

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM
ON MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025 AT BARE

Present:-

Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
Fixtures' Secretary	Chris Holden
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe
Committee member	Barry Kendal

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Armishaw.

2. Minutes of last meeting

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

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. Barry Kendal reported that he had spoken to Mrs Hoyle but she is only part owner of the company so could not commit to any sponsorship without consultation. Barry agreed to try and resolve this matter.

4. Chairman's report

Dave Clarkson reported that he felt the AGM went well and thanks were expressed to Graham Brandwood who had taken the minutes. It was agreed that a bottle of wine should be given to Graham as a sign of our appreciation and Denise agreed to facilitate this.

5. President's report

Bruce Alexander asked what his role entailed and Dave explained that he would be expected to attend competition finals etc where possible. Julie Norcliffe said she thought she had a document outlining the roles and responsibilities which she would forward to him.

6. Secretary's report

Mark Norcliffe informed the meeting that Quernmore would be hosting the UAL Trophy on Saturday 23 August and four clubs had volunteered to host the Lancaster League Trophy; Bolton-le-Sands, Overton, Slyne and Bare. After discussion it was agreed that Bolton-le-Sands would be asked to host it this year and Overton would be asked in 2026. Mark would liaise with Bolton-le-Sands to arrange a suitable date which does not clash with any other significant competitions in the area. It was also suggested that Bolton-le-Sands be asked if they could suggest any local businesses who might be willing to sponsor the event.

Mark confirmed that the Presentation Evening has been arranged for Saturday 15 November at Morecambe Golf Club. They have asked for the fee to be paid in full in advance to secure the booking and Mark said he would send payment details to Denise.

7. Fixtures' Secretary's report

Mike Armishaw had sent a report which confirmed the composition of the League. Chris Holden said he was due to meet with Mike on Wednesday 26 February to finalise the fixtures but a discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Skerton withdrawing a team. Mark agreed to contact Steve Lochart to hopefully clarify the position before the fixtures are published.

Mike's report also confirmed that all cup semi-finals and finals would be held on Thursdays. The draw for the preliminary round of the Challenge Trophy to be played on 10 April was made as follows:-

Slyne A v Bowling Green B
Bolton-le-Sands A v Hornby
Lansil C v Warton A

It was reported that Burrowbeck would now be known as Quernmore B.

Janine Bebbington said that Palatine had been successful in securing funding for fencing and therefore would be playing there this season. She asked for as many early games as possible to be scheduled as away matches to allow them time to prepare the green.

Chris said he is in the process of creating a new email address specifically for results sheets which he will forward to Julie to update the forms.

8. Treasurer's report

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

She said she has been contacting the club secretaries prior to distributing invoices and reported that there are one or two changes, details of which will be provided to Julie to update the website.

A discussion ensued regarding the development money required by the BCGBA and it was agreed this was a club responsibility rather than a League one.

Denise said she had paid the honorarium to Linda Murie and would be arranging payment to Mark Norcliffe and Mike Armishaw.

9. Any Other Business

Mark said he was attending a meeting with local MPs Cat Smith and Lizzi Collinge on 7 March with other community members to discuss the challenges facing community involvement.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of imposing fines for teams who don't field a full team but this was not supported. It was agreed the number of walkovers would be monitored and if excessive, it might be prudent for the Committee to prepare a presentation for the next AGM.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 17 April 2025 at The Fox & Goose.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.