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The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre Monday March 3rd 2014.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: Neil West (NW) Vice Chairman, Keith Jolly (KJ) Treasurer, Mick Watkins (MW), John Varden (JV) Jim Goodrich(JG), Sally Goodrich(SG).

1. Apologies for absence: Andy Gilder (AG), Neil Jolly (NJ), Graham Robinson (GR), Jane Sago (JS), Richard Sago (JS) and Freda Wright (FW).

2. Approval of previous Minutes: It was proposed JV and seconded KJ that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written.

3. Matters Arising:

- JG said that the meeting with the Ipswich Star did not take place as planned. Regrettably the reporter has lost his sponsorship and is not now able to fund the feature. JG will be contacted if the situation changes.
- JG is yet to talk to the person suggested as a potential to join the committee. (JG)
- NW asked about the recruitment fliers and will talk to AG (NW)

4. Chairman's report:

NW congratulated the county squad for their recent victory over Norfolk.

NW said that the Singles Championship went well and thanked the organisers.

5. Secretary's report: there was no secretary's report.

KJ said that GR was experiencing difficulty getting offers of carpets for the closed competitions. Although he managed to eventually persuade sufficient clubs to bring equipment, he was concerned that it was the same handful of clubs helping him out all the time and that he was faced with increasing reluctance.

There followed some considerable discussion about how SCBA could resolve the issue of carpets having to be transported to East Bergholt. MW spoke about the possibility of playing the Triples and Fours Championships at Needham Market, also playing the Fours out on the day to ease the time table on finals day. This will negate the need to transport carpets, entries for both competitions would allow this. MW also suggested the possibility of playing the Singles and Pairs Championships at Needham Market but over more than one day to avoid the need to limit entries. After further discussion JV proposed and SG seconded a recommendation that the closed competitions be moved to Needham Market next season, the recommendation to be ratified at the next Executive Committee meeting with a view to putting to member clubs at the AGM.

6. Treasurer's report: KJ provided an income expenditure report saying that there was not much change since the last meeting. KJ said that payment to Needham Market Community Centre for hire for the charity competition appeared to have been lost in the post. KJ had raised another cheque. KJ will follow up with RS regarding an incorrect cheque received with one club's entry for the charity competition. (KJ)

7. Match Secretary's report: JG reported that he's received complaints from two clubs about the penalty for playing short having been dropped.

JG received a letter from one club advising that their opponents for a home fixture had cancelled because they were unable to field a team. The match was not rearranged and their visitors conceded the match giving them the 10 points. After some discussion it was agreed that NW would write to both clubs concerned explaining the consequences of the decision and asking that every effort is made to rearrange a fixture in future where there is a need to postpone. (NW)

JG mentioned that he's received a results sheet showing that one team had won all four games in a fixture however, the signed summary at the bottom of the sheet indicated otherwise. Having checked with both clubs concerned he was able to establish that the summary was incorrect. JG said how important it is that captains check the score sheet is correct before signing.

JG reminded the committee that the Summer League entry forms need to be sent out soon. NW will discuss with GR (NW)

8. CPO Report: Nothing further to report.

9. County Captains report: NJ's report was not available at the meeting but has been added to these minutes for information.

NJ said that the Suffolk team secured their fourth consecutive win in February with a good all round performance in winning 29 - 7 away against Norfolk. This win increased their lead to thirteen over second place Cambridgeshire. Both have one match left to play, Suffolk away at Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire away at Bedfordshire.

In April, there is the Suffolk squad's first fundraising event (Random Triples) at Needham Market on 6 April.

Then the Suffolk team compete in the Six Counties Championship at Braintree on April 13th, where they are seeking their third consecutive win in the event.

Looking further ahead to August, work continues regarding the trip to Durham. There are still spare seats on the coach, please contact Neil Jolly if you are interested.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association: MW reported that Potters have offered two dates for the National Championships in 2015 and that he has asked NJ to discuss with the Suffolk team and let him have their choice so he can put forward Suffolk's choice at the forthcoming ECBA meeting.

11. ECCBA: KJ said that NJ advised the next meeting will be held on March 13th

12. Charity Tournament: NW said that JS has advised that the cheque presentation will take place at Finals Day on April 27th

13. Summer Charity Competition: MW said that JS had spoken about the event on BBC Radio Suffolk and that she expected Radio Suffolk to enter a team. MW understood that there would be also be a team from Suffolk Family Carers. MW presented the draft entry form and said that the competition would be limited to 40 teams with a round robin followed by knockout stages to the Final. The entry form will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Fundraising on the day will comprise a draw and a wine raffle. (MW)

14. East v West: this item was removed from the agenda.

15. Suffolk v Bury:

- NW said that the Suffolk entry for this fixture had recently been arranged by the Chairman. However, because of his involvement in the Bury League NW declared a conflict of interest and asked for someone else to take on the task. There followed some discussion about the structure of the fixture and how teams are selected to represent Suffolk. NW will talk to those members not at the meeting. (NW)

16. Any other Business:

- NW said that the cost of stamps would be going up at the end of March and suggested there was the opportunity to stock up before the increase. KJ will discuss usage with GR. (KJ)
- KJ spoke on behalf of NJ saying that Galloway European Travel have provided the best quote by far for the Durham weekend.
- KJ, again on behalf of NJ spoke about the forthcoming Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate quarter final rounds at Needham Market. SG agreed to purchase raffle prizes (up to £25). SG will also provide tea, coffee and biscuits which will be sold by honesty box with proceeds going to squad funds. Help will be needed to lay out carpets etc. Helpers should arrive by 6:45pm to ensure games can start promptly at 7:30pm.
- KJ asked what arrangements have been made for the raffle at the Fours Championships. JV said that Old Felixstowe have been asked to operate the raffle on the day. KJ asked JV to purchase raffle tickets, NW asked JV to also purchase raffle prizes.
- SG said that she has collected the last of this season's trophies and asked if the committee would like her to organise trophies for the forthcoming season. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

The date of the next meeting will be 7:30 pm Monday 14th April 2014 at Needham Market Community Centre.