

LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM

ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY AT THE BOOT & SHOE

Present:-

Vice Chair	Janine Bebbington
President	Caroline Warren
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Fixtures' Secretary	John Murfin
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe
Committee member	Barry Kendal

1. Apologies for absence

Chair	Dave Clarkson
Committee Member	Don Fairhurst

2. Minutes of last meeting

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

3. Matters arising

The action sheet was reviewed.

Mark Norcliffe informed the meeting that he was due to take delivery of a large quantity of astroturf which could be used for guttering. He said he would email club secretaries so that they could arrange collection if required.

Barry Kendal said UAL would not be sponsoring the division three and four trophy this year but he had secured funding from Bay Beds.

Following the AGM vote to reduce the number of players per team, it was agreed to amend the trophy rules accordingly so that handicaps would reflect the new eight player structure.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposal to hold a doubles competition throughout the year and it was agreed that Mark would prepare a set of rules and advertise the event with a closing date of 28 March.

4. Chairman's report

None.

5. President's report

None.

6. Secretary's report

Mark informed the meeting that he had received applications for four new teams to be included in the league from Luneside, Lune Road, Skerton and Overton clubs. The Committee agreed to accept the applications and it was agreed that the divisional structure for 2026 would be as follows:-

Division 1	10 teams
Division 2	9 teams
Division 3	9 teams
Division 4	10 teams

The teams to be promoted and relegated were also agreed.

The draw for the W H Nichols Trophy took place as follows:-

Preliminary round to be held on 14 April:-

Luneside C v Bare B
Cumberland A v Skerton A
Lune Road C v Bailrigg B

The following round would take place on 5 May as follows:-

Warton B v Overton B
Lune Road D v Bolton-le-Sands B
Winner of prelim match 1 v Carnforth
Palatine v Overton C
Winner of prelim match 2 v winner of prelim match 3
Luneside B v Skerton C
Overton A v Bailrigg A
Slyne B v Lansil B

The draw for the Challenge Trophy took place as follows:-

Preliminary found to be held on 14 April:-

Quernmore v Luneside A
Slyne A v Bare A
Bowling Green A v Lune Road A

The following round would take place on 5 May as follows:-

Bowling Green B v winner of prelim match 1
Lansil C v Skerton B
Winner of prelim match 2 v Burrowbeck
Warton A v Lune Road B
Bare D v Trimpell A
Bolton-le-Sands A v Lansil A
Bare C v Bowling Green C
Hornby v winner of prelim match 3

7. Fixtures' Secretary's report

John reported that he was meeting with Julie and Mark on 27 February to prepare the fixtures for the season.

8. Treasurer's report

Denise reported that there had been no change to the financial position since the AGM. She said she would be sending invoices out in the near future for league fees and she had recently arranged insurance cover.

9. AOB

Janine reported that an article had recently been published in the Lancaster Guardian in respect of a crowdfunding campaign for Palatine who are looking to raise funds for benches, gutter surrounds, facias, bowls etc. She said she was also due to discuss the issue on BBC Radio Lancashire the following morning. A question was raised about the monies due from the Bowerham development and Mark agreed to make further enquiries about this with the Council.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 11 May 2026 at the Boot & Shoe.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.