

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM
ON MONDAY 7 JULY AT PALATINE

Present:-

Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
President	Bruce Alexander
Fixtures' Secretary	Chris Holden
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe
Committee member	Barry Kendal

1. Apologies for absence

Chairman Dave Clarkson

2. Minutes of last meeting

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

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Chairman's report

None.

5. President's report

None.

6. Secretary's report

Mark Norcliffe reported that he had prepared a draft email to go to club secretaries canvassing their views on the proposal to adopt a one vote per club rule at AGMs. Following feedback from Committee members he would now circulate the email.

Janine Bebbington then raised concerns regarding the league composition and scoring system, questioning if aggregate points were necessary. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was agreed that Barry Kendal would research procedures adopted by other leagues and prepare a paper for discussion at the next meeting.

Mark said that he had arranged for the final of the Challenge Trophy to take place on Thursday 24 July at the University. Chris Holden agreed to officiate. Mark also said he had asked Lune Road to host the final of the H W Nichols Trophy on Thursday 31 July and was awaiting confirmation. It was agreed that Dave Clarkson would be asked to officiate.

Mark informed the meeting that the Lancaster League Trophy was held at Bolton-le-Sands on Saturday 5 July 2025 with a full field on 32 players. He said it was disappointing that several clubs had not provided raffle prizes as requested but he wanted to place on record the Committee's appreciation for the excellent support provided by Bolton-le-Sands on the day and to Ratcliffe & Bibby, Solicitors, who gave £200 in sponsorship.

A discussion ensued regarding the trophies for the Lancaster League and UAL competitions and Denise agreed to order these.

7. Fixtures' Secretary's report

Chris reported that several team captains were not using the official team sheet to notify match results and when used, they were very often incorrectly completed. Mark said he would send an email to all captains asking them to use the correct forms and to ensure they are filled in properly.

8. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone confirmed that the invoice for the presentation evening had been settled with Morecambe Golf Club and that all clubs had now paid their fees.

9. Trophy Rules

Julie reported that several people had asked to enter the Lancaster League Trophy but they had not played a league or cup match this season. The current rules state that anyone can play if they are a registered member of the League and have paid their fees but the reality is that players pay their fees to individual clubs and not the league. Having discussed the matter with the Chairman, Dave Clarkson, it was agreed that entries should only be accepted from players who have played at least one league or cup game in the current season and that the rules should be amended prior to next season. Draft amendments previously circulated were agreed but further amendments are required in respect of the handicaps as discussed at the last meeting. Chris asked that this be raised again at the next meeting.

10. Any Other Business

None.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 1 September 2025 at Palatine.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm.