

# **YORKSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Virtual YCBA Joint Committees meeting held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Nick Woolven (Chair), Phil Godfrey (Vice-Chair), Julia Staniforth (Secretary), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Stuart Davies (Tournament Secretary), David Guild, John Hayton, Mike Jackson, Phil Mason, Ron Millet and Pauline Stout.

**1) Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Brian Davison, There were no declarations of interest at this point.

**2) Minutes of the Tournament and Bridge Development Committee Meetings held on 14 and 28 July 2020.**

These were noted for recommendation of approval at the next Board meeting.

**3) Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) Issuing of Master Points for Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams events

Stuart Davies was progressing this but awaited a list of competitors from the Swiss Teams event from the event organiser. It was noted that this work involved a substantial time commitment and Stuart was thanked for undertaking this.

b) Remuneration review for online events administrators

This would be addressed as part of the arrangements for future competition events.

**4) Review of the PTWE and Pairs Ladder event**

The PTWE event had been well received with 26 pairs competing many of whom attended the Zoom discussion meeting that followed hosted by the Chairman. Twenty pairs had taken part in the first ladder with 12 pairs entering for all three sessions.

**5) Arrangements for the online Great Northern Swiss Pairs event**

It was noted that the event clashed with the West of England Congress event and was more of an issue for an online event as opposed to face to face bridge. Notification had also been received that an EBU Handicapped Pairs event would take place on 4 October as part of a calendar of online events for September and October.

It was agreed that the event be a duplicate pairs event of 32 boards (2 x 16 board sessions starting at 2.00 and 5.00 pm ) with 'Swiss' omitted from the name and costing £30 per pair. The scores from day one would need to be transferred manually for the start of day two and there was a need to check if there was any limitation to the length of the mid-way break. A PTWE event of 18 boards with a '9 high' criteria would also take place on 4 October 2020. Two directors would be arranged and it would be established if a telephone contact was needed.

Stuart would take entries and contact the EBU to advertise the event. Lesley would arrange the entry form as a writeable PDF document to be emailed to members through Pianola.

Lesley was asked to contact the Hilton Hotel in Leeds to advise that no events would take place in 2020 and that the date for the next face to face Great Northern Swiss Pairs would be 2 and 3 October 2021.

**6) New online league event**

Detailed proposals were provided by Mike Jackson and Robin Jepson following feedback from 17 clubs that had responded to a consultation indicating that over 60 teams would be likely to take part. It was agreed that an online clubs teams of four event would be arranged in divisions of eight teams playing 24 boards in two x twelve board matches commencing at 2.00 pm and 4,30 pm on the three dates scheduled for the Yorkshire League with an extra date of 11 October 2020. The final date would comprise one match of 12 boards. The cost would be £20 per team payable by individual cubs who could recoup some or all of the cost from its members. Team captains would arrange the matches with home captains determining seating rights and entering results into the EBU league system. A director would be appointed to assist with any technical difficulties or bridge issues on the day and a zoom meeting would be arranged to provide details on how to set up matches and enter scores. An online league committee comprising Nick, Robin and Mike would oversee the arrangements.

Robin and Mike were thanked for the work undertaken.

**7) Other online events for 2020 calendar**

The following events were agreed:

- A mid-week pairs event of 24 boards starting at 10.30am on Tuesday 15 September 2020 at a cost of £5 per player. The name of elevenses pairs was agreed.
- A stratified pairs event of 24 boards on Wednesday 21 October – Stuart to accept entries and David to create the entry form.

The secretary was asked to compile a calendar of events for the remainder of 2020.

**8) Update on online teaching sessions**

Brian Davidson had provided an update on teaching that was taking place at Olicana BC and Pauline had updated the Board at a previous meeting.

It was agreed to discuss this item in more detail at the next meeting.

**9) Urgent Items, updates and items for future meetings**

The treasurer reported that around £4k of income had been received from 1 April 2020 to date including the first UMS payment of £105 and much reduced expenditure.

**10) Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 10 September 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm

Signed:-----:(Chairman)

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