



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 21st November 2011**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Graham Robinson (GR)(Secretary), Freda Wright (FW).
- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 12th September 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Keith Armes.
- 3. Matters Arising:** Item 15.5: JS confirmed that the W.I. had borrowed two carpets, as agreed. They were very grateful and have given a cheque for £25.
Item 7: KJ said that the cheque from Shotley for league fees had been refunded, as agreed.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman congratulated the County Squad on beating Sunderland in the Inter County League Play-off Final and in coming second in the National County Championships at Potters.
- 5. Secretary's Report:** The secretary was unable to attend so there was no Secretary's report.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented an income/expenditure statement to 21st November 2011 with a current balance of £5993. KJ explained the current insurance situation, of 94 member clubs only 13 do not have some form of insurance through the SCBA, most insuring equipment and public liability. A total of 188 carpets are insured including the county ones. As agreed at the last meeting KJ has revised the forms for insurance, league and cups combining into a single form requiring just one payment to the treasurer for all items. GR to be asked to circulate the draft package to all committee members for comment. Comments to be sent to KJ before the next meeting. One immediate comment was the need to add a note ensuring cheques was not sent to JG as was previously the case.
- 7. Match Secretary's Report:** JG reported that leagues and cup were running smoothly and email updates were being sent to Paul Daniels for the website. It was commented that some clubs were playing all home or all away games before Christmas, but this did not break any rules.

GR
All

8. County Business: The County Captain confirmed that the performance at the Teambowls in September was exceptional and that Suffolk had won it convincingly. The County Trials in October had resulted in several squad changes and NJ thanked the markers for their help.

At the National Championships in November Suffolk won the Inter County League Play-off Final 8-4 and finished 2nd in the Nationals. NJ said it was a very good performance, the team played well and it should stand us in good stead for the future.

8a. Charity Tournament: This is booked for 22nd January 2012 at Needham Market and the meeting needed to sort out arrangements. There was discussion on which Charity to pick and Arthritis Care and Age UK Suffolk were considered. (Subsequent to research after the meeting Age UK Suffolk has been agreed as the more suitable charity although Arthritis was preferred at the meeting). It was agreed to repeat the tournament in the same format as last year which RD and JS will arrange. There is unlikely to be a tombola this time. RD will arrange the entry forms and see if Ipswich Plumbers wish to be involved with sponsorship this year. JS will arrange quizzes and raffle similar to last year. GR and FW to be asked if they will do the catering.

RD/JS

GR/FW

9. Closed Tournaments: Rita Daniels listed the qualifiers from yesterday's Closed Pairs, they are - Andy & Sue Gilder, Rita & Pete Runnacles, Margaret & Jim Southgate, Neil & Keith Jolly, David Ford & Andy Pooley, Ann & Alan Blundell, Paul & Rita Daniels and Kevin Postma & Keith Hull. With regard to provision of carpets for the Singles it was agreed that a club could be paid for bringing multiple carpets if offered and if needed.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association: MW said that there had not been an ECBA meeting but work was progressing on the production of a DVD and some parts had been filmed at Potters.

11. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association: PJ reported on the last ECCBA meeting and circulated an updated ECCBA contact list. ECCBA now has a website accessible via the ECBA or SCBA websites with copies of minutes, results etc. ECCBA is trying to establish a comprehensive list of dates of interest for the site encompassing all Eastern Counties, Suffolk information is already available. ECCBA has decided that the ECBA rule regarding the delivery box is obsolete and they will recommend deletion if the rules are reviewed. Other ideas for updating the rules were invited. The suggestion that games be reduced from nine to seven ends in the Six Counties Tournament was discussed but it was agreed there would be no change.

12. Referee Training: MW confirmed that he had run the referee training course on Saturday 29th October as planned, which had been constructive. He will run further courses as required by demand and via these minutes interested players are invited to contact Mick Watkins on 01473 780661. MW is also prepared to offer awareness courses to individual clubs which would cover measuring, rules etc. He also confirmed that ECBA would be paying for all the referee training, there would be no cost to SCBA, clubs or individuals. After the referee training up to six of the Suffolk referees will be registered by ECBA as 'Elite' referees.

MW

13. Any Other Business:

1) SG congratulated the County Squad on the spirit in which the Nationals were played.
2) NJ reported that, from conversations with some Durham players, they appear to be keen to visit Suffolk next August. It appears that Durham may have already approached our Secretary regarding this so PJ will check with GR and MW will talk to D Storey to check out his understanding. NJ said he would be happy to arrange the bowling side but not hotels and meal. A sub-committee may be required to arrange this.

PJ/MW

3) RD sought confirmation that the Closed Finals Day would be 22nd April 2012. This was the backup date and now appears on the latest Dates of Interest list. GR to confirm.
The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

GR

The next meeting is on Monday 23rd January 2012 at Needham Market

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