

**LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM**  
**ON MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT BARE**

Present:-

Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Armishaw, Fixtures' Secretary and Barry Kendal, Committee member.

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

The action sheet was reviewed. Mike Armishaw has contacted Mike Beckett about the points issue and is awaiting a response.

Mark Norcliffe explained that he had asked the Council for an update on the funds from the development at Bowerham and had been asked to contact the Public Realm Department. He now awaits a response from them.

4. President Appointment

Following the death of the League President, David Hoyle, it was agreed that Quernmore would be asked to nominate a member for appointment at the AGM.

5. Code of Conduct, Complaints Policy and Disciplinary Policy

All were in agreement that the draft documents should now be placed on the agenda for adoption at the AGM.

6. Rules – Amendment for Late Arrivals Abandoned Matches

A discussion ensued regarding the postponed match between Cumberland and Luneside which should have taken place on 27 August. Cumberland had deemed the green unplayable due to rain but the decision was made prior to 7.30pm and was disputed by the Luneside team. The Committee, without Mark and Julie Norcliffe due to their conflict of interest, had previously agreed that the rules should be amended to make it clear that a decision on postponement should not be made until 7.30pm. It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to Cumberland to inform them of this decision and to prevent a recurrence.

It was also agreed that an amendment should be made to the Trophy rules to allow Captains to use their discretion in terms of playing order in the event of a player arriving late.

New rules to be put forward for discussion at the AGM.

7. Divisional Merit Winners

Julie Norcliffe suggested that merit winners should receive a small trophy along with prize money and this was agreed. It was also agreed that the winners of the Marsden and Lancaster Bowling League Trophies should also receive a small trophy.

Denise was tasked with ordering these in advance of the Presentation Evening.

8. UAL Trophy

The late President, David Hoyle, had agreed to sponsor this trophy but unfortunately his death occurred before the event took place. It was agreed that Barry Kendal would liaise with David's wife to ascertain her views regarding sponsorship for this year and that Janine Bebbington would speak to her to determine her wishes for the trophy going forwards.

9. Chairman's report

Dave Clarkson informed the meeting that he had received an email from Cat Smith, MP, regarding funding opportunities for sports clubs. It was agreed that Mark Norcliffe would forward the email onto all League clubs.

10. Fixtures' Secretary report

Mike Armishaw had contacted Mike Beckett regarding an issue with entering results when players play for different teams within a club. He is awaiting a response.

A discussion also ensued regarding the notification received from Mike Armishaw that he is due to leave the area, thereby creating a vacancy for the role of Fixtures' Secretary. It was agreed that Mark Norcliffe would inform all clubs and that a note would be put on the website to encourage volunteers to put their names forward for this pivotal role.

11. Secretary's report

Mark Norcliffe informed the meeting that he had received several comments about the final rounds of the cups being so late in the season. A discussion ensued and it was suggested that the cup matches could be played mid-season which would have the knock-on effect of league games finishing later in the season. It was however felt that a ruling on this could not be taken until the composition of each division was known and this would be discussed at the AGM.

Mark informed the meeting that the date of the Presentation Evening had been changed to Saturday 12 October and that he had asked all clubs to provide a raffle prize.

12. Treasurer's report

Denise had circulated the accounts in advance of the meeting and reported that there is currently £3,673.30 in the bank.

13. Any Other Business

None.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Bare at 7pm on Monday 2 December 2024.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.