



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 5th March 2012**

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), Richard Sago (RS),

1. **Apologies for absence:** Graham Robinson (GR)(Secretary), Freda Wright (FW), Jane Sago (JS), Andy Gilder (AG), Rita Daniels (RD).

2. **Approval of previous Minutes:** The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 23rd January 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Keith Armes.

3. **Matters Arising:** Item 4: Arrangements need to be made for a cheque to be presented to Age UK following the Charity Tournament. It is planned to do this at one of the Suffolk Finals events and KA agreed to contact the charity to agree a date (*subsequent to the meeting the date of 26th April has been agreed with Age UK Suffolk*). KJ pointed out that it was not stated in earlier minutes that SCBA would pay for the hall hire, however that was always the intention and was agreed by the committee.

KA

Item 12: SG confirmed that the new base for the Charity Cup had been completed and paid for.

4. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman congratulated the County Team on their excellent victory over Essex.

5. **Secretary's Report:** There was no Secretary's report.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented an income/expenditure statement to 29th February 2012 with a current balance of £6887. Any items which have changed by more than 10% from last year will be highlighted and explained in the year end to 30th April figures, this will include 'Trophies' where two years' purchases appear in this year's figures.

KJ

KJ explained the figures for the money raised at the Charity Fours which will go to charity. This is not quite finalised but will be between £1000 and £1100. It was proposed and agreed that SCBA would round this up to £1100 and present that amount to Age UK.

KJ suggested that the committee assess the need for any fee increases at the pre-AGM meeting. If increases are considered necessary the committee will endeavour to keep them small.

7. **Match Secretary's Report:** The Match Secretary reported that all leagues and cups were progressing well. The teams that have reached the cup and plate semi-finals are drawn as follows :
Joe Rice Cup. Great Blakenham v Brockley

Hundon v Barking
Chairman's Plate. Hoggards Green v East Bergholt
Barrow v Tuddenham.

JG

A letter had been received from John Hayward regarding the shot deduction in a drawn two leg cup match where a team has played short of players. The committee considered this apparent double penalisation but decided not to change the rules. The did, however, decide to try and extend the periods for the playing of cup matches next season which may help clubs choose dates when they do not need to play short. JG will try and arrange this for next season.

SG raised the question of draw ticket charges with some clubs now charging £1 per strip. After discussion, and the suggestion that £0.50 had been agreed many years ago, it was decided to take no action at this time. The need for clubs to comply with lottery/gaming laws was emphasised.

8. **County Business:** NJ reported on a fantastic 29-7 win over Essex in the county match giving Suffolk a 6 point lead with one match to go.

There was discussion on the arrangements for the Six Counties Tournament which Suffolk will host at Braintree on 15th April. There were offers of help on the day from KA and his wife, RD, KJ and NW (if available). Essex will supply eight carpets and sets of equipment, Suffolk will supply four.

MW/NJ

It was agreed to use county carpets from Needham Market and various county players will be asked to help with delivery and setting up before the tournament. Carpets will probably need to be collected from Needham on Saturday afternoon. PJ confirmed that Maureen Giddens was producing the paperwork which should be available prior to the next county game, she needed a Suffolk contact name to go on the leaflets. NJ agreed to be the contact. NJ also agreed to approach Paul Daniels to see if he would provide the computerised programme for the day. PJ explained that each county would be contributing £10 and ECCBA £30 for raffle prizes, paid on the day. KA agreed to arrange to buy £90 worth of raffle prizes and tickets.

PJ. NJ

KA

There was discussion on the proposed visit to Suffolk by Durham on 4/5th August and the need for early co-ordination and liaison with Durham was noted. It is believed that Needham Market is booked, GR to confirm. NW had spoken to Durham who appeared happy to organise their own accommodation. PJ agreed to contact Joyce Woodward at Durham to confirm the visit and arrangements. Various options for the Saturday evening meal were discussed and this will be agreed and arranged after their hotel venue is confirmed.

GR

PJ

9. **Closed Tournaments:** RD was not at the meeting but had reported that all arrangements were in place for the Closed Fours on 11th March.

PJ

10. **English Carpet Bowls Association:** MW reported that there had been no recent meeting but the next one would be the last before the AGM. Rule changes would be discussed and he understood that Bedfordshire would be proposing deletion of items 1.4 and 2.3 relating to delivery area and trial ends. PJ to discuss this at the forthcoming ECCBA meeting. The committee approved MW proposing rule changes relating to item 1.8 where the bowl size is wrong, 8.2 deletion of 'declared a dead end and', 9.1 change wording to clarify.

MW

PJ

11. **Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:** PJ reported that the next ECCBA meeting was on 8th March. NJ asked for the intention of the substitute rule to be checked, the current rule allows the substituted player to be reinstated in a later game. Is this the intention and does this constitute a second substitution? PJ will raise at the meeting.

MW

GR

12. **Any Other Business:** MW reported that a referees awareness course had been requested by Ashley and was being arranged. It will be funded the the ECBA.
An enquiry from United Reform Church about joining SCBA has been received and passed to GR. GR to confirm the latest situation.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting is on Monday 16th April 2012 at Needham Market