

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM

ON WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2025 AT THE BOOT & SHOE

Present:-

Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe
Committee member	Barry Kendal

1. Apologies for absence

President	Bruce Alexander
Vice Chair	Janine Bebbington
Treasurer	Denise Nardone

2. Minutes of last meeting

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

3. Matters arising

The action sheet was reviewed.

Barry Kendal had offered to prepare a paper regarding the league composition and aggregate scoring but he informed the meeting that he felt this should not be progressed. He had also been tasked with securing funding for the UAL trophy for 2026 but had not had chance to speak to the new owners yet. Mark had been tasked with making enquiries about some astroturf for Palatine and agreed to progress this.

4. Chairman's report

Dave Clarkson said he felt the presentation evening was a success and it was noted that several compliments had been received.

A discussion ensued regarding the fact that Morecambe League provide presentation tickets free of charge to Committee members. It was agreed that going forward we should adopt this practice. It was also agreed that the profit to be split between the two leagues following this year's event should reflect the fact that Lancaster Committee members paid for their tickets and therefore a deduction should be made to account for Morecambe tickets.

Mark agreed to liaise with the Morecambe League to schedule the next date for next year's presentation evening in advance of the AGM.

President's report

None.

5. Secretary's report

Mark Norcliffe reported that he felt some of the trophies were nearing the end of their life and a discussion ensued regarding the possibility of replacing some or adding new plinths. It was agreed that he would properly assess them all next year before the presentation evening.

He also informed the meeting that he had received an AGM proposal from Trimpell and Cumberland for 8-man teams. He explained that there are 20 more teams in the Morecambe League and several clubs in the Lancaster League have sufficient members to field additional teams if the proposal were to be accepted. A discussion ensued regarding the impact the handicap system would have for trophy competitions should the proposal be accepted, and it was agreed to re-visit this should that occur.

Mark explained that Don Fairhurst from Overton had suggested launching a new award for the best kept green. The Committee felt this was a good idea and agreed to put it on the AGM agenda.

He confirmed that the University were proposing to change their name but it had been agreed that this would not necessitate any change to their status in the league.

He also suggested introducing a doubles competition and a discussion ensued about the possibility of rounds being played throughout the season with the final rounds taking place on a finals day. This was agreed in principle and Mark said he would give some thought to the logistics of this including handicapping etc.

He confirmed that the Lancaster Bowling League Trophy was to be held at Overton this year and he was hoping they would agree a date of 4 July. He also confirmed that the UAL Trophy would be held at Skerton, hopefully on 22 August.

6. Fixtures' Secretary's report

Post vacant.

7. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone had circulated financial information prior to the evening but it transpired there were some anomalies which she would address when she returned from holiday.

8. AGM

Dave Clarkson agreed to invite Steve Clamp, the Development Officer for North Lancs & Fylde, to the meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding recording the AGM as Julie will be away. It was agreed to record the meeting and to use AI to prepare the minutes. Julie asked if a Committee member would also take some notes as this was an untried method of recording proceedings.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at the Boot & Shoe.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.