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Minutes of the Lancaster City Quiz League AGM held on 13th June 2011, 8.30pm at Lancaster Cricket Club

Present: Crawford Mitchell (Chairman), Mal Kitchin (Treasurer - Temporary), Ian Gibson (Secretary - Temporary), Di Brooksbank (Deputy Treasurer), Barry Young.

Agenda

1. **Apologies:** - Betty Maudsley and John Thornber.
2. **Minutes:** - The Chairman reported that he had not been provided with minutes for last year's AGM.
3. **Matters arising:** - As no minutes exist (see Item 2. Minutes: above), it was impossible to proceed under this item.
4. **Chairman's Report:** - See Appendix 1.
5. **Secretary's Report:** - See Appendix 2.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** - See Appendix 3.

Following the submission of the Treasurer's report, the Chairman proposed that the collection for Peter Charlton of £266 be rounded up to £270 by the League. This was seconded by Barry Young. Motion carried.

The Treasurer mentioned that when the League trophies were engraved, that the engraver had mentioned that some were quite valuable. This raised the question as to whether they were insured. It was decided that more information would have to be gathered and considered and that this should be done through the Committee.

The Secretary proposed that the accounts as presented be accepted. This was seconded by Di Brooksbank. Motion carried with one abstention.

Brenda Mitchell offered a vote of thanks to the people who had stepped in following Peter Charlton's resignation. There was an additional thank you to Ian Gibson for the work undertaken on the League's web site.

7. **Election of Committee and Officials:** - It was suggested that the existing Committee should be re-elected and the temporary Secretary and Treasurer positions be made permanent. Paul Legon had been nominated for the Committee and he would fill the place resulting from Peter Charlton's departure.

Proposed by Richard Hitchings; seconded by Brenda Mitchell. Motion carried.

8. **Rule Changes:** - The Secretary reported that he had received one proposed rule change from Di Brooksbank.

Di Brooksbank presented her proposal, which was as follows:-

“LCQL requires all new team applications to nominate 5 team members with its Registration Form, stating any previous experience of playing in the LCQL.”



Reasons for proposal:

- *This ensures that the new team will have a squad of players to field, thereby minimising drop-out.*
- *It also allows the committee to examine the inclusion of any former or existing LCQL players, to ensure the new team is given an appropriate place in the league divisions.*

There was a general discussion. The Treasurer felt that the requirement to nominate 5 team members would not necessarily prevent a team from subsequently dropping out.

The names and previous league experience would be required however for the second part of the proposal.

Brenda Mitchell proposed adding an amendment to the original proposal. This would require any new team to pay its registration fee (currently £10 - £8 returned after successful completion of the season's fixtures) and its league fees (currently £40) at the same time as it submits its registration form. The fees would be non-returnable. It was considered that this would provide much more of a deterrent against dropping out.

The proposed rule change with the amendment was seconded by the Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. Any Other Business:

The Treasurer recalled that last year, the former Secretary had been considering scrapping the individual trophies given to winners and runners-up. He wondered if it had actually come to anything.

After discussion it was proposed by Paul Legon that the status quo should be maintained (i.e. winners and runners-up would continue to receive individual trophies and prizes). This was seconded by Barry Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Following the Committee Meeting of 9th February 2011, an approach was made to John Read with a view to him creating a quiz, which would be used by the League in an emergency only. This quiz has been completed and is awaiting typing. The Chairman asked if it could be sent to him electronically.

The meeting closed.



Chairman's Report for 2010/2011

Welcome and thank you all for attending this year's AGM.

We have had an eventful season and I am pleased to note that the re-organisation of the committee has been carried out without disturbing the smooth running of the league & cup matches.

Our long standing Secretary, Peter Charlton, decided to retire during the season. Peter was a stalwart supporter of the league and I find myself at a loss to find words to adequately describe the debt we all owe him for all his work over the years. The collection we made – which is well over £200 (we are still receiving contributions) will, at Peters request be converted into book tokens and given to Peter shortly. Your committee asked Peter to attend tonight to be presented with this gift – but Peter did not wish to do so – and we must respect his wishes.

Peter's resignation left us needing to appoint temporary officials and Ian Gibson and Mal Kitchin agreed to act as Secretary and Treasurer and they are assisted by Betty Maudsley and Di Brooksbank. I am delighted to advise that all four have done a magnificent job.

