

# MINUTES OF THE YCBA BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2020

*(Curated by Phil Godfrey on Webex)*

Present - Lesley Millet, (Chair) James Carpenter, Ollie Cowan, Brian Davison, Phil Godfrey, David, Guild, Pauline Stott and Nick Woolven.

Apologies - All members were in attendance.

Minutes - from the previous meeting were not considered relevant in the light of the C19 crisis.

## On line teaching

LM - How should we progress teaching in the light of the current situation?

NW - felt there was little enthusiasm for carrying on existing courses even if that was possible.

DG – we should distinguish between existing courses due to start and those that were on going that had been interrupted by the crisis. Once clubs were back in action they could get moving.

It was recognised that there were 3 groups of activity beginners, players and seminars.

On Line Seminars - Should F2F seminars wait until September. NW & Hayward were developing seminars and will report back on them when available.

The Magee Online talks were not too long. This was important to maintain viewer interest.

DG questioned why is the EBU not doing this?

The general feeling was that this is the YCBA and they will lead and develop matters for themselves

Database of members - It was suggested that we should use this to contact members and clubs. PG raised objections that the current database was out of date, included non YCBA club members from Congress attendees and it would be in breach of GDPR to use it..

There was a discussion on the effectiveness of Pianola and powers to download followed this.

## Agreed.

1) Upload the YCBA sector of the EBU database for information as a matter of urgency. 3 members have the key to download

2) Liaise with our clubs - what they are doing - PS to do this.

3) Use JC to train TD's on BBO

4) Investigate:

- putting teaching and seminars on YouTube.
- availability of PowerPoint aids for teaching
- a bank of teaching aids to be stored on the YCBA/ learnbridgeyorkshirewebsite(s)
- use BBO for teaching

*(Oliver Cowan joined the meeting)*

TD training - JC - has been training people to act as TD's on the EBU sector of BBO. This was not straight forward for example..

Swiss was a slightly different format which risked repeat E/W visits to the same N/S. There are problems of detail such as undo etc and the TD responsibilities are different to F2F play.

Would it be difficult to limit a game to just Yorkshire players? Especially if the EBU virtual club platform was used. It would need an "include" or an "exclude" list. The idea of robot players was rejected. There will be an "entry fee" to play.

### Leeds BC Virtual Swiss Pairs event

OC then gave an explanation on the Leeds Swiss Pairs that he conceived and managed... (See paper attached)

There were minor issues JC – warned, constructively, that there may be several failure points so OC should beware. OC is also preparing to run teams in conjunction with the pairs event. After discussion the following was...

### Agreed

Consideration be given to applying this event format that OC has developed for YCBA usage.

This might be used in place of the cancelled Yorkshire Congress.

In detail a check list of matters needing attention

- 1) JC will study this in particular IMPS scores for 8 board, 30mins then 8 board. Record the items where there is a suspicion of misbehaviour.
- 2) There should be an initial trial set up.
- 3) Arrange to reserve seats - one from each team do this.
- 4) Revenue should go direct to YCBA not to BBO with payment via the team captain.
- 5) Charity event – should one be arranged
- 6) Modes of payment would need further study.

### Further points arising

Agreed - training for BBO usage and TD'ing - how do you become registered as a BBO director? [since advised this will be authorised by the EBU]

PG will train up TDs.. already started

Most people don't want to train up for use of BBO - LM – agreed to do this.

### Pianola and Bridge

Discussion took place on the planned Bridge addition to the Pianola platform. Matters considered, the charge structure & it's mangement, future developments and problems of internet viability. JC suggested a localised connection would be better.

### AGM Arrangements

After discussion it was ...

### Agreed

There should be a virtual bridge event. Further consideration would be given to pairs or teams, (which is easier to run) and whether a one or two day event 1). There should be a charge of £5 -10 per player for playing with masterpoints awarded (Stuart) but no green points, trophy or prizes.

The details of the actual play were discussed i.e. not everyone playing the same

boards, should the format be hour play/hour break, (possibly too many interruptions.) / 1 day event 4 day matches./Old style scoring "round in arrears". OC prefers 7 board matches otherwise it takes too long to set up. / Suggested format -2 days: Day 1 low level. Day 2 higher level. (PG was not in favour of 2 days)

/ Payment of TDs and / a standby pair. / Can the TD & scorers cope with the numbers? / What is the maximum number for that?

Agreed PG, JC, OC to finalise the details.

### Marketing

This will need promotion. Contact everyone on Pianola BUT .see Database note above.

LM to prepare an entry form and possible marketing leaflet.

### General Support to Clubs

NW - We should be ready for when clubs start again and might need cash grants to get up and running. Grants to be decided by a committee (viz technology grant procedure). Also,we should be ready to offer help in coming back to normality.

Next meeting 17/06/20 @ 14.00