



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

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The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association held on 25th October 2021 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Those Present: Andy Gilder (**AG**) – Chairman, Peter Dent (**PD1**), Neil Jolly (**NJ**), Paul Daniels (**PD**), Clint Watling (**CW**), Tom Runnacles (**TR**), Adam Hubbard (**AH**), Richard Sago (**RS**), Jane Sago (**JS**).

1. **Apologies** received from Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Sally Goodrich (**SG**), Sue Gilder (**SCG**), Andy Pooley (**AP**)

2. **Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th October 2021 were approved, having been proposed by **NJ** and seconded by **PD** and were duly signed.

3. **Matters Arising** There were no matters raised.

4. **Chairman's report**

Good evening, I trust you are all well and thank you for giving up your time to attend this meeting.

Just a brief statement from me to keep the records straight. This meeting has been called to primarily arrange the leagues for November. We have had a full meeting a short while ago and to my knowledge not a lot has changed, so a report from the officers I feel is unnecessary, any business they may have can be brought up in AOB later.

We do have some correspondence I feel it good to discuss prior to the arrangement of the leagues as this could influence our decisions.

Right, let's get on with it.

5. **Correspondence**

The Chair reported that he had received communications from Harkstead, Brantham and Hadleigh, they related to issues regarding currently a shortage of members and questions around the SCBA suggestion of financial assistance during the Triples League, what the charges should be and who should be paying.

NJ made the point that there seemed to be some confusion regarding the proposed £12 payment from the visiting team.

This is not a money raising idea, this is trying to support clubs financially. Each club needs to pay venue costs, each club must get funds in to pay those costs. Normally there would be a raffle which would raise this money, but in these times, it is felt that a raffle may not be a good idea, so if the visiting team members paid £1 each to their opposition, it would replicate the purchase of raffle tickets thus gaining the home club a little help towards costs.

The suggestion from the Committee is a donation from the away players, not the club. 12 Players = £12. The club may wish to make up any shortfall should they field less than 12 players.

However, **NJ** pointed out that any decision was, in the end, up to each individual club and should be made clear when arranging matches.

6. County Captains report

TR reported that a recent squad get together had gone well and was well attended by the players. Communications with Hertfordshire was ongoing with a view to playing a county friendly match on 14th November 2021 at Needham Market Community Centre. The squad would be notified in due course as and when arrangements had been made.

7. Entries for November League

PD reported that 21 clubs had signed up for the Triples League, due to start in November. There were 15 clubs from the East, and 6 from the West. These were then placed in geographical areas as promised, into the following leagues:

2021/22 Triples Winter League is as follows:

Central: Elmsett, Offton, Barking, Needham, & Bildeston

East: Gt Blakenham, Claydon, Burstall, Tuddenham, & Bramford

South: Bentley, Belstead, Chelmondiston, Harkstead, & Hintlesham

West: Barrow, Brockley, Stanningfield, Cockfield, Hundon & Withersfield

The leagues would start as soon as fixtures were arranged in November, but they are to be completed by 15th April 2022, ahead of the finals night on the Wednesday 4th May at Needham Market. This allows plenty of time to complete the matches and in the event of unforeseen circumstances a little wriggle room. General friendlies can obviously also be played during this period.

AG proposed a vote of thanks to those who had been involved with all the organising, **NJ**, **PD** & **RS**. This was proposed by **CW** and seconded by **JS** and agreed unanimously.

8. Any other business

NJ ran through the Triples League rules, advising that these had been based on the Summer League rules and explained the variations and additions. The main amendments related to the playing of Triples and Covid. The rules will be sent out to those clubs participating in the league and the changes/ additions will be clearly highlighted for ease of reference.

PD reported that he had been contacted by a club in Oulton Broads requesting possible insurance cover via the SCBA scheme. He said they will require SCBA membership and that he would work out the figures and let them know.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting Monday 17th January 2022