

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024

AT PALATINE

Present:-

Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
Fixtures' Secretary	Mike Armishaw
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
	Julie Norcliffe
Treasurer	Denise Nardone

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from David Hoyle, President, 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 Mark Norcliffe.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Committee vacancy

Mark Norcliffe proposed that the Committee member vacancy left by Caroline Warren be filled by Julie Norcliffe. This was seconded by Dave Clarkson.

5. Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

6. President's report

Not present.

7. Secretary's report

Mark Norcliffe questioned if all clubs were using the new team sheets and Mike Armishaw explained that most were although one club had failed to provide any completed copies of their results. Mark said he would contact the club concerned.

Mark explained that further to discussions at the last Committee meeting, he had posted an entry on the league Facebook page asking for anyone with concerns about the inclusion of a new team from Slyne in Division four, to contact him direct. He explained that he had not received any such communication. Mike Armishaw also stated that he had posted a similar message.

A review of Facebook administrators revealed that this still needed to be updated and Mike agreed to progress this.

Mark explained that he had asked for volunteers to host the new trophy for division three and four players (discussed at the meeting on 7 March 2024) and it was agreed that Slyne would be the host this year. The competition is to be held on Saturday 24 August 2025 with an entry fee of £5 per person. After discussion it was agreed that a decision on whether to have a combined competition or one for each division would be made once final entry numbers were known. Mark would make the necessary arrangements with Slyne. Dave Clarkson suggested that the President should attend on the day.

8. Fixtures' Secretary's report

Mike Armishaw explained that two games have been played with less than ten players. He questioned how teams should reflect this when allocating walk-overs. It was ascertained that the current rules do not dictate how this should be achieved and after discussion it was agreed that it was prudent to allow captains to resolve this without trying to implement any rule change.

Mike explained that he had had lots of positive feedback regarding the new website and only one negative comment.

Mike explained that he had managed to resolve the issue with the merit order but he still felt there were some minor technical issues requiring attention.

Mike queried who represented the League in the Champion of Champions. Dave said he felt it was the merit winner for Division one but he agreed to clarify this with Tony Hunter as the current rules do not cover this.

Discussion also ensued regarding the allocation of prize money for the various trophies and League winners and Denise said she would review the previous accounts to see if she could ascertain the amounts paid. Dave also agreed to ask Tony where the actual trophies were located. Mark agreed to contact Gill Simm, Morecambe League Secretary, regarding the arrangements for the next presentation evening.

9. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone said she had just received the bank statement and would circulate the financial reports. She said the balance was now £4,270.59 and expenses would include insurance, which she is currently arranging, honorariums, prizes, engraving, website etc.

Mark confirmed that there are no fees to pay to NL&F for open competitions.

10. Sub Committee updates

It had not been possible to arrange a mutually convenient date for members to review the Trophy rules and Constitution so it was agreed that this would be done via email prior to the documents being discussed at Committee.

Nothing yet to report from members tasked with attracting new players.

11. Any Other Business

Janine explained that Palatine Club were now using the University green and she was due to attend a meeting on Monday 13 May with the University Bowling Club Secretary who were currently renewing their lease. Due to this the Secretary was uncomfortable with 'Palatine' appearing in the team name and Janine asked for the Committee's view before the meeting. The Committee felt it was important for

Palatine to retain their identity and highlighted that their use of the University green was beneficial to the University as they were contributing to the maintenance costs.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Luneside at 7pm on Monday 8 July 2024.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.