

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF AGM HELD AT 8PM ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2024

AT SKERTON LIBERAL CLUB

President	Tim Wingate
Chairman	Tony Hunter
Vice Chairman	Margaret Parrington (not present)
Secretary	Amanda Oakeshott
Fixtures' Secretary	Mike Armishaw
Treasurer	David Kelly (not present)
Committee member	Christine Ainscough (not present)
Committee member	Stephen Lochart (not present)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Bare.

2. Minute silence

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of deceased members.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the AGM held on Monday 23 January 2023 were agreed as correct, proposed by Dave Brown and seconded by Dave Hartley.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Address

The Chairman thanked all team captains and club officials for their co-operation throughout the season and congratulated all winners. He also thanked all Committee members for their support over his term of office and informed the meeting he would be standing down as Chairman.

6. President's Address

The President thanked all Committee members for their commitment during the last season and wished the new President, David Hoyle from Pallatine, good luck in his role.

7. Officers' reports for 2022

a) Fixtures' Secretary

The Fixtures' Secretary reported that all fixtures were completed. Five matches were played with one player short and one match was played with two players short. He said one team dropped out in division three, leaving seven teams.

He explained that the main problem was captains not providing match results correctly. He asked that captains please enter the result onto the on-line bowls system **AND** send him a copy of the result sheet. He said he hopes to fix the player registrations for all teams before the start of the season which should make the process easier.

b) Treasurer

The Chairman explained that David Kelly was currently in a care home and there were no audited accounts. He suggested the new Treasurer, when elected, should start from scratch.

c) Auditor report and adoption of accounts

Nothing to report.

d) Honoraria for season 2023

The Chairman proposed honoraria payments for the Secretary, Fixtures' Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors but Jannine Bebbington questioned if this was possible without any accounts. It was agreed to hold this in abeyance.

8. Election of Officers

Dave Clarkson was elected as Chair, proposed by Barry Kendal and seconded by Dave Hartley.

Janine Bebbington was elected as Vice Chair, proposed by Dave Clarkson and seconded by Mark Norcliffe.

Mark Norcliffe and Julie Norcliffe were elected as Secretary, proposed by Graham Brandwood and seconded by Alan Swindlehurst.

Denise Nardone was elected as Treasurer, proposed by Jannine Bebbington and seconded by Dave Clarkson.

Mike Armishaw was re-elected as Fixtures' Secretary, proposed by Chris Holden and seconded by David Wray.

Caroline was elected as a Committee member, proposed by Dave Clarkson and seconded by Dave Hartley.

Steve Lochart had previously agreed to re-stand as a Committee member.

9. Notice of Motion

Trimpell proposed to reduce team members from ten to eight players, seconded by Cumberland. Alan Swindlehurst was asked to explain the rationale for this proposal and Chris Greaves from Lansil presented a counter rationale for remaining at ten players per team. A vote resulted in the motion being rejected. A brief discussion also took place regarding

10. Application/Resignation from the League

Bolton-le-Sands made an application to enter another team and this was agreed. A brief discussion then took place regarding the composition of divisions, i.e., 4 x 9 teams or 2 x 10 and 2 x 8. Members narrowly voted in favour of continuing with the current 2 x 10 and 2 x 8 team structure.

11. Presentation Evening

The presentation evening will take place at Trimpell on Saturday 19 October 2024.

12. County Matters

Graham Brandwood was not aware he was expected to present on this matter but informed members he had given a presentation to the Morecambe League AGM and encouraged members to contact him if they required any information.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.