

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

AT PALATINE

Present:-

President	David Hoyle
Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe
Committee member	Barry Kendal

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Armishaw, Fixtures' Secretary.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record, proposed by Janine Bebbington and seconded by Dave Clarkson.

3. Matters arising

The action sheet was reviewed. Mike Armishaw had identified that there were several Facebook administrators who were not now involved with the Committee. Janine removed these during the meeting with the exception of one who had set the page up as it is not possible to remove an originator.

Mark explained that he had contacted the Council regarding the development at Bowerham and it was agreed that he would ask for an update on this.

4. Sub Committee updates

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed Code of Conduct and Discipline Regulations which require Committee approval before being put to the AGM. It was agreed that Julie would circulate draft copies of these documents and that any observations or suggested amendments be circulated via email in advance of the next meeting.

The proposed new Trophy rules were also discussed and it was agreed to make a minor amendment to cater for late arrivals at the semi-finals and finals.

Janine said that in preparation for the AGM presentation aiming to assist clubs to attract new players, she was looking to identify how many new players had been registered with the league this year. Julie explained how she could access this information on the website.

5. Chairman's report

Dave Clarkson said he had enjoyed officiating at the semi-final and that he would ensure the trophies were collected prior to the finals. Mark said he would arrange for them to be engraved.

6. President's report

David Hoyle informed the meeting that he had not yet researched a Presidential pendant or chain and had nothing else to report.

7. Secretary's report

Mark informed the meeting that there were 19 entries for the UAL Trophy for division 3 and 4 players. He said he would send a final reminder out this week, after which he would do the draw. It was agreed that prizes should be awarded to the losing semi-finalists as well as the finalists and that prize allocation should be at least:-

Winner £100
Runner up £50
Semi-finalists £25

This will be reviewed when final entry numbers are known. Mark and Dave Clarkson agreed to attend on the day to run the competition and to present the prizes.

Mark also raised the issue of prize allocation for merit, trophy and league winners and it was agreed to increase the merit winner prize for each division to £50. All other prizes will be considered along with fees at the AGM.

A discussion ensued regarding the presentation night and Mark agreed to contact Gill Simm to co-ordinate the arrangements. He also said he would ask all clubs to provide a raffle prize.

8. Fixtures' Secretary report

Mike Armishaw was not present but reported that he had received positive feedback thanking the Committee and the host clubs for how well the cup semi-finals were run.

He also reported that the league is progressing well with no issues to report.

He asked the Committee to make the draw for the cup finals in his absence.

The draw is as follows:-

H W Nicholls Trophy - Bowling Green C (first practice) v Bare C at Lune Road on 20 August (Committee official to be confirmed). Dave Clarkson confirmed after the meeting.

Challenge Trophy - Bowling Green B (first practice) v Bowling Green A at Bare on 10 September (Committee official Mark Norcliffe).

Mark said he had received feedback from a first division player who raised the possibility of neutral greens being chosen from different divisions, i.e., somewhere the players in the semis and finals don't normally play. Several options were explored but discounted due to a lack of floodlights etc. It was however felt this was a good point which will be considered in the future.

9. Treasurer's report

Denise had circulated the accounts in advance of the meeting and reported that there is currently £3,858.30 in the bank.

10. Any Other Business

Janine reported that she had submitted a funding application for new fencing at Palatine and she hopes to receive a decision within the next 6 weeks.

A discussion ensued regarding the Committee being open and transparent and it was agreed that Julie would update the website inviting clubs to raise any agenda items with the Committee and to attend meetings if necessary.

A discussion also ensued regarding possible collaboration with the Morecambe League but it was decided to hold this in abeyance until after the AGM.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Bare at 7pm on Monday 23 September 2024.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.