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**Minutes of the Lancaster City Quiz League AGM held on 8 June 2022, 8.00pm at  
Lancaster Cricket & Social Club**

**Present:**

**Committee** – Richard Hitchings – RH (Chair); John Pollard – JP (Secretary); Ian Gibson – IG (Administrator); Janice Crossfield – JC (Treasurer); Jo Hardman - JH

**League** – Bob Clark

### **Agenda**

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies had been received from Mal Kitchin and Tony Myall.

**2. Previous Minutes:**

The Chairman asked for a proposal that the minutes of the last AGM be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Proposed – JC, Seconded – IG. Carried by a show of hands.

**3. Matters Arising:**

The Chair noted that there were no matters arising from the previous AGM.

**4. Chairman's Report:** - See Appendix 1.

**5. Secretary's Report:** - See Appendix 2.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** - See Appendix 3.

JP proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted - Seconded by Bob Clark. Carried by a show of hands.

The Treasurer abstained.

Bob Clark thanked the officers for their reports.



## **7. Election of Committee and Officials:**

The following valid nominations had been received:

Chair	Richard Hitchings
Secretary	John Pollard
Treasurer	Janice Crossfield
Committee	Mal Kitchin, Tony Myall, Jo Hardman, Ian Nicholson, Ian Gibson, Chris Coldwell and Callum Pownall

Bob Clark proposed that all 10 people nominated to serve on the committee be elected - seconded by JH. Carried by a show of hands.

## **8. Rules of the League:**

No Rule changes or Motions had been submitted.

## **9. Any Other Business:**

Bob Clark asked whether any new teams had registered. IG reported that all 27 teams from the 2021/22 season had signed for next season and also that Boot & Shoe B had signed up again. This means a total of 28 teams for the 2022/23 season. The structure of the divisions was still to be discussed.

The Meeting closed at 8:40 pm



## Appendix 1

### Chair's Report for 2021-2022

Welcome to the 2021-2022 LCQL AGM, and thank you for coming.

I must start by offering my congratulations to all the winners and runners-up in the League and Cup competitions. Congratulations also to Eric Wildsmith and Jack Bennett who won the Pairs competition just before Christmas.

Following the turmoil and wreckage of the abandoned 2019-2020 season and the unavoidable cancellation of 2020-2021, it is a very great pleasure to report that not only has the present season taken place in its entirety but it has passed off with relatively little disruption to League and Cup programmes and timetables. However, there have been more blank dates than any of us would have wanted. This was an unavoidable consequence of a small number of teams dropping out just a few days before the commencement of the League season, a timing which made wholesale rejigging of the fixture list untenable. Also, there have perhaps been slightly more walk-overs than has generally been the case in recent years, owing to teams being unable to field sufficient players. A number of the Cup pool fixtures in particular suffered from this. Some individuals in some teams remained understandably wary of the risk to health still posed by the pandemic, even as it became generally less prevalent and less lethal. In the end 27 teams participated in the season, a reduction of six compared with 2019-2020. Any diminution of involvement is to be regretted, but I think that most of us would feel that this was by no means as large a loss as we might have feared. It seems likely that all of these teams will re-register for 2022-2023, and there is even the possibility that one or two former teams might re-join for the new season.

It is regretted that there will be no Presentation Night this year. However, it was not clear to the Committee how much appetite there would be for this event after such a protracted hiatus. Furthermore, the season has been a long and arduous one for the Committee too, and there was a general consensus that a natural end point of this unusual season will be reached on Finals' Night. That said, it is the Committee's firm intention and desire that this important element of the LCQL year will resume in 2022-2023.

The nature and quality of the quizzes set has been a recurrent theme of these Reports over the years. It is my opinion that the overwhelming majority of the quizzes this season have been at least serviceable, and a good number somewhat better than that. There have been a very small number of quizzes which were not up to standard. The single plea I would make here (echoing Paul Legon in his 2018 Report) is that teams setting quizzes read and act upon the excellent advice contained in the Quiz Setting Guidelines. To encourage this I shall resume Paul's practice of providing a link to this part of the LCQL Website in the emails I send out to teams when their turn to set comes around. I would urge everyone to read this very useful document and try to implement its sensible recommendations.

