



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 8th.September 2014.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Those present: Neil West(NW) Chairman, Keith Jolly(KJ) Treasurer, Neil Jolly(NJ), Sally Goodrich(SG), Jim Goodrich(JG), Mick Watkins(MW), Andy Gilder(AG), Jane Sago(JS), Richard Sago(RS), Carol West(CW), Freda Wright(FW).

1. Apologies for absence: There were no apologies.

2. Approval of previous Minutes: The Minutes were duly approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: NW stated that he had heard from David Schofield regarding the Fours Closed Championship trophy being replaced with a new award bearing Tony Webbers name. It has been confirmed that Tony's widow has no objection to this being carried out.

4. Chairmans Report: NW offered thanks to the late Graham Robinson for all his involvement and dedication to Carpet Bowls over many years. The Marions Fab Fours proved to be a very good day, enjoyed by everyone during which a cheque for £550.00 was presented to a representative of the Suffolk Family Carers. In closing he welcomed Carol West to the committee.

5. Secretary's Report: In the absence of the Secretary it was stated that the Bury League invited us to the Bury v Suffolk event and enquired whether they could use our equipment, They will do refreshments and pay for the hall. This was agreed.

We have been approached by Stowmarket Leisure Centre Bowls Club as to whether any clubs in their vicinity would like to use their indoor rink for carpet bowls. NW has replied that he was unaware at this time of any clubs. NJ suggested we investigate the cost as the venue could be a standby should Needham Market not be available anytime depending on costs. NW will contact them to enquire. (NW)

Thanks were given to NJ for updating the contact list. Chelmondiston have a new email contact. NW will pass this detail to FW to attach to the bottom of these minutes. (NW)

6. Treasurer's Report: KJ produced a current statement of accounts. He stated that the largest expense had been that for Potters. All the subscriptions have been submitted.

Regarding insurance, 68 clubs have renewed their insurance, 2 for equipment only, 8 for public liability only. 13 clubs chose not to insure with us. Some clubs have included Carpet rollers, electric and manual. Clubs wanting any extra paperwork details are asked to contact KJ direct.

We have lost Freckenham, Glemsford and Raydon from the Association leaving 91 clubs subscribed. None of the associate member clubs have renewed membership to the Association, therefore there are no Associate Members now.

7. Match Secretary's Report: JG reported that the Summer league results were now on the website and we are looking forward to Finals night on Wednesday 10th. September. JG asked for help to set out equipment. NW offered to do the raffle.

JG had received an e-mail from Stutton regarding how league positions are established. Currently clubs on equal points are positioned base on shots for. Stutton felt this should be based on the number of games won. After some discussion it was agreed to include an agenda item at the next meeting to review how positions are established prior to next season.

JG asked if the use of e-cigarettes should be considered the same as smoking. After some discussion it was agreed that SCBA consider any rules/regulations relating to smoking shall apply to smoking e-cigarettes.

NJ mentioned he had received a query from Great Blakenham regarding the removal of shot deductions for teams playing short. They asked if there were any conclusions from the trial. While there had been some informal discussion amongst members of the committee prior to the last AGM, no formal review of the trial had taken place. AG thought that removal of the penalty did seem to encourage the smaller teams to continue in the league. It was agreed to discuss formally at a future meeting.

8. C.P.O. Report: AG reported that there had been no changes therefore nothing to report.

9. Committee Roles: In the absence of a Secretary NW proposed FW should become Acting Secretary until the next AGM when a new Secretary can be elected. This was seconded by AG. FW agreed to do so.

NW asked for a volunteer to become minute Secretary to replace FW. FW proposed CW and this was agreed by the committee.

NJ has agreed to continue monitoring the contact list and keep it up to date. (NJ)

The vacant position of Vice Chairman will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. County Captains Report: NJ reported that Marion's Fab Fours had been a great success with maximum entry of 40 teams present. The final was played between a Gt. Blakenham / Claydon team who won against a team from Elmstead Market.

The first weekend in August saw a party of 30 bowlers travel up to Durham. On the Saturday the random pairs competition saw Sally Goodrich and Dave Templeton (Durham) the winners beating Sue Davy and David Storey (Durham) on the day. Sunday provided the County match with Suffolk the overall winners.

