LANCASTER BOWLING LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM

ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER AT PALATINE

Present:-

Chairman	Dave Clarkson
Vice Chairman	Janine Bebbington
President	Bruce Alexander
Secretary	Mark Norcliffe
Treasurer	Denise Nardone
Committee member	Julie Norcliffe

1. Apologies for absence

   Committee member   Barry Kendal

2. Minutes of last meeting

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

3. Matters arising

   None.

4. Chairman's report

   Dave Clarkson expressed regret at not being able to attend the UAL Trophy which was held at Quernmore on 23 August. The Committee agreed it had been a very successful event and Mark said he would write to Quernmore to thank them for the excellent support provided on the day.

   A discussion then ensued regarding the future of the event given the fact that UAL (Uniform & Leisurewear) have recently been taken over. It was agreed that Barry Kendal should be tasked with trying to secure future sponsorship from the new owners or from a different business if necessary.
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   President's report

   None.

5. Secretary's report

   Mark Norcliffe reported that he had resolved the dispute regarding the final of the W H Nichols Trophy after Skerton had used an ineligible player. He said the Trophy has now been given to Bare.

   Further to the discussions regarding the UAL Trophy, Mark said he would ask Skerton to nominate a League President for next year and also ask them if they wished to host the Trophy.

   Mark also informed the meeting that an EGM will be held on 24 September 2025 to discuss the question of one vote per club and to formalise a change to the constitution allowing the AGM to be called at any time. Mark had previously canvassed the views of all clubs on the timing of the AGM and had not received

any opposition to a proposal for it to be called at any time by the Committee. To this end it was agreed that the AGM would be held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 and Julie would try and book a room at Skerton.

6. Fixtures' Secretary's report

None.

7. Treasurer's report

Denise Nardone informed the meeting that the current bank balance is £3,886 which is slightly higher than the same time last year due to the increase in fees. She said we would need to pay for the trophies to be engraved before the end of the financial year.

8. League Composition and Aggregates

A discussion took place regarding the merits or otherwise of the aggregate system but the Committee felt a decision on this should be held in abeyance pending the discussion paper being prepared by Barry Kendal. This matter was deferred until the next meeting when it is hoped a proposal can then be prepared for discussion at the AGM.

In respect of the league composition, the Committee felt it would be helpful if the Fixtures' Secretary could notify them of the number of walkovers for the previous two seasons.

9. Handicaps for Trophies

In the absence of the Fixtures' Secretary, this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

10. League fees – levy for raffle prizes

Mark expressed frustration at the limited number of raffle prizes provided by clubs for the Lancaster League and UAL Trophies this year and questioned if a levy could be added to league fees to allow the Committee to purchase prizes. After discussion it was agreed not to progress this but it was suggested that the Committee could consider asking local businesses for donations.

11. Any Other Business

Janine Bebbington explained that the fencing around Palatine was almost complete after they had secured a grant for £27,000. She also said that Sport England had agreed further funding to finance benches, gutter liners, planters and bowls etc, and that a crowd funder campaign would go live next week so further donations would be greatly received. Mark said he would make enquiries with an astroturf company who might be able to assist.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 3 December 2025 at The Boot & Shoe.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.