

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024

AT GREAVES PARK

Present:-

Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
President	David Hoyle
Fixtures' Secretary	Mike Armishaw
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe Julie Norcliffe
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Committee member	Barry Kendall

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Warren, Committee member. Caroline has also stated that she no longer wishes to be on the Committee.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record, proposed by Janine Bebbington and seconded by Denise Nardone.

3. Matters arising

Mike Armishaw stated that he had not spoken to captains regarding the aggregate order of players on the website as this has now been changed by Mike Beckett, the website administrator.

Janine Bebbington also asked if the new rules had been circulated and agreed by club secretaries. Julie Norcliffe stated that they had and the new rules were now on the website.

Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

4. President's report

David Hoyle stated that he had contacted Tim Wingate, the previous President, regarding the role of President. Tim advised that he had made the role his own as he was not given any guidance from the previous Committee. David said he felt his primary role was to monitor the work of the Committee.

Dave Clarkson said he felt it was important for the President to represent the League at competitions and Mark Norcliffe suggested he attend Lune Road for the Champion of Champions competition.

David Clarkson also referred to a previous President who had visited individual clubs to encourage them to raise any issues with the Committee or at the AGM.

Mark said there was a document on the North Lancs & Fylde website highlighting the role of the President which might be helpful, and Julie said she had a document giving a brief summary of all League Committee roles which she would circulate to members.

5. Secretary's report

Mark Norcliffe informed the meeting that Cumberland View had withdrawn a team from Division four. He also stated that Slyne had withdrawn a team from Division one and had asked to enter a new team in Division four. Slyne had indicated that they had several new members who could form the new team but many of the existing Division one players would not be playing this year and those that did would not be playing in the new team. Due to the fact that the formation of a new team at this stage of the season was outside of the rules of the Constitution but wanting to encourage new bowlers into the sport, it had been decided to canvas the views of club secretaries before a decision was made. All but one, who did not reply, were in agreement with allowing Slyne to enter a new team in Division four.

Mike Armishaw informed the meeting that the League Facebook page contained some comments regarding this decision and it was decided that an appropriate response would be to ask for any questions to be directed via email to the League Secretary. Mike agreed to post this response and to try and ascertain who had admin rights for the League Facebook page and to update this appropriately.

It was agreed that for transparency the Committee minutes should be placed on the website and Julie agreed to do this. Mike agreed to look into the way documents are displayed on the site.

Mark informed the meeting that there were a few players without registration numbers and he was in the process of trying to obtain these.

Janine Bebbington informed the meeting that it would not be possible for Palatine to use their green this year as it had been vandalised. She explained that she had made an approach to the University but their home games would need to be on a Thursday. She will meet with team members to ascertain their thoughts on this and thereafter liaise with Mike Armishaw regarding the fixtures. It was also suggested that Palatine could possibly use the Memorial Village green and Janine agreed to make enquiries.

6. Fixtures' Secretary's report

Mike Armishaw explained that some cup matches had already been played and the results had been successfully uploaded to the website. He explained that the University had queried the rules which on inspection were incorrect. A discussion then ensued regarding the Trophy rules and it was agreed that a Sub Committee would be formed to formulate a new set of rules for agreement by the Committee prior to the AGM. The Sub Committee, comprising Julie, Mike, Mark and Dave, would also review the current Constitution.

Mike explained that following changes to the website regarding the aggregate order of players, the site now does not show merit order and he stated he would contact Mike Beckett regarding this.

7. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone reported that all clubs, with the exception of one, had now paid their registration fees and most had paid by bank transfer. She explained that the bank balance was now £4,067.59.

She also explained that honorariums had been paid to Mike Armishaw and Amanda Oakeshott for their work during the previous year.

Denise stated that due to the lack of a full set of accounts for the previous year, she was unaware of any expected expenditure. A question arose regarding the requirement to pay NL&F for open competitions and Mark agreed to look into this.

8. Any Other Business

Mike Armishaw said it was important for all clubs to actively promote the sport and to encourage new players. He said the League had a role to play in this too but he felt the 'bowls results' website was not designed for this purpose. He agreed to look into the possibility of designing a new website. He also suggested a Sub Committee be formed to help clubs to attract new players and Janine and Barry Kendall were duly elected. Mark informed the meeting that he had circulated a document to all secretaries regarding fund raising opportunities which he had obtained when he attended the NL&F AGM

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Palatine at 7pm on Thursday 2 May 2024.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.