

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2024

AT LUNESIDE

Present:-

President	David Hoyle
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 Mike Armishaw and seconded by Janine Bebbington. An error regarding the date of the next meeting had been highlighted prior to the meeting.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Sub Committee updates

A discussion ensued regarding the role of the Committee in trying to encourage clubs to promote the sport and to attract new players. Various proposals were put forward and it was agreed that Janine would prepare a document for presentation at the AGM.

The proposed new constitution was agreed and will be tabled at the next AGM.

The proposed new Trophy rules were held in abeyance – see item regarding cup match referees in Fixture Secretary's report.

5. Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

6. President's report

David Hoyle acknowledged the amount of work being undertaken by Committee members and stated that he hopes to attend some competitions in his capacity as President in the near future. He also suggested that it would be helpful if the President had some form of pendant/chain to aid identification at such events. He agreed to look into this.

7. Secretary's report

Mark Norcliffe explained that following representation from a member, he had reviewed the Marsden Trophy rules which state that it should be presented to the player with the best percentage of wins, calculated as a percentage of the maximum possible league games. He said the rules are written correctly but were interpreted incorrectly last year.

A discussion ensued regarding the new trophy for division 3 and 4 players and it was agreed that a minimum of 16 entries would be required. Julie stated that she currently had 11 entries and Mark agreed to promote it again on Facebook. If one competition is held for both divisions, the Committee felt a handicap should be applied to division 3 players. A decision on this will be made when final numbers are known. David Hoyle agreed to sponsor the trophy and the Committee agreed it would therefore be named the UAL Trophy (Uniform & Leisurewear).

The Committee agreed to review all prize money for league merit winners and trophy winners and in the first instance Mark would contact Tony Hunter to ascertain previous payments as it was not evident from historic accounts.

8. Fixtures' Secretary's report

The draw for the semi-finals of the Challenge and Nichols Trophies took place as follows:-

Bowling Green A v Bolton-le-Sands A (Committee official Dave Clarkson)
Burrowbeck v Bowling Green B (Committee official Mark Norcliffe)

Bare C v Slyne B (Committee official Janine Bebbington)
Warton B v Bowling Green C (Committee official Barry Kendal)

Mike Armishaw asked for volunteers to officiate at these matches and said he would formulate a guidance document setting out exactly what needed to be done. Julie agreed to review the document to see if anything needed to be included in the proposed new Trophy rules.

It was agreed that Mark would contact Lune Road, Luneside, Bolton-le-Sands and Quernmore to see if they would host the matches as neutral venues.

Mike said there was a slight glitch with the website in that one or two players appear to have been awarded bonus points. He said he would contact Mike Beckett regarding this.

Mike informed the Committee that it was highly likely he would be standing down as Fixtures' Secretary in the near future as he was planning to move down south.

9. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone was not present at the meeting but had circulated the accounts in advance of the meeting. Janine stated that Denise had reviewed the previous year's accounts. She could find no payment for insurance and could not ascertain how much had been paid in prize money.

10. Any Other Business

Janine raised an article she had recently seen in the Lancaster Guardian in respect of a proposed housing development on the former bowling green at the Bowerham pub. She said the article intimated that the developers were to pay £70,000 to Highfield on the basis that some players from Bowerham now play at Highfield. It was agreed that the League would make enquiries regarding this as it was felt there were many other clubs in the area who could make good use of additional funds.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Palatine at 7pm on Monday 12 August 2024.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.