



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 Monday 13th September 2010**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Keith Armes (KA)(Chairman), Keith Jolly (KJ)(Treasurer), Graham Robinson (GR)(Secretary), Peter Jones (PJ)(Vice Chairman), Neil Jolly (NJ), Mick Watkins (MW), Andy Gilder (AG), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Rita Daniels (RD), Freda Wright (FW), Richard Sago (RS), Jane Sago (JS).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Marion Brown (MB).
2. **Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 12th July 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Keith Armes.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman congratulated all the winning teams in the summer leagues, especially Kelsale who won the overall title on finals day.
5. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary reported that the questionnaire had generated 72 responses, a very pleasing number. Most clubs have now supplied e-mail addresses which has the potential for speeding communications and reducing mailing costs. GR has information on the numbers of players at clubs and this is still to be analysed.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented the first balance sheet for this year. The figures showed that all insurance money had been received from clubs, the English Triples balance was not yet complete as there were outstanding items, the County Squad Dinner was on the balance sheet for administration purposes only as the squad members will be paying the full cost and there will be no cost to SCBA.
KJ confirmed that there were currently 94 full member clubs (expected to be 95 shortly when one remaining club rejoins). There are also 4 associate members. Most clubs have taken out insurance through SCBA and clubs should note that carpet rollers, some of which can cost up to £5000, can be insured at an additional premium, several clubs have already done this.
7. **Match Secretary's Report:** The Match Secretary reported that the summer league had run smoothly. Regarding payments by clubs to SCBA for various items, there is not

take a stronger role in leading the sport without continual reference to the committee, and that the committee delegates should be given more authority by their own associations so that decisions made at committee meetings do not have to be constantly referred back to the local association. The constitution should be changed as necessary. More should be done by ECBA to promote and advertise the sport, more done to ensure the use of new technology in particular the creation of good web sites by all counties, greater support and initiative for new clubs and counties and better follow up after initial set up.

11. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association: There had been no ECCBA meetings since our last committee meeting so PJ had little to report. Details had been received for the Teambowl on 26 September. These had been passed to NJ who has made all the necessary team arrangements.

12. Mat for sale (Polstead): Polstead have approached the committee with regard to a surplus mat. It is understood that this would be available free to a charity or similar organisation. The ECBA has a web page for such items and Polstead are to be contacted with the suggestion that they e-mail either Mick Watkins or ECBA with the details to be put on the web site.

13. Any Other Business:

1) GR reported that he had chased the insurance policy documents, these had been promised and should be with him within two weeks.

2) MW reminded the committee that the portable notice board for use at SCBA events was not currently being used. It was agreed that it ought to be resurrected but would need transporting and updating for each event. KA agreed to consider this.

3) RD raised the matter of the Closed Championships. Entries for the Triples closes soon and to date there are 30 entries. Final entries will be similar to or slightly down on last year's 38. Given the numbers for this event RD suggested using Needham Market next year as it would be big enough, cheaper than East Bergholt and have mats available in situ. There were no objections to this. This year there have been few volunteers for supplying carpets. The draw for the Triples will be carried out on Sunday 19th September at Great Blakenham. RD passed the Pairs entry forms to GR for circulation with the minutes.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

The next meeting is Monday 22nd November at Needham Market