

**The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 8th. July 2013**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: Keith Armes (KA) Chairman), Keith Jolly (KJ) Treasurer), Graham Robinson (GR) Secretary), Sally Goodrich (SG), Jim Goodrich (JG), Neil Jolly (NJ), Mick Watkins (MW), Neil West (NW), Freda Wright (FW), John Varden (JV).

1. Apologies for absence: Andy Gilder, Jane Sago, Richard Sago.

2. Approval of previous Minutes: The minutes were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Neil West and seconded by Neil Jolly.

3. Matters Arising: The possibility of advertising in Ipscene. MW has looked at the site and stated that although the person running the site offers free advertising, there is the suggestion that financial reimbursement would be welcome. NW had also viewed site and felt that apart from it not being terribly professional there would not be much to gain by using it. NJ suggested we all look at the site and discuss later.

KA stated that as yet he has not been able to contact the clothing company regarding the Suffolk logo. KJ said he had spoken to an engraving company who could prepare a logo for a very reasonable price.

4. Chairman's report: The Chairman announced he had nothing to report this time other than to thank NJ and his team for producing the "flyers".

5. Secretary's report: GR had nothing to report this time.

6. Treasurer's report: KJ provided an income / expenditure report. He stated that a cheque had been released to pay for a new carpet and MW has agreed to arrange collection. He was pleased to be having an early response regarding league fees and insurance. (MW)

7. Match Secretary's report: There was nothing to report at this time as everything seems to be running smoothly.

8. CPO Report: There was no report this time.

9. County Captains report: NJ stated that the entries for the Fab Fours on July 21st. have been excellent, 45 team entries already and 7 on the reserve list.

MW suggested this was a good time to discuss the election of a County Captain. NJ was duly re-elected. SG and SC were re-elected as selectors. Proposed by JV and seconded by GR. JV thanked them for their work during last season.

10. Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate: GR stated that the venue had been booked. After discussion the committee agreed that changes need to be made to the rules. Clubs are asked to remember that the closing date for entries is the 31st. July.

11. English Carpet Bowls Association: MW is to remain Suffolk's representative. Due to other commitments MW was unable to attend the AGM. The new Chairman is Mike Walker from Essex. The committee are looking to arrange a fixed date for the Nationals at Potters. Most likely dates would appear to be the last week in October. It was suggested that the meetings could perhaps be

run in a more organized manner. MW to forward comments to Mike Watkins. MW stated that the promotional DVD is now in it's final stages and should be available very soon. (MW)

12. ECCBA: NJ is to remain as the Suffolk representative. NJ attended the AGM which was held 3 weeks ago. It was agreed that all counties must play all games before the end of the season. The new season will commence on Sept.1st.2013.

13.Charity Tournament: Following the AGM, the committee has received three nominations for a suitable Charity. These are Help for Heroes, Orchid Men's Cancer appeal and Talitha Comb appeal. The committee agreed to look into each charity and a decision will be made at the next meeting. GR has been asked to check hall availability and will report back at the next meeting. (GR)

13a. 5 Shot Penalty: Following points raised at the AGM, the committee agreed that changes need to be made. After much discussion, it was agreed to drop the 5 shot penalty for next season and review next year. NJ agreed to amend the rules accordingly and copies will be sent to all clubs participating in league and cup competitions. Proposed by JV and seconded by MW. (NJ)

14. Any other business: Following the concern raised at the AGM regarding the lack of a photographer at some events, it was suggested that a committee member should be present with a camera at each event. KA agreed to source a contact for the East Anglian group of newspapers with a view to getting photographs and reports printed. (KA)

GR asked SG about the purchase of trophies. SG said all in hand and arranged.

GR mentioned he had received an e-mail from Needham Market Community Centre regarding the trophy cabinet being unlocked. MW to arrange purchase and fitting of a lock. (MW)

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 9th. September 2013 at Needham Market Community Centre