

MINUTES OF YCBA EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING (REPLACING THE SCHEDULED TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING) HELD ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020 BY INTERNET CONFERENCE COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM.

PRESENT: Phil Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Stuart Davies (Tournament Secretary), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), David Guild and John Hayton.

INVITED ATTENDEES: Phil Mason and Ron Millet.

1) APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies were received from Nick Woolven (Chairman), Julia Staniforth (Secretary) and Robin Jepson who was unable to take part verbally but observed the meeting and made notes for the production of the minutes.

There were no declarations of interest.

2) TOURNAMENT REVIEW DUE TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Following recent ongoing discussions regarding the current situation the following decisions taken regarding scheduled events were confirmed:

- Affiliated Teams competition (postponed/cancelled) – No hotel costs so no cost to YCBA or entrants
- Nelson Rose Bowl (cancelled by Harrogate BC)
- Easter Congress (cancelled) – refunds to entrants to be arranged by LM, deposit paid to hotel to be clarified
- All other events cancelled/postponed until 31 May 2020 with full refunds to entrants and subsequent review as to any rearrangement
- Knock out events – time extensions to be agreed in line with EBU advice - SD to advise team captains
- Yorkshire Congress – Review at next meeting

3) COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

- Guidance to clubs to be sent in line with the information posted on the EBU website and in view of social distancing a strong recommendation that all bridge clubs suspend activities as soon as practicably possible.
- The YCBA website would provide a statement of the current situation.
- Treasurer to record details of competition entry fee refunds.
- Learnbridge website to include notice that NW will answer by email questions from students using the distance learning programme.

4) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A further meeting by conference call would take place on Monday 13 April at 2.00 pm if members are available.