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The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association held on 20th March 2023 at Needham Market Community Centre

Those Present: Andy Gilder (**AG**) – Chairman, Paul Daniels (**PD**) - Treasurer, Jim Goodrich (**JG**), Sally Goodrich (**SG**) - Vice Chair, Sue Gilder (**SCG**), Jane Sago (**JS**), Richard Sago (**RS**) - Match Secretary, Andy Pooley (**AP**), Tom Runnacles (**TR**) – County Captain, Peter Dent (**PD1**) – Secretary

- 1. Apologies:** Received from Neil Jolly (**NJ**)
- 2. Approval of minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th January 2023. Proposed by **RS**, seconded by **JG** and were unanimously approved and duly signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters raised from the last committee meeting
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Good evening all, nice to see you again. Tonight we have several things to discuss, so I will keep my report brief. Since our last meeting we have held all our county championships. My congratulations go to all the champions of these events and wish them well in the Champion of Champion events in Stanley and Littleport. We have also had a county game, a good win against Cambridge which I am sure the respective report will cover the events further. The match against Herts was somewhat disappointing to say the least with them cancelling the game. I have my thoughts which I will keep to myself. Joe Rice and Plate knock out rounds have been started with the finals coming this Wednesday. Many congratulations to those who have managed to get to the finals and the best of luck to you all.

Congratulations are in order, for our competition genius Paul Daniels. He probably knows this, but I certainly did not, our video coverage of the singles is one of the most viewed video on the ECBA You Tube channel!!!! 1700 views in 1 month, most of the others ahead of this one has been on the site for 8 years! A brilliant achievement Paul, promoting our sport across the globe from here in Suffolk. We will possibly have to think about some more up-to-date equipment.

We have also been working with a sponsor who is looking to promote their company with us and are looking for us to include their company logo on our correspondence to the clubs for a nominal fee. There may be a possibility to increase this in the future. So, watch out for some changes in our paperwork.

That's all from me at this time.

- 5. Secretary's Report:** There was nothing to report.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** **PD** reported that all was running very smoothly at the moment so nothing specific to report.
- 7. Match Secretary's report:** **RS** reported that The Winter League is almost complete, we have had many date changes due to Covid and winter illness outbreaks but we only have 14 games left to

play. Date clashes means that 3 games will be played in the first week of April but this will not affect finals night.

Looks like Division 1 East winners could be either Barking or Claydon, some interesting games in the next few days and Claydon are at home against Barking on the 4th April, Division 1 West winners are Brockley, Division 2 (N) are Needham Market and it looks as though Harkstead will take Division 2 (S) however East Bergholt could possibly take that if they can get 16 points with good wins over Old Felixstowe away tomorrow, or Kesgrave at home on 3rd April.

I'm still having comments about format, fours with triples not finishing together etc and some clubs are taking too long! Yes, we still get a few comments, and I have suggested that they air their thoughts at the AGM or join the committee so they can have their say and offer an alternative that we haven't yet thought of.

Championships:-

The Fours held in January had a good entry of 26 teams, but it was a very long day, getting equipment out from 8.15am and leaving the hall at 6.45pm but a good days bowling,

I felt sorry for the finalists Barking/Claydon v Belstead/Brockley that they were under extra pressure to finish the game when the drama group appeared and were in the hall trying to set up for panto rehearsals, I thought it would probably have gone to an extra end if they were playing under normal conditions, A win for Clint, Emma, Tom & Sam over Paul, Oscar, Neil & Keith well done all.

The Singles in early February had 44 entries another good days bowling (for some) ended with an excellent final between Steven Cain (Gt Blakenham) and Andy Pooley (Claydon) a very close game with Steven taking the last end to win 6-4.

The Pairs took place on 12th March, 45 teams took part and we used 9 mats (not liked by some but needs must on the odd occasion, like time saving) a replay of last years final (Claydon, Emma & Ally v Knodishall John & Doug) was played out in the first knockout stage with Knodishall getting the win this time. Good semi-finals for Knodishall beating Barking (Sam & Tom) with Cockfield (Colin & Sue) and Hintlesham & Chattisham (Frank & Lauren) getting one shot per end but Cockfield took the final end for a 4-3 win.

The final between Cockfield and Knodishall was a good game even though it looked a bit one sided on the scoresheet and the pairing of Colin & Sue from Cockfield came out winners at 7-2.

Nice to see a couple of new names on the trophies, well done again all.

Charity Fours for Livability Icanho 25th February

40 teams entered but due to illness and withdrawals many phone calls and late playing schedule alterations by Paul D, 38 teams took part on the day and all played 4 games.

Five teams remained unbeaten at the end, Stanningfield and Elmsett each won 3 and had 1 draw.

Family Four (Claydon A) Hundon and Claydon B won all 4 games but Claydon B (Ally, Sam, Karen & Tim) came out winners with 8 shots more. Jo Marshall (Livability Icanho) was on hand to say a few words of thanks and present the trophy.

