

YCBA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 20/06/20

Present: Lesley Millet (Chair), James Carpenter (JC), Oliver Cowan (OC), Brian Davison (BD), Phil Godfrey (PG), David Guild (DG), Ron Millet (RM), Pauline Stout (PS), Nick Woolven NW)

Apologies

None were received

Minutes

The minutes for 17/05/20 were approved.

Matters Arising

TEACHING

There was a discussion on teaching... NW & BD were satisfied with content and format but they considered Zoom to be useless. Sending groups of 4 to a sideroom/ breakout room for discussion could be arranged but the skills needed to set this up were daunting. PS shared this view.

OC pointed out that there was a similar method using BBO. He was happy to assist on developing this.

Agreed

OC would train up those who felt they needed it

LM raised the issue of whether help should be given to clubs that are not organising any teaching. NW wondered how many were learning from Andrew Robson and similar sites. DG's approach was to engage students in easy play. BD pointed out that there is a strong back up source in BCL.

Agreed

1. Create a guidance resource for club teachers who are not internet literate. advising them on available sources and how to access them.
2. To be ready by the end of July.
3. DG, BD, PS to get together and form a structure to contact all students and teachers

As part of this PG was concerned how teachers will communicate with students.

Agreed

There should be a Marketing Campaign to get new students ready for September. Some financial support from EBU to be investigated by RM using the special BBO fund.

(Comment- to be suggested on a 50:50 basis)

PIANOLA DATABASE PLATFORM

LM reported that this was going well and they were working on the look and feel of it. The site should be ready to test in a couple of weeks. The "free" use of the playing module for any club using Pianola was described by PG.

RM pointed out that only about 100 of the 500+ EBU affiliated clubs used Pianola. There was a problem for smaller clubs though grouping them was a possibility which Pianola would allow.

Agreed

Pianola - A bucket club could be established for any non Pianola club to use the YCBA facilities and we collect + pay UMS. There were issues on detail with this and further investigation was required.

WEBSITE

DG reported on the latest development and the 4K mail shot for the mixed pairs. There were very few "bounce backs.

The new website will be launched at the beginning of July

CLUB LIAISON

A brief update on the programme for contacting all clubs was given. This will be considered by the Board. We await any reference back for action.

The situation with Virtual clubs was raised..should there be more?... Yes! to keep them active and provide continuity.

PS pointed out that it was daunting to set one up. At Wetherby no one was prepared to learn how to do this although now they were moving forward... OC offered to assist

PG outlined alternative procedures which were discussed. There was concern about the availability and training of virtual TDs.

JC - it was not difficult to train up a virtual TD. Can do a Zoom course for people to do this

Attention was drawn to other platforms becoming available (see above).

There was concern whether we have the skills for advising .. NW commented ...are we over concerned ? There will be perhaps 2-3 clubs at most.

Agreed

1. Set up a help centre for any platform that a club chooses to use. We will need to develop skills related to each major platform or new ones when they become available
2. The problem was that a TD would always needed. This would have to be addressed.

EVENTS

OC reported -

Swiss Pairs are going well - 120 pairs with a few constructive criticisms.

Play without the experts – OC to ask PS to be involved in developing this.

SWISS Teams at the AGM. - The timings are a bit tight for this but should be OK. Will allow more than 4 players in a team but notification of the team make up will be needed before each session..

Mixed Pairs - 40 pairs so far making some money... this was more than for normal for a 24 board F2F event. Treated as one event. Times between rounds were discussed and agreed. A Mitchell movement for 60 pairs. We must have the exact BBO user name.

Agreed

- 1) The email, onlinecomps@ycba.co.uk must be used for registration and raising any problems.
- 2) The set up information has to be relayed to those participating in the Mixed Pairs.
PG to send out an explanatory letter via Pianola.

AOB - none.

NEXT MEETING 11th July at 2.00pm