed that it should be highlighted that winning clubs should get their trophies engraved and return them to an SCBA committee member well before the following year's event.

The listed date for Marion's Fab Fours in 2010 should be 25th July not 26th July.

It was confirmed that SCBA pay for the Suffolk League v Heritage League when they host it and there was a need to discuss catering and club selection at the next meeting.

The committee agreed to pay 75% of the cost of a new printer for JG to replace a defunct one as it was used primarily for printing league tables for the clubs.

GR reported that Neil West from Bury League had suggested the date of Wednesday 12th May 2010 for the Bury League v Suffolk League match.

JB confirmed that, with the Rector's Plate now finished, the date and venue had been booked for an SCBA charity tournament. The format would be similar but revised and all clubs would be invited. If any member reading this has a particular suggestion regarding a relevant charity to support please contact the committee. It was agreed that the raffle would just be on the day so raffle books would not be circulated.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

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