



# *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 24th January 2011**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.**

Action

**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), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Rita Daniels (RD), Freda Wright (FW), Marion Brown (MB), Jane Sago (JS).

**1. Apologies for absence:** Richard Sago (RS).

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** There were several corrections to the previous minutes:

1/ Add to item 9. The subsidy for the County Championships and Champion of Champions for 2011 was agreed at £35 per person.

2/ Add to item 9. It was agreed that the surplus of £115 from the Nationals at Blackpool should go into the Suffolk Squad Funds.

3/ Add to item 7 after sentence 2. Winter Rules July 2010 1d) relating to players playing in cup and league for different teams is to be rewritten by NJ to clarify it.

4/ Item 4. 'recognition' should read 'resignation'.

Subject to these changes the minutes of the Committee Meeting of 22th November 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Keith Armes.

NJ

**3. Matters Arising:** As agreed in item 3 of the previous meeting GR circulated a list of member clubs with their membership and league bowlers numbers as detailed in the questionnaires returned by the clubs. This was discussed and some omissions and anomalies were noted. It was decided to repeat the exercise at some point in the future to monitor membership trends.

GR reported that he had informed Neil West of the agreement in item 12 although he was already aware as PJ had also informed him.

**4. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that Charity Tournament on 22nd January had gone extremely well. After expenses and the receipt of sponsorship money it is anticipated that approximately £1500 will be donated to the Alzheimer's charity. It was agreed to repeat next year in a similar format. The alternative dates of 21st and 22nd

January 2012 to be provisionally booked but discussions need to take place with this year's sponsors Ipswich Plumbers before arrangements are finalised. It was generally felt that the location of Needham Market was right and a larger venue might attract a few more entries but not enough to cover the additional hire charge.

GR  
KA

**5. Secretary's Report:** The Secretary reported that he had received correspondence from David Cobbold regarding the sending of minutes and other information by e-mail rather than post. This was discussed and it was agreed to look at the end of the year to see if any material savings had been made that could be passed on to members.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented a balance sheet to 22nd January 2011. There were no questions on this.

KJ suggested that on the minutes there should be an action column as, in the past, sometimes actions and follow up have been missed. This was agreed. PJ agreed to include an action column in these and future minutes.

PJ

**7. Charity Competition Report:** This had been mainly covered earlier in the meeting. RD questioned whether SCBA should offer to pay Needham Market BC for the loan of their carpet. It was felt that, as this was a charity event and no transport was involved, it would be sufficient to thank them for the loan of the carpet and GR agreed to write and thank them.

GR

**8. Match Secretary's Report:** The Match Secretary reported that all was running smoothly with the league and cups. There was an error in the table with the number of Belstead matches which was being sorted out. He indicated that so far this season three clubs had lost points (in addition to shots) through playing with a shortage of players. Because of the bad weather quite a number of matches had been postponed and it had been agreed to add one week to the season (1st week of April), some clubs have already been told this.

It was agreed that Closed Tournaments should be added as a regular agenda item to ensure that they are properly planned for and discussed. The forthcoming Closed Singles venue has had to be changed to Hadleigh. It has been arranged that tea and coffee will be available. RD has contacted all entrants, mainly by email, regarding the changes. It was agreed that there was no need for a revised front sheet to be sent out.

GR

**9. County Business:** NJ reported on the recent County Matches. The away match at Bedfordshire in November had resulted in an excellent 29-7 win. The December match against Norfolk had been postponed by Norfolk at short notice because of a bereavement and has now been rearranged for 30 January at Bildeston. The January home match against Hertfordshire had resulted in a great 28-8 win.

NJ also reported that the 2011 County Trials location and date had been changed and was now on 9th October at Bildeston. The dates of interest list has been updated.

Durham have confirmed that they will be unable to take up Suffolk's invitation to visit this summer but hope to come in 2012. It was agreed that SCBA should write them a letter expressing our understanding of the reasons, welcoming them in 2012 and offering to try and reduce the cost of the visit if we can. NJ to draft a letter for KA to send.

NJ/KA

**10. English Carpet Bowls Association:** MW had attended the ECBA committee meeting at Rotherham on 22nd January. He presented a written report and various items were explained and discussed. Andy Gilder had tendered his resignation as CPO but due

to a change of circumstances he was able to continue so his resignation was refused and he remains CPO for ECBA.

There had been a few dress code infringements at the Nationals by other counties and Suffolk's view was sought. Suffolk's view was that ECBA should impose their own dress code and penalties for their events. A possible problem for Suffolk qualifiers for the Champion of Champions is that the late Suffolk finals day is not until after the Norbreck has opened bookings to all comers so it is important that qualifiers book quickly. It was pointed out that ECBA made a loss at the Nationals because of the increased travel subsidy. Referee training in the Eastern Counties is to be looked at and revised after completion of the booked sessions in Essex. Regarding booking procedures at Potters for the Nationals, following a draw Suffolk were third in line for any spare accommodation. It was agreed that JG would contact Dirk Vettewinkel to discuss hotel room availability. Discussion had taken place on Jamie Smith's letter. Nine counties have confirmed their intention to attend the Nationals at Potters, Sunderland may not attend because of the cost, North Tyneside hope to confirm later.

JG

The ECBA rinks tournament was confirmed for Ware on 15th May and the triples at Durham on 11th September. SCBA were asked for their views on holding the Champion of Champions in the North one year and the South the next. The committee supported this idea. The location for the 2012 Nationals has not yet been decided.

**11. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:** There had been no ECCBA meetings since our last committee meeting and those matters that had arisen had been discussed under County Business.

**12. Letter from Andy Gilder:** Andy Gilder has now returned to Suffolk and has offered his services to the SCBA committee. The committee agreed to co-opt him back onto the committee and reappoint him as Child Protection Officer. This was proposed by PJ, seconded by JG and approved to the committee. GR to advise Andy Gilder

GR

**13. Any Other Business:**

- 1) GR enquired whether it was necessary to book a venue for the Six Counties Tournament in April 2012 which Suffolk is to host. Although Suffolk will host this tournament the ECCBA location for it is expected to be Braintree so there is no requirement for Suffolk to book a venue.
- 2) GR inquired whether the Summer League invitations should go out with these minutes. After discussion it was agreed that they should be sent out in March after the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting is Monday 7th March 2011 at Needham Market