

Blackpool & District Badminton Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 24th March 2026

1. Attendees & Apologies

Attendees: Mike Percy, Nicky Percy, Ant Cross, Carol Howarth, Fred Barnes, Trevor Bell and Carole Booth.

Apologies received from Nikki Wilford, Michael Banks, Steve Blackburn and Jamie Sedgwick

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2026 were proposed by Fred and seconded by Carole. All accepted.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. 2025-2026 Season So Far

See Attachment 1 for Ant's Match Secretary Report.

5. Safeguarding/Coaching

Nicky confirmed that the Filming/Photography Guidelines have been sent to all clubs and are now available on the website. Thanks to Lee Meakin for his input.

Trevor was proud to announce that the junior boys have won 2 trophies in the recent M65 Tournaments – Year 9 & Under and Year 11 & Under. A fantastic achievement – congratulations to all players.

The Saturday morning sessions have around 40 juniors playing regularly (with around 50 names on the overall list). There will be an Easter Tournament on 28th March.

6. Competition Trophies

The Latus Trophy and Irene Latus Trophy have been taken to the Poulton Trophy Centre, who are researching costs to add new bases/name plates. We will also ask Jon Jackson to take a look to see if he can help. Post meeting note: Poulton Trophy shop and Jon were unable to assist, so we have asked Mike Thomson's dad to have a look as he originally made the bases. We have also ordered new name plates, which we will pass to Mike's dad to add to the bases.

Locations/dates for the cup competitions are confirmed as below:

Gazette and Bridgewood Trophies – Presall Sports Hall, Tuesday 5th May 7pm.

Latus and Irene Latus Trophies – Blackpool & the Fylde College Thursday 7th May 7-30pm.

Ribby Hall will be considered to host the finals next year and we will consult with Carol and Jamie accordingly.

It was agreed to purchase two new trophies for the Levels League Divisions 1 and 2. It was agreed that all the previous winners of the Levels Division 1 will be engraved on the new cup when this season's winner is added.

7. Presentation Evening Update

Nicky confirmed that she has booked Blackpool Cricket Club for the function on 29th May. Cost is £20 for adults and £10 for juniors to include raffle and buffet. Numbers will be required by mid-May.

Nicky will ask all clubs to donate prize(s) for the raffle.

8. End of Season Awards

As previously, there will be an award for both the Most Improved Junior Boy and Most Improved Junior Girl. Nicky will send an email requesting clubs to submit their nominations by 8th May.

Assessment committee will consist of Mike, Ant Trevor and Carol.

The presentation of additional awards was discussed and whilst a specific category could not be decided on, it was agreed that Council will present a proposal at the AGM for a new Club of the Year Award to be presented from next season. Nicky to draft a proposal for consideration/agreement by Council prior to the AGM.

9. AOB

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 30th June at the Poulton O60s Club (same venue as last year) 7:30pm start. Cost £25. Mike to book.

Attachment 1

Match Secretary Report – The Season So Far

We are now in the final week of League competition with only 6 matches to play. All the title and promotion spots have been decided. Just one relegation place to be determined.

In Division 1 Mixed, Fleetwood A have regained the title losing just one match during the season. Kingfisher A finished Runner-up in their best season so far. At the bottom end, Kingfisher B and Poulton B have found the going tough and will be relegated. Sadly, both teams conceded 2 matches each during the season which is worrying for their participation next season. Poulton, I understand may scrap their Mixed B team in favour of a levels team.

Lightning B have won Division 2 Mixed with a 100% success and will return to Division 1. Fleetwood B are Runner-up which is their best achievement in years. At the other end, Stanley C continue to improve with their best points tally and the Lightning C junior side showed encouraging performances and attitude. If you compare the results from the first and second halves of the season you can see a definite improvement. I look forward to watching the continuing improvement next season and, thanks also to the other Division 2 teams for their attitude when playing the youngsters.

In Levels Division 1, Lightning A regained the title with Fleetwood A Runners-up. Stanley A struggled most of the season and are relegated. The other relegation spot will be decided after the match this Thursday. Bloomfield A need a point to stay up which would put last year's champions Lids in the bottom two places however, as there are currently only 6 teams in Levels Division 1, Lids could remain as hopefully there will be more teams joining the levels league.

Inaugural champions of Division 2 Levels are Lightning B. Very pleasing to see a mixture of youth and experience in the team but it does help when the junior players grow to over 6 foot tall! Kirkham Charter B were Runners-up with a strong side and will, I think hold their own in Division 1. Special mention should be made of Kirkham Charter Juniors. Once again, you can see the improvement between the first and second half of the season in the results. And, once again I should thank the opposition teams for their attitude when playing the juniors. I look forward to seeing them play next season and their continuing improvement.

No complaints received which is always good and we now look forward to the Cup competitions.