Both Cup Finals again had close finishes and my thanks to those who set and asked the quizzes. The divisions were also closely contested with very few points separating the top teams in each division.

Registrations for next year stand at 42 teams, a loss of three teams from last year. This is not yet a final number and your Secretary will be letting teams know in due course when the season will start, and giving details of fixtures.

We continue to try to promote the quiz guidelines and this coming year we plan to have a section on the Web Site for FAQ's and we will also show objections and how we have dealt with them. Hopefully teams will read these and benefit from the decisions made. In my view the few quizzes which were very unpopular this season were those where the guidelines had been ignored.

Finally I hope you all have enjoyed last year's quizzes & I thank the setters for a job well done. My thanks also go to your Committee who continue to ensure the smooth running of the League.

Thank you.

J C Mitchell

Chairman

13/06/2011



Secretary's Report for 2010/2011

It seems strange addressing the AGM as secretary, albeit in a temporary capacity, following Peter Charlton's amazing 30-odd years at the helm.

The Chairman has already covered the eventful nature of the season both in terms of Peter's departure and the close Divisional contests and Cup Final games.

However, I feel that we must also remember the passing of Ray Milburn of the Railway Club and all those players, some of whom have played in the League for many years, who will not be joining us next season because their teams have now disbanded.

With regard to Registrations, I can confirm that I have received 42 team registration forms for next season. Nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ ^{rds} of these registrations were made using the online facility, which was offered for the first time this season.

All teams providing email addresses on their Registration Forms have been sent email confirmations of receipt and the remainder have been sent written receipts.

The priority task for the new Committee, following election, will be to consider the make-up of the Divisions for the forthcoming season.

The Committee are aware of the concerns which have been raised due to the excessive number of bye-weeks in this and previous seasons. Careful consideration will be given to see if this matter can be satisfactorily addressed.

Whilst every attempt will be made to comply with a team's question setting preferences, as indicated on their Registration Form, the Committee reserves the right to require any team to set questions under Section B - Match Rules: 17 of the League Rules, should it become necessary.

The Chairman also referred earlier to the continued promotion of the question setting guidelines. The idea of having a web page devoted to Question Setters has been discussed by the Committee. It is intended that it would have links to the guidelines, the weekly quizzes and any decisions of objections determined by the Committee. It will also carry examples of where things have gone wrong.

This is not intended to be a vehicle for criticism, but an aid to setters in the creation of a quiz. More work will be undertaken on this in the off-season but it will be ready before the start of the new season.

Finally, some statistics:-

Highest Average Fried Egg Weekly Total: Week 17 - 76.87

Lowest Average Fried Egg Weekly Total: Week 1 - 17.60

Perfect Scores: - 17: (Richard Hitchings (Gregson A) scored 3 of them).

Walkovers: - 7: (Div1 - 1; Div2 - 1; Div3 - 1; Div 4 - 3; Tony Clare - 1).



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Highest Team Scores:

League - Div 1: Gregson A - 86.
Div 2: Slyne Lodge - 80.
Div 3: Three Mariners C - 74.
Div 4: Halton Social Club - 72.

Cup - Dennis Wigham: Boot & Shoe B - 84.
Tony Clare: Black Bull Brookhouse A - 67.

As of tonight, there had been just over 6800 hits on the website since the start of the season. This compares with 6333 for September 2009 to September 2010.

That concludes my report.

Ian Gibson

Temporary Secretary

13/06/2011



Treasurer's Report for 2010/2011

I am pleased to report that we have had another successful season financially. We opened the season with a balance of £357.32, made a profit on the season of £80.59 and will carry forward to next season an increased balance of £437.91. The balance sheet shows a carry forward of £703.91 but this figure includes the donations to the Peter Charlton retirement fund. This money will be disposed of as soon as possible.

With the committee's approval the banking arrangements were brought up to date. I closed the Account at the Bank of Santander and opened a new Account at the building society approved by the Committee. The security arrangements for the account are as follows, any withdrawals require two signatures from four, the four being Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman and Deputy Treasurer.

I have amended the layout of the balance sheet to distinguish between the Profit/Loss account and the Stock /Assets account. I trust this gives a clearer picture of our financial position.

Finally I would like to thank my colleagues on the Committee for their support given to me throughout the short time I have been treasurer.

Thank you.

Mal Kitchin

Temporary Treasurer

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