



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 7th March 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), Freda Wright (FW), Marion Brown (MB), Richard Sago (RS), Andy Gilder (AG).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jane Sago (JS). Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Rita Daniels (RD).

2. **Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 24th January 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Keith Armes.

3. **Matters Arising:** A number of action points from the previous meeting were confirmed and discussed.

NJ confirmed that he had drafted a letter to Durham which had then been sent by KA. (from item 9).

GR circulated an updated Diary Dates list to the committee, the dates of 21st and 22nd January 2012 had been provisionally booked for the charity tournament. It was agreed to confirm the date as Sunday 22nd which would be more suitable for the possible sponsors.

GR

GR confirmed that a letter of thanks had been sent to Needham Market (from item 7).

GR confirmed that he had advised Andy Gilder that he had been co-opted back onto the committee (from item 12). AG was welcomed back onto the committee as CPO.

4. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman had nothing to report.

5. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary reported that he had booked all the required dates at Needham Market for 2012, there had been one non available date in October 2012 so he had swapped the dates for the Suffolk Closed Triples and the Chairman's Triples. He was awaiting confirmation from East Bergholt.

After discussion it was agreed to cancel the SCBA Juniors event scheduled for

17th April due to lack of junior players but to keep it on the calendar for 2012 in the hope of having more juniors by then. GR to cancel the booking. GR

The East v West match is booked for 4th May; teams will be based on the County Squad. MW agreed to sort these out. MW

The Suffolk League v Bury League match is booked for 11th May; Suffolk will continue to avoid playing county players for this. KA agreed to invite selected clubs to provide a team for this, it was agreed that he would not ask teams from the West which also play in the Bury League and may get invited by them. This should avoid last year's confusion when teams were asked to play for both. KA

GR confirmed that a pre-AGM meeting had been provisionally booked for 13th June should one be needed. It is not on the Diary Dates list.

David Cobbold's email to GR was discussed. The SCBA will send out minutes and other correspondence by email to all clubs that have provided an email address unless clubs have requested hard copies, in which case SCBA will be happy to send all correspondence by post instead of or in addition to email. Any requests should go the secretary. GR to reply to David Cobbold confirming that he will continue to receive hard copies in addition to emails and that the policy will be reviewed at the end of the year to see if material savings had been made which could be passed on to clubs (as agreed at the last meeting). GR

After discussion it was agreed that as the contact list is now rather long it might help if it was sent out in a smaller font and the full list only sent out once a year. GR

6. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented a balance sheet to 6th March 2011. The final figure for the Charity Tournament shows a total of £1447, with income of £1776 and expenditure of £329. The total amount includes sponsorship from Ipswich Plumbers which is not yet to hand. SCBA agreed to add £53 to round up the amount to be given to Alzheimer's to £1500. The total is over £300 more than was raised last year. It was agreed that JS should invite someone from Alzheimer's to one of our Finals Days to receive the cheque. RS agreed to talk to Keith Hull regarding the sponsorship. JS RS

MW raised the question of the £115 surplus from the Nationals which has not yet been transferred to Suffolk Squad Funds (see item 2 of previous minutes). It was agreed that a cheque would be written for this. KJ

7. Match Secretary's Report: The Match Secretary was not at the meeting so there was no report but copies of the latest tables had been sent.

8. County Business: NJ reported on the recent County Matches. There had been a fantastic 31-5 record win against Norfolk followed by a very good 21-15 win over Cambridgeshire. With one game to play against Essex, Suffolk have a 14 point lead over Essex so the match at Braintree on 20th March will decide the ECCBA champions.

On April 10th Suffolk will be defending the Six Counties Championship. PJ was asked to find out the location of the trophy which was not collected by Suffolk last year. PJ

NJ said that the team for the National Championships at Potters will be finalised after the Essex county match. As the players' accommodation payments will have to be channelled through SCBA this year, and credit card payments cannot therefore be used, it was felt that SCBA should set up a system allowing players to make partial advance payments if they wish. NJ and MW agreed to discuss this with JG. The need for careful record keeping was stressed. NJ/MW

9. Closed Tournaments: These had all run smoothly with just the Fours still to be

played on 13th March.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association: There has been no ECBA meeting since our last meeting. There had been a request for a tournament calendar to be produced covering all the southern counties. It was agreed that this was a good idea which Suffolk would support. It is to be raised at the next ECCBA meeting and PJ will use the latest Suffolk Dates of Interest list as the source for Suffolk information

PJ

11. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association: The next ECCBA meeting is on 10th March. PJ was asked to seek clarification of the representation criteria listed in the ECCBA rules of June 2009 to avoid any misunderstanding.

PJ

12. Any Other Business:

1) GR said that the Child Protection Officer's report was not an agenda item but now we have a CPO again it will be added.

GR

2) GR raised the question of the portable notice board which is not being regularly updated and used. There are problems regarding getting it transported but FW agreed to take it and update it for the next tournament.

FW

3) Although the calendar on the SCBA website includes all SCBA events and some others it was agreed that GR should contact Paul Daniels to see if the full list could be included.

GR

4) AG gave a report on the current situation with regard to the current Child Protection situation. There is a recent government paper and he gave a brief precis. This does indicate that there will be a simplified system introduced. He will continue to monitor the situation and send a clarifying letter to the clubs in due course.

AG

5) MB reported that the cost of providing trophies for the leagues, cups and tournaments had risen sharply and would total nearly £1000 this year. She was asked to proceed with the ordering.

MB

6) NJ felt that recognition and congratulations should be given to Sue Gilder and Shirley Watkins for their outstanding performance in winning the Charity Pairs Tournament at Soham on 6th March. This was agreed.

7) It was agreed that the Summer League invitation paperwork needs to be sent out with these minutes. The fees would be kept the same as last year. GR to update the letter and send with these minutes.

GR

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting is Monday 18th April 2011 at Needham Market


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