With an exceptional draw of 64 prizes, £1 coin competition, Quiz sheet and donations the money taken for the day was £1159.50. If the SCBA committee agree to pay the hall fees as in previous years our chosen charity will be receiving the full amount.

Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate

Quarter and Semi Finals have taken place and we have the two finals at Needham this Wednesday.

Cup will be Barking v Claydon and the Plate is Copdock & Washbrook v Withersfield.

Can I add my thanks to Paul D for all his work on formats, scoring on the days (virtually running the events) and makes my job a lot easier than the old paper trail days, plus of course his website reports.

8. **Captain's Report: TR** reported that on 19th Jan Suffolk travelled to Wortwell in Norfolk. This is never an easy fixture and we would have to play well to win. The match started slowly drawing the first session but our performances improved to be leading 11-7 by the half way stage. An advantage we would continue to press, eventually winning 25-11.

A month later on Feb 19th Suffolk would travel to Littleport in Cambridgeshire for their 2nd away game this season. Suffolk stormed into a 16-2 lead at the halfway stage, a lead that was slightly squandered at the end. Both teams would share the points in the 2nd half of the match 9-9. Suffolk would wind up 25-11 winners.

Sunday 19th March Suffolk were due to host Hertfordshire at Needham Market for our final game of the season. Unfortunately, due to illness and unavailability Hertfordshire were unable to field a team and the match was cancelled.

This puts us in the unusual position of what to do next in terms of rearranging the match.

I have spoken with David Danby, the captain of Herts and he was possibly suggesting that if after the round of games played yesterday we were unable to be caught at the top of the league that we potentially scrap the fixture rather than shoe horn it in at short notice.

This is something that I think will need to be discussed at an Eastern Counties meeting but I am keeping you all in the loop and passing on what has been said to me.

9. **ECBA Report: NJ** attended an online ECBA meeting on 21 January 2023 It was a relatively uneventful meeting. The National County competition, held at Potters in November was discussed, with several counties expressing the view that playing 11 ends was too much. Counties were asked to provide feedback for the next meeting. The thorny topic of dress code was again raised & no doubt this will again be discussed at the next meeting.

The future ECBA events are:

- ECBA Fours: Hertfordshire hosting at Needham Market on 30th April & the entry form has gone out.
- Festival of Bowls: At Potters on 8 to 12 May, the event flyer was circulated to all counties with the minutes.
- Champion of Champions: 3 & 4 June at Stanley Indoor Bowls Centre, venue booked.
- ECBA Triples: Sunderland will be hosting on 3 September at Sherburn

Community Centre.

- Nationals: 3 to 6 November at Potters & all counties have received their 2023 booking details.
- The next ECBA meeting, together with the AGM will be held in person at the Brentwood Hotel in Rotherham on Saturday 15 April, NJ to attend.

- 10 **ECCBA Report:** There was nothing specific to report, other than the next meeting will be on the 30th March.

- 11 **Sponsorship: The Chairman (AG)** informed all the committee that he had been approached by Oak Employment Ltd as to whether SCBA would be interested in a sponsorship deal. Quite naturally we were, depending on the detail of the arrangement. The initial amount proposed in the initial year would probably be around £200. And in return, their logo/company name would be on all our paperwork/letter heads etc. It was thought that it would be too difficult and expensive to incorporate anything on the shirts. **AP** demonstrated how this could be incorporated onto Facebook without too many problems. It was left that **AG** should continue the discussion. New look letterhead, competition entry forms and email "signatures" were discussed and agreed.

12 Summer League Format: The invitations for the summer league will state that there will now be 10 Ends and will consist of Fours and Pairs.

13 Bowls Magazine: This could well be re-started as discussions were taking place with the editor and hopefully will be available on-line.

14 Forthcoming events:

22/03/23 Cup and Plate Finals (*Entry into hall only at 7.30pm*)

02/04/23 Random Triples

12/04/23 Winter League Finals

16/04/23 Eastern Counties Championship (*Littleport*)

30/04/23 ECBA Rinks (*Needham Market - Herts hosting*)

03/05/23 East v West (*Needham Market*)

08-12/05/23 Festival of Bowls (*Potters*)

10/05/23 Suffolk League v Bury League

14/05/23 ECCBA Champion of Champions (*Littleport*)

15/05/23 SCBA Committee Meeting

15 Any other Business: **SG** said that she had been contacted by Bramford who wanted a set of bowls and if any club had a set available then to contact **SG** with the necessary information. **JS** said that there was a possibility that Radio Suffolk might include SCBA in the Tuesday evening programme – ‘Tuesday Take Over’ **JS** was asked to find out more. **RS** reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Elmsett regarding the Suffolk tournaments, which was much appreciated. **PD** reported that there had been a request for the Hardest Triples to borrow our equipment. Which was unanimously agreed to. **JG** reported that a suggestion had come from Chris Tilbrook (Knodishall) that the Joe Rice cup should return to a home and away basis as in the past. This was discussed and it was agreed that to keep the entries we had gained since changing it to a regional competition, the format should remain unchanged.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.16pm

Date of next meeting – Monday 15th May 2023 - Needham Market