I should like to thank my colleagues on the LCQL Committee for their valiant, and successful, efforts to ensure that the rather unusual 2021-2022 season should be as smooth-running and 'normal' as possible. Thanks to their unstinting commitment the enveloping arrangements at the Golden Lion generally went without a hitch, though disaster was only narrowly averted on one occasion when a certain nameless setting team had neither inserted the quizzes in, nor sealed, the envelopes. My heart-felt thanks go to Secretary John Pollard and IT Administrator Ian Gibson, as well as to Janice Crossfield for taking on the role of Treasurer, a time-consuming and maddening task as I know from personal experience. I am also very grateful to those many teams who make no charge for the cost of printing their quizzes.



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Finally, at a time when the Committee has occasionally been rendered nearly inquorate following a number of resignations, I am delighted to welcome as new members Chris Coldwell (Three Mariners D) and Callum Pownall (Golden Lion). I thank them for their interest and look forward to working with them on the Committee.

Richard Hitchings  
Chair LCQL



## Appendix 2

### Secretary's Report for 2021-2022

Once again I have spent the year acting as league secretary whilst Ian Gibson, as deputy secretary, has continued to handle administrative matters, including running the web site, managing the control of weekly quiz sheet packs and recording results. My thanks go to Ian for once again doing the lion's share of the work in what has been a challenging year and for providing a substantial amount of the data enclosed within this report.

Thanks are due as usual to the management and staff of the Golden Lion for their efforts each week on behalf of the league.

### Season 2021 - 2022

The season started on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021, a little later than normal due to the continuing effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. Team numbers were badly hit, a reduction of 6 teams from the 2019-20 season. Three teams left just before the season started, when it was too late to re-jig our fixtures. This unavoidably resulted in each team having 6 bye weeks during the season.

The pandemic continued to wreak havoc when 4 teams withdrew from the Cup Competitions because of health considerations. Fortunately, they felt able to continue when the League programme re-started in the New Year.

The playing season ended on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 with Finals' Night, which this year incorporated the presentation of Trophies and Prizes to the various League winners and runners-up.

**Division 1** - Winners: Brown Cow B; Runners-up: Silverdale Hotel

**Division 2** - Winners: Merchants; Runners-up: Three Mariners C

**Division 3** - Winners: George & Dragon; Runners-up: Dog & Partridge

**Dennis Wigham** – Winners: Brown Cow B; Runners-up: Station Hotel B

**Tony Clare** - Winners: Three Mariners D; Runners-up: George & Dragon

### Nominations for 2022 - 23:

Chair: Richard Hitchings

Secretary: John Pollard

Treasurer: Janice Crossfield

Committee: Mal Kitchin; Tony Myall; Jo Hardman; Ian Nicholson, Ian Gibson, Chris Coldwell and Callum Pownall.

There were no Rule Changes nor Motions submitted.

Considering that we have fewer than 200 registered players, the League's website continues to be well used during the playing season. The annual fees remain at £57.46, which they have been for some considerable time.

John R Pollard  
Secretary



## Appendix 3

### Treasurer's Report

As we reach the end of the 2021-2022 season, I have to report a small deficit of £16.52 over the year. This is explained by a reduced income from team fees due to the withdrawal of several teams prior to the start of the season, whilst our costs (prizes, trophies, website, etc.) remained as would be expected.

Our opening balance was £1,525.21 and our closing balance is £1,508.69 (Skipton Building Society = £1,466.92 + Treasurer's float = £41.77).

Our total income for the season was £1,219.22 (of which £1,215.00 came from league fees).

Our largest items of expenditure this season were vouchers for prize winners in our League, Cup and Pairs competitions (£810.00) and trophies and engraving (£269.00).