Unfortunately due to financial reasons the Durham squad advised that they may not be able to continue this competition in future which will be a shame as the competition has been running since 1990. It is possible that in a few years time Suffolk may travel back to Durham if they can accommodate us.

NJ stated that Suffolk are hosting the ECCBA Teambowl at Littleport on Sunday September 28th. and will be defending their title. MW advised that arrangements have been made to

collect carpets from Needham Market between 1:30 and 2:00pm on Sat 27th and that help was needed to load equipment onto the van.

The final fundraiser, the Chairman's Triples at Needham Market will be on Sunday 5th. October.

It is not too late for any bowler interested to enter the county squad trials at Bildeston on Sunday 12th.October.

The Suffolk will be defending two titles won last year at the Nationals at Potters over the weekend of November 1st. and 2nd.

11. ECBA Report: MW reported that the application to Sport England was ongoing. MW advised of forthcoming demonstrations near Manchester and Essex. They are still awaiting a nominee for Secretary which is now urgent. Some discussion regarding subsidies took place as it appears a decision may have been taken without proper discussion by all. Suffolk voted against on these grounds. This will be further discussed at a later date. Durham will host the Triples in 2015 as South Tyneside may not re-join the ECBA. MW reported that he felt a negative attitude at this meeting and hoped this will be resolved at the next.

12. ECCBA Report: NJ stated that he would be attending the next meeting at New Astley. MW suggested that the 6 Counties should check the diary dates on the website so as to prevent competitions clashing.

13. Charity Competition: MW suggested Shotley Ward stroke support. The committee felt the charity chosen should represent the whole county and some concern was raised that monies raised may not go direct to the intended recipient. AG suggested the Air Ambulance which does cover the whole area and felt this could be in memory of Graham Robinson as this was a favourite charity of his over the years. A vote followed and the Air Ambulance was chosen. RS and JS have agreed to organise. **(JS,RS)**

MW said that he would be arranging Graham's Hartest Triples at Needham Market 24th. May next year. MW asked if he can use SCBA equipment, also if he can make use of SCBA accounts to receive entry fees etc. This was agreed.

14. Forthcoming Events: The fours competition being held on October 26th. Help will be required to set out equipment. MW will purchase raffle prizes and enlist the help of a club attending to run the raffle on the day. FW will check the stock of raffle tickets. **(FW)**

15. Any other business:

- NW asked about diary dates noting that committee meeting dates beyond the next meet are shown. MW agreed to contact Needham Market to book suitable dates for 2015 & 2016. Most other county, six counties and ECBA dates are shown. It was agreed that a hard copy of diary dates should be sent to all clubs once meeting dates have been added. Moving forward it was agreed that a hard copy diary dates should be sent to all clubs twice a year at the same time as the updated contact list. A note will be added to the diary dates sheet drawing people's attention to the website for the most up to date event information.

- JS asked if the WI could once again use 4-5 of our mats for their competition on 16th October at Needham Market. This was agreed.

- KJ stated that he had been approached by a Kesgrave bowler showing an interest in playing in competitions. It was suggested that a list be kept by organizers of competitions to assess if any team needed an extra bowler one could be found. NJ thought it was worth a try. MW felt

that as long as the entered team members were happy to have a gap in their team filled by someone from another club there should not be a problem. NJ felt as a committee encouraging new teams was a good idea and if this enabled a team to play all the better. It was agreed to include a facility on the Closed Competition entry forms for individuals to indicate their availability in the event that their club is unable to complete teams. (MW)

- Following discussion it was agreed that the previously proposed purchase of a laptop computer was no longer needed.

- KJ advised that Sudbury Stationers will email invoices directly to him in future.

- KJ passed insurance documents to FW to copy and send out to clubs. (FW)

- A budget of £300 max was set for the purchase of new trophy for the Fours Championship in memory of Tony Webber. A suitable cup was select from the supplier's brochure. NW will discuss with SG at the summer league finals evening. (NW)

There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.25

The next meeting will be 7.30pm Monday November 17th.2014 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Contact list amendments:

Chelmondistion - email contact address has changed to pandvmann@btinternet.com