

The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 20th May 2013

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies for absence: Andy Gilder, Sally Goodrich.

2. Approval of previous Minutes: The minutes could not be presented on this occasion.

3. Matters Arising: There were matters arising on this occasion.

4. Chairman's report: The Chairman congratulated The Suffolk Squad for their success in the Champion of Champions. Also gave thanks to the sub-committee for their work regarding the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate updates.

5. Secretary's report: GR reported that he spoken to the Insurance company regarding renewal fees for the coming year and will forward these to KJ. **(GR)**

6. Treasurer's report: KJ provided recent statement of accounts. He will arrange for these to be audited ready for the AGM. The committee agreed for him to give 2 bottles of wine as a thank you gesture to the auditor. **(KJ)**

NW is to provide KJ with a cheque for £55.00 in lieu of fees for the Bury v Suffolk competition. **(NW)**

7. Match Secretary's report: JG reported that all was ok. Wednesdays seem to be acceptable for the Finals etc.

8. CPO Report: As AG was not present there was no report.

9. County Captains report: NJ was pleased to be able to report that Suffolk beat Norfolk and won the league. Suffolk retained their 6 Counties title in April. The Random Triples made over £500.00 . The 21st. July will see the Marion's Fab Fours Competition being held. Invites have been sent out. NJ thanked JG for organizing the accomodation for the Nationals.

10. Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate: NJ explained that a brief questionnaire had been formulated. The sub-committee had made contact with most clubs now and assessed that ageing membership of members and travelling were two areas for concern. Invites to clubs to be sent out in due course.

11. English Carpet Bowls Association: MW reported that the venue for the Champion of Champions will change to a Durham venue as of 2014.

Since the last meeting it has been stated that the current chairman will be resigning at the AGM and two nominations for this position have been received . After much discussion it was agreed that the Suffolk vote should go to Mike Walker.

12. ECCBA: NJ attended the meeting in March. It was mentioned that matches should continue to be played within the given dates. Congratulations were voiced for the successful Suffolk players at Soham. A great day for Suffolk!

13. Charity Tournament: RS reported a very enjoyable and successful day which saw £1250.00 being raised for the Stroke Association. Sincere thanks go to RS and JS for all their hard work.

14. Any other business: All committee members are willing to stand for re-election at the forthcoming AGM. SG and JG will be standing down at the 2014 AGM. JV suggested that a copy of our inter competition rules and entry forms present at all closed competitions and Finals day. NJ to research and update if necessary. This will be e-mailed to GR to be forwarded to clubs. **(NJ)**
(GR)

KJ and MW suggested that committee meetings should not be cancelled if a quorum is available. JG mentioned he had been unsuccessful in contacting and receiving a reply from clothing supplier. KA to write firm letter. **(KA)**

NW queried double dates for Bury v Waveney competition. The correct date is the 6th October and MW will speak to Paul Daniels ref. website. **(MW)**

GR asked if he could be provided with stamps in advance for postage to clubs. This was agreed and KJ to purchase stamps as requested. **(KJ)**

The next meeting will be the AGM .at Needham Market on Monday 17th. June 2013 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.