Our general expenditure totalled £216.74.

Photocopying costs reimbursed to question setters totalled £60.80. This works out at £6.08 for each quiz charged for. We thank those teams and individuals who made no charge.

As regards the payment of league fees, we are aware that the majority of people no longer use cheques and would prefer to pay by bank transfer. Unfortunately, however, the account we currently have does not allow for this and so we, as a committee, are considering what our next move should be. We should be interested to hear views on the subject and any ideas people may have on this matter. If you have any, please send them to Richard Hitchings so we can consider them in our upcoming committee meetings.

Lastly, as this has been my first season as LCQL treasurer, I should like to thank all the committee for their help, but particularly my predecessor, Mal, for his support and for passing on various Excel spreadsheets which have simplified my task considerably.

Janice Crossfield (Treasurer)  
LCQL

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**Statement of Accounts for 2021/2022**

<b>2019/2021</b>	<b>Profit /Loss Account</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>
<b>1037.00</b>	Opening Balance	<b>1525.21</b>
	<b>General Income</b>	
1485.00	League Fees (27 x £45.00)	1215.00
1.20	Sale of Spare Questions.	0.00
0.00	Objections	1.00
9.69	Bank Interest	3.22
<b>1495.89</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1219.22</b>
	<b>General Expenditure</b>	
62.31	Photocopying	60.80
58.45	Stationery	34.63
0.00	Postage / Telephone	3.85
114.92	Web-Site X 1	57.46
0.00	Trophy roundels/Sundries	0.00
0.00	Pairs Quiz - Venue Hire	0.00
42.00	Pairs Quiz - Trophies	60.00
40.00	2 x Gift cards @ £20.00 (Retirements)	0.00
<b>317.68</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>216.74</b>
	<b>Presentation/Social Evening</b>	
0.00	Venue Hire	0.00
0.00	Catering.	0.00
165.00	Trophies	269.00
525.00	Gift Cards	750.00
<b>690.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1019.00</b>
<b>488.21</b>	<b>Profit/Loss on Season</b>	<b>-16.52</b>
	<b>Profit/Loss Account</b>	
1037.00	Starting Balance	1525.21
1495.89	Income	1219.22
2532.89	<i>Sub total</i>	2744.43
1007.68	Minus Expenditure	1235.74
<b>1525.21</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>1508.69</b>
1452.70	Skipton Building Society	1466.92
72.51	Treasurer's Float (Cash)	41.77
0.00	Cash/Cheques for Banking	0.00
<b>1525.21</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>1508.69</b>

**As at: 08/06/2022**

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2019/2020	LCQL Assets:	2021/2022
	<b>Stock</b>	
0.00	Score sheets (1024)	0.00 Est
0.00	Match Labels (49 sheets)	0.00 Est
0.00	Envelopes	0.00 Est
0.00	125 x Roundels	0.00 Est
 <b>0.00</b>	 <b>Total</b>	
	<b>Trophies</b>	
£500.00	Fred Mercer Trophy - Division I	£500.00 Est
250.00	Yates & Jackson Punch Bowl - Division 2	250.00 Est
70.00	Claret Jug - Division 3	70.00 Est
100.00	Dennis Wigham Trophy	100.00 Est
50.00	Tony Clare Cup	50.00 Est
50.00	Slate Shield - Division 4(A) - (Not Used)	50.00 Est
50.00	Slate Shield - Division 4(B) - (Not Used)	50.00 Est
200.00	Alan Peel Trophy	200.00 Est
30.00	L/c - Kendal Inter Town Shield (Not used)	30.00 Est
<b>1300.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1300.00 Est</b>
	 <b>LCQL Assets as at 08/06/2022</b>	
1525.21	Cash	1508.69
1300.00	Stock/Trophies	1300.00
<b>2825.21</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2808.69</b>

Accounts prepared By Janice Crossfield 08/06/2022