

**MINUTES OF THE YCBA VIRTUAL GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 28 DECEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM.**

PRESENT: P Godfrey (Chairman), D Guild, L Millet and J Staniforth

1) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no specific declarations however it was agreed that no member of the committee would take part in any decision relating to the awarding of a grant to a club that they were a member of.

2) PURPOSE OF GRANTS

The following were identified:

- a) To support clubs with re-opening costs
- b) For technology purchases
- c) For ongoing support
- d) To develop teaching to recruit new members

It was agreed that it was a priority to recruit new members and that this could largely only be achieved through a widened online teaching facility. Currently a budget of £3k per annum was devolved to the Bridge Development Committee to support teachers with costs and it was felt that this should be increased if required. It was agreed in principle to fund the cost of any online platform costs for teachers.

Discussion took place on how marketing and teaching could be delivered online and David Guild agreed to produce a document for discussion at the next BDC meeting to progress the issue.

Phil Godfrey agreed to obtain three quotations from current established bridge teachers for providing a ten lesson online teaching course.

3) GRANT OR LOAN COMBINATIONS

It was agreed that only grants would be considered in line with previous years as loans were felt to be problematic to administer.

4) BUDGET PROVISION RECOMMENDATION

It was agreed that a Hardship Fund be made available with a total amount of up to £2k for any club with few reserves that was unable to cover the cost of sessions on re-opening for face to face bridge or online sessions for a period of up to six months.

The grant for technology would be £8k + any underspending from the Hardship Fund.

Grants would be awarded at 100% up to £500 or 50% whichever was greater to a maximum of £1k per club.

5) GRANT QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Technology grants would be available for new or updated hardware or software (but not consumables). The award of a Hardship Grant would be subject to a pre-meeting being held to discuss how teaching could be introduced or enhanced to attract new members.

Priority would be given to clubs who had not received any funding in round 1 but would be open to all affiliated clubs.

Signed:-----: (Chairman)

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