

**LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM**  
**ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2024 AT BARE**

Present:-

Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
Fixtures' Secretary	Mike Armishaw
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe
Committee member	Barry Kendal

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Denise Nardone, Treasurer.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record, proposed by Janine Bebbington and seconded by Mark Norcliffe

3. Matters arising

The action sheet was reviewed. Mike Armishaw informed the meeting that the issue regarding the issuing of points has been resolved by Mike Beckett although the problem regarding score inputting for members of the same club playing for different teams cannot be resolved.

Janine said she had spoken to David Hoyle's wife but felt unable to discuss the future of the UAL Trophy at the moment as she is currently unwell. Barry Kendal said he would attempt to discuss sponsorship with her.

Mark said he could not remember if he had forwarded the email to league secretaries from Cat Smith, MP, regarding funding and would check this. (Email circulated after the meeting).

Mark informed the meeting that he had received a response from the Council regarding the Bowerham development which had been circulated to Committee members. Final decisions have yet to be made and in any event are dependent on the development going ahead.

4. Chairman's report

Dave Clarkson informed the meeting that he had recently had a very productive meeting with Cat Smith, MP, and Graham Brandwood to discuss the development of crown green bowling. He also suggested that Steve Clamp, the Development Officer for NL&F, be invited to the AGM.

5. Secretary's report

Mark informed the meeting that he had received an AGM proposal for teams to be reduced to 8 players. A discussion ensued regarding the implications for clubs should this be adopted and the Committee agreed to defer a decision on the construction of divisions until two weeks after the AGM. This would

allow clubs the opportunity to inform the Committee if they wished to withdraw teams or to submit applications for new ones.

Mark informed the meeting that Bruce Alexander has been nominated by Quernmore to take on the role of League President. He also said that Quernmore had suggested that the UAL Trophy should be hosted each year by the President's club and the Committee agreed this was a good idea.

6. Fixtures' Secretary's report

Following discussion regarding the possibility of a move to 8 player teams, Mike agreed to include an item in his AGM report covering possible options for the construction of divisions.

A discussion also ensued regarding the possibility of cup games being completed mid-season. Mike suggested that the quarter-finals and possibly the semi-finals should be played on a Thursday. It was agreed that as a trial for this year, Mike would arrange the fixtures accordingly.

Mike informed the meeting that he is willing to stand for re-election and to work alongside a potential replacement to provide all necessary guidance and training prior to him leaving the area. It was agreed that the Committee would attempt to identify a volunteer at the AGM.

7. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone had circulated the accounts in advance of the meeting, there being a current balance of £2,951.85 in the bank.

The Committee asked that recommendations regarding honorariums, fees and prize allocation be included in the Treasurer's report for the AGM.

8. Any Other Business

A discussion ensued regarding the conduct of the AGM and it was agreed that all papers, including Committee member's reports, would be circulated in advance and would not be read verbatim at the meeting.

A discussion also ensued regarding tenure of office for Committee members and it was agreed that it would be beneficial to introduce some form of tenure limits to ensure a healthy turnover and to limit the possibility of all members being replaced at the same time.

Janine informed the meeting that the location of Palatine home games is dependent on their current funding application, a decision for which is due in January.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Bare at 7pm on Monday 13 January 2024.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.