



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 12th July 2010

The meeting commenced at 7.26pm.

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), Marion Brown (MB), Rita Daniels (RD).

The Chairman warmly welcomed everyone onto the new committee. He particularly welcomed new member Rita Daniels back onto the committee.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Freda Wright (FW), Richard Sago (RS), Jane Sago (JS).
- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** Subject to the correction of spelling from Ashton to Ashdon in item 6, the minutes of the Committee Meeting of 26th April 2010 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Andy Gilder, seconded by Graham Robinson and signed by Keith Armes.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman hoped for a successful year for all, particularly in the major events and wished everyone good luck.
- 5. Secretary's Report:** The Secretary reported that he was pleased with the response to the questionnaire which was sent out with the minutes but would like to remind those clubs who have not yet responded to do so. GR had not received a copy of the AGM Chairman's Report from Jeremy Brown although MB confirmed that it had been sent twice. It seems that e-mail addresses had been wrong so the matter can now be rectified by the use of the correct e-mail.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** As this was the first meeting since the AGM Keith Jolly did not present a balance sheet but confirmed that league and insurance money was being received together with Durham trip payments. At the next meeting he will present a detailed report. KJ also enquired about Summer League finals day raffle prizes which it was agreed to discuss later, and ECBA Triples where MW and AG confirmed that they will be procuring everything. Receipts would be required for the balance sheet.

7. **Match Secretary's Report:** SG reported that there had been no problems with the Summer League. To date seven entries for the winter league had been received and two for the Cup.

8. **Child Protection Officer's Report:** AG reported that it looked as if the new government was taking a slightly different approach to the Act which may mean our clubs might not need to have CRB checks. It was decided to wait for a decision from the government before proceeding further.

9. **County Business:** NJ reported on outstanding business. He confirmed that the trip to Durham was going ahead in a few weeks, he was just waiting for menus from Durham. Coach pickups will be Risby and Stowmarket, times to be arranged and advised.

Election of County Captain for 2010/11- Neil Jolly was prepared to stand again. There were no other proposals so he was re-elected unopposed.

Election of County Selectors for 2010/11 - NJ and SG agreed to stand. A letter had been received from Steven Cain indicating that he would like to stand again even though he was no longer a committee member. There were no objections to this and no other candidates so the three selectors were re-elected unopposed.

The running of the Closed Tournaments was then discussed. RD confirmed that she and Paul Daniels had agreed to take over the running of these, including the getting of draw prizes. GR confirmed that East Bergholt had been booked for all four tournaments. It was agreed to run each discipline at one venue only.

RD suggested that the entry fees should be put up by £1 per person and those bringing carpets should be paid. The amount considered by the committee was £10 per carpet. After discussion this was proposed by RD, seconded by JG and agreed by the committee. It will be the person transporting the carpet who will be paid, not the club. RD will pay the carpet delivers on the day, get signatures and provide KJ with a paper trail. It was agreed to remove the requirement to supply a carpet from the conditions of entry on the entry form. MB agreed to procure all the trophies this year. RD requested help from members of the committee for conducting the draw.

10. **English Carpet Bowls Association:** MW had not been at the AGM at Blackpool but it had been attended by other members of the committee. He confirmed that Bedfordshire had rejoined and that David Storey had agreed to stay as referee for one more year. AG had been elected as the CPO.

There had been a sickness bug at the Norbreck Hotel during the Champion of Champions which had affected some counties. The resulting use of substitutes, in accordance with the rules, may have affected some results and this may be raised at the next ECBA meeting.

Election of ECBA delegate for 2010/11 - MW agreed to stand again and was re-elected unopposed.

11. **Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:** PJ and NJ had attended the ECCBA AGM in June. Mike Walker of Bedfordshire is the new chairman now that Margaret Southgate has stepped down. Other positions remain the same and ECCBA fees will be unchanged. The ECCBA decided not to change the rules following the wrongly signed scorecard incident at the Six Counties Championship despite argument for change from Suffolk, but scorecards will be modified to reduce the likelihood of error. This means that the result of the Six Counties Championship stands with Suffolk as champions

Election of ECCBA delegate for 2010/11 - PJ agreed to stand again and was re-elected unopposed.

12. Discussion on Rules: As agreed at the AGM the committee considered the proposal from Somersham that the five shot penalty rule for each player short be changed. There was lengthy discussion and JG pointed out that he had double checked the Somersham results sheets and found that they had played short on 12 occasions not 8 as previously stated although on 4 of those occasions it had not been specified at the bottom of the card. It was proposed by KA and seconded by AG that there be no change to the rules for the coming season and this was agreed. GR was asked to reply to the Somersham letter confirming that the issue had been fully discussed but no change was proposed for a further season. There was discussion on the Joe Rice Cup with the suggestion that it should be regionalised in an attempt to attract more entries. It was concluded that it was too late for the 2010/11 season but **for 2011/12 it is proposed to regionalise the first two rounds for the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate. Any comments are welcome and can be given to any member of the committee before the end of the season.**

NJ agreed to e-mail a copy of the latest Winter League rules to JG so they can be sent out with the league details.

13. Any Other Business:

- 1) GR, on behalf of FW, raised the question of payment for electricity used by the SCBA photocopier. KA confirmed that no-one should be out of pocket for SCBA costs. KJ requires the claim to have the necessary justification.
- 2) MW reported that ECBA subs are now due. KJ confirmed that payment is in hand.
- 3) SG had been asked by John Varden if more information could be put on the Dates of Interest sheet. It was agreed that where possible venues and times would be added to this list.
- 4) KJ said that there was one new associate member club. This was Silver Dawn, Clacton.
- 5) KJ raised the question of modifying the base of the Pairs trophy to accommodate more names. He had investigated some options but MB thought that our current trophy supplier may have a reasonably priced solution. MB has taken the trophy and will investigate.
- 6) Further to item 6, it was confirmed that SG and JG will run the Summer League Play-offs, SCBA will finance the raffle.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting is Monday 13th September at Needham Market


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