

MINUTES of the YCBA TOURNAMENT & BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held online by Webex on Thursday 10 September 2020 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Nick Woolven (chair) Phil Godfrey (vice-chair), Lesley Millet, Stuart Davies, Philip Mason, Ron Millet, David Guild and Pauline Stout. Invited to attend and also present: Robin Jepson, John Hayton and Mike Jackson.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Julia Staniforth, Brian Davison and Lesley Bridson. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 28 July 2020

These were approved as a true record.

3. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

- (a) Master points for Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams events held previously
SD reported that these have now been sent out.
- (b) Remuneration review for online administrators
This was agreed at the previous meeting
- (c) Review of pairs ladder event
This event has been successfully completed and attracted 20, 20 and 16 pairs to the three sessions.

4. Updates on forthcoming Elevenses Pairs and Great Northern Pairs events

LM reported an encouraging number of entries for the Elevenses event and suggested that the concept might be tried out in face to face bridge as it has similarity with cafe bridge which was under consideration by the TC shortly before the lockdown. RM drew attention to statistics about participation in online bridge by players with NGS rankings from 2 to Ace.

LM said that the EBU would be marketing the Great Northern Pairs via its website and an email shot to all members. Information and an entry form for the GNP is already on the YCBA website. JH had volunteered to act as an adviser for players with technical issues at the event.

5. Update on online club teams of four event commencing on 11 October 2020

MJ and RJ reported that the entry forms had been sent out and further interest in the event had been received from clubs who did not respond to the original consultation. Outstanding issues are the appointment of a TD to be on call while the matches are in progress, a panel of advisers to be on call for players with technical problems relating to the setting up of

matches or similar, and arranging video conference meetings with participants prior to the first match day. These will all be addressed by the Online YL committee.

6. Finalisation of calendar of online events for 2020 and publication arrangements

It was agreed that the event on 21 October, originally designated as a Stratified Pairs, would be a Charity Pairs event, as a stand in for the simultaneous pairs events. The entry fee would be £7.50 and the surplus to be paid to a charity or charities chosen by the winners.

Additional events agreed: another Elevenses Pairs to be held on 24 November.

PS agreed to take the entries for the Charity Pairs and Elevenses Pairs events

A Christmas Swiss Teams event to be held on 20 December with 6 x 4 board matches.

JS has already circulated a calendar of online events up to the end of 2020. Publication will be on the YCBA website - no calendars to be printed this year.

7. Review and development of online teaching provision for autumn 2020

DG, NW, PS and LM put forward their views on the most effective methods of teaching bridge online.

8. Collation of YCBA clubs' online bridge provision

Deferred for consideration at a future meeting following intended meeting of chairs of affiliated clubs being arranged by NW.

9. Any other urgent matters for next or future meetings

NW reported that YCBA has received an invitation to play in the online Tollemache Cup on 21 and 22nd November. The entry fee is £352 which is £44 per player. It was agreed that YCBA would enter and there was a discussion about whether or not a contribution to the entry fee would be required from the selected players. It was further agreed that this was a decision for the Management Board and should be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

10. Date of next meeting - Management Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 29 September

The next meeting of the Tournament & Bridge Development Committee will be on Thursday 29 October at 7.00 pm. To be held online using Webex.