

Minutes of the Special Virtual YCBA Management Board meeting held on Thursday 29 October 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: N Woolven (Chair), J Staniforth (Secretary), L Millet (Treasurer), R Jepson (Assistant Secretary), D Guild (Membership Secretary), J Hayton and P Stout.

IN ATTENDANCE: P Mason and M Jackson (for item 6)

1) Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from P Godfrey and R Millet. There were no declarations of interest.

2) Matters arising from the minutes dated 10 September 2020

The Charity Pairs event had raised £200 and the winners had chosen to donate this to the Homeless Street Angels in Leeds. 22 pairs competed in the event.

3) Arrangements for an 'Elevenses Pairs' event

This would take place on 24 November 2020 playing 22 boards commencing at 10.00am with a half-way break and with an entry fee of £5 per player. P Stout to receive entries.

4) Additional December 2020 Events

It was agreed to dispense with a proposed event on 20 December 2020 and replace with a two day blue pointed event on Monday 28 December (multiple teams), and Tuesday 29 December 2020 (Swiss Pairs) played on BBO commencing at 1.30 pm playing up to 35 boards. The Swiss Pairs would comprise 7 x 5 board rounds with a break after four rounds. The Chairman agreed to contact the Directors to ascertain their availability and to send a letter with the entry form for the Director to distribute, including joining instructions with a closing date of 24 December 2020. Entry fees would be £9 per player for both events and normal competition rules in line with EBU guidelines including no kibitzing would apply. Late entries could be accepted at the discretion of the Director. P Stout to receive entries.

5) Policy on awarding prizes and/or mementos

It was agreed that only a free entry to a corresponding entry should be awarded to the winning pair/team.

6) Online YL - club teams of four

The introduction of the event had been well received with 128 teams initially competing one had now withdrawn after match 2 and the Online League Committee had determined that results for the matches played by the withdrawn team would be voided and teams due to play the withdrawn team would have a bye. It was agreed that a further online league take place in 2021 on the following dates:

17 and 31 January, 21 February and 7 March 2021. In order to add an extra match on the last date it was agreed that a knock out event would be added with an additional date of 28 March to complete a semi-final and final with losing semi-finalists playing for a 'plate' winner and first round losers playing each other and deemed 'spoon' winners.

There had been requests for six boards to be played against each opponent thereby requiring captains to effectively set up two rounds for each match and this would be considered by the Online YL committee. Teams would be promoted and relegated in line with the Yorkshire League, however adjustments may be required where new teams joined or others did not continue in order to minimise any disparities between competing teams. The entry fee would remain at £20 and clubs would need to enter team details by 31 December 2020. This would enable a video conference to take place before the first

matches to provide details of set up procedures for any new teams and for the playing of six boards against each opposing pair.

7) Additional events for 2021 calendar

James Carpenter had agreed to arrange a Simultaneous Pairs for virtual clubs event if required and it was decided this could be held on Thursday 18 February 2021 with results published when all heats had been completed. The entry fee for face to face competitions was £2.60 and this would remain the same for online events.

The 2019/20 Waddington Shield would now be completed online and it was agreed that the Waddington Shield for 2020/21 also take place online with the winners of each year's competition playing each other to determine the team that would play in the 2021 Pachabo event. The 2019/20 Yorkshire Trophy event would not be completed but a new event commenced for 2020/21. The entry fee for the online Waddington Shield would be £30 per team. Stuart Davies would be asked if he would undertake the organisation of the event.

8) Spring Congress 2021 Arrangements

The EBU had indicated their agreement to YCBA continuing to administer the event on their behalf as an online event. It was agreed that the preference was to run only over two days (both events green pointed) Swiss Pairs on the Saturday and Multiple Teams on the Sunday possibly using the Realbridge platform with up to 35 boards per day. The Chairman agreed to contact the EBU to seek their agreement. A corresponding '9' high competition would also take place on each day playing 24 boards and costing £5 per session. The EBU would advertise in the magazine and by emailing all members.

Entry fees would be determined but in line with the Great Northern Pairs event.

9) Determination of responsibilities and rules for tournament administration

Robin Jepson agreed to produce a set of competition rules based on EBU guidelines and these would form the basis of all competitions unless there was a need to adapt them. These would be provide to the Directors along with any other information that the Director was expected to undertake.

10) Arrangements for 2020 Members Meeting

Further to the proposals reached at the Board meeting on 13 October 2020 it was agreed that the meeting take place from 10.30 am. to approximately 12.00 noon and would incorporate information about establishing online clubs, online playing platforms and support for reopening as part of the Chairman's report with the remaining part to answer questions. The Chairman would produce a programme to be sent out two weeks before the event.

11) Date and Time of Next Meetings.

The next meetings to be held as follows:

Board Meeting: Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 7.00 pm

Tournament Committee: Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 7.00 pm

Bridge Development Committee: To be decided at the Board Meeting - (Rowena White would take up the role of County Youth Officer from 1 November 2020.)