

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM
ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025 AT BARE

Present:-

Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
Fixtures' Secretary	Mike Armishaw
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe
Graham Brandwood	Guest

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Clarkson, Treasurer, and Barry Kendal, Committee Member.

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.

3. Matters arising

The action sheet was reviewed, the only outstanding issue being in respect of an approach being made to Mrs Hoyle regarding the future sponsorship of the UAL Trophy. Denise reported that this is unresolved.

4. Chairman's report

None.

5. Secretary's report

Mark informed the meeting that he had not received any queries following the circulation of documents for the AGM.

He also said he had liaised with Gill Simm regarding the venue and date for the presentation evening. A discussion ensued regarding possible options. The Committee felt that Trimpell was not an option due to them letting us down last year and Skerton were unable to accommodate us on a Saturday evening. Several other options were explored and it was agreed that Mark would identify a suitable venue and make the necessary arrangements.

6. Fixtures' Secretary's report

Mike reported that he had decided against including possible options for the construction of divisions in his AGM report and said he would address this once the result of the vote for 8 person teams was known.

7. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone reported that there had been no transactions since the last meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the accounts being audited and it was agreed that Linda Murie, who had previously agreed to act as the League auditor, would be asked to audit them in advance of the AGM.

It was noted that the Treasurer's report did not make a recommendation regarding trophy fees and Denise said she felt they should remain at £5.

A discussion ensued regarding the prize funds for the Lancaster League Trophy and the UAL Trophy and it was agreed that this would depend on the number of entries received.

8. Social Prescribing

Julie Norcliffe informed the meeting that she had met with Jenny Reddell of Lancaster CVS in her capacity as Membership Secretary for the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Indoor Bowling League. She said she had asked Jenny to include the Lancaster Bowling League in the directory as it could attract new players.

Graham Brandwood explained that the British Crown Green Bowling Association are doing a lot of work to promote and develop the sport and it is likely that a decision will shortly be made which would mean all clubs would need to contribute £1 per player towards a development fund.

9. AGM

Mike Armishaw pointed out that the constitution allows Committee members to vote at the AGM, although he believes this has not been common practice in the past.

It was unclear whether the proposal to change the constitution, if agreed, would come into immediate effect.

Graham agreed to hand out voting cards to team delegates.

A discussion ensued regarding the agenda and the amount of paperwork to go through on the night. It was agreed that Julie would put all documents on the website and that Mark would provide a limited number of hard copies in case anyone had not been provided with them in advance.

Graham said he would provide an update on County matters as Steve Clamp was unable to attend.

Janine gave a brief overview of the presentation she would be giving regarding bowls development and said she would be carrying out an audit to identify and share best practice and to hopefully achieve a co-ordinated approach across clubs. Graham said there was a health checker on the Bowls Development website and that there were untapped potential funding opportunities for clubs looking to promote the sport.

10. Any Other Business

Mark informed the meeting that the Council had indicated that Palatine is likely to benefit from funds allocation should the Bowerham Development go ahead, along with Parkside.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled after the AGM.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.