

MINUTES of the **YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING** held online by Zoom on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Nick Woolven (chair), Julia Staniforth, Lesley Millet, Philip Mason, Ron Millet, David Guild, Pauline Stout, Robin Jepson, John Hayton and Stephen Cordingley.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Phil Godfrey. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Management Board vacancy

JAS reported that John Blackett had decided not to accept the offer of co-option to the Management Board and accordingly there was still a vacancy.

3. Review of committee membership

JAS reported that Pearl Murphy and Gill Copeland had resigned from the A and B Selection Committees respectively and it was decided that replacements were not required. It was also noted that a member of the BDC had not attended a meeting for nearly one year and had not responded to emails or telephone messages. It was felt therefore that the member should be approached again to ascertain if they wished to continue as a member of the BDC.

4. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the following meetings were all approved as a true record: Management Board (10 November 2020), Members' Meeting (22 November 2020), Tournament Committee (8 December 2020), Grants Committee (28 December 2020) and Bridge Development Committee (17 November 2020 and 11 January 2021).

5. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

(A) Management Board:

(i) RM will discuss with the EBU and report back to the Board on the issue previously raised about membership data.

(ii) A proposal to run an Elevenses Pairs event on the Real Bridge platform was discussed and it was decided to continue using BBO. The Tournament Committee would consider at its next meeting the respective merits of the BBO and Real Bridge platforms for online events.

(iii) The proposal to store YCBA's furniture and equipment at the Cairn Hotel remains unresolved - LM will raise the subject with the Cairn at the same time as discussions on the next YCBA face to face event to be held at the venue.

(B) Members meeting. JH gave an update on the start of the second season of the Online Yorkshire League. There was a vote of thanks to the OYLC and particularly Mike Jackson for their work in setting up and running the OYL. PM and JH will arrange a joint meeting of the YL and OYL committees to consider and report back to the Board with recommendations for the future organisation of both Leagues once face to face bridge has resumed.

(C) Bridge Development Committee. DG gave an overview of the current state of bridge teaching in YCBA clubs during the lockdown. Teachers had been invited to a zoom meeting to receive details of a bespoke teaching package whereby presentations would take place and bridge teachers would take groups for supervised play. The secretary of York BC had agreed to assist DG with marketing the new teaching platform with the cost met from the Bridge Development budget.

(D) Tournament Committee. NW gave an update on entries for the Yorkshire Pairs taking place on 24th January and it was noted the TC had decided not to run online simultaneous pairs during the lockdown owing to the practical difficulties in organising such events. The latest draft of the Event Organisers' checklist for YCBA events was approved.

6. Report from the EBU AGM and UMS rates for 2021-22

The UMS rate will be unchanged for 2021-22

7. YCBA Congress and Events Terms and Conditions

The draft document was approved and RJ will ask the Webmaster to upload it to the website

8. Strategy Document

The most recent draft of the Strategy Document was approved. RM reported that the EBU were recommencing their work on updating strategy and any new information would be forwarded to NW.

9. Income and Expenditure Budgets for 2021-22

To be considered in detail by LM and JH following the Spring Congress.

10. Developments to the website

To be discussed at the next BDC meeting. It was agreed that more news items are needed and further consideration would be given to the storage of data - NW said that PG was working up proposals for consideration. DG is to speak to the website developer to obtain a written paper outlining costs.

11. Any other urgent business and agenda items for future Board and Committee meetings

NW reported that he had received a request from Surrey for a friendly match for teams of four at four NGS grades: 8 or below, 10 or below, Queen or below and unrestricted. A provisional date of Thursday 11 March was approved. Teams to be selected by NW having regard to recent results in YCBA competitions.

It was agreed in principle that there should be an online event for affiliated teams.

12. Date and time of future meetings

The date for the next Tournament Committee had already been agreed - Tuesday 2 February. The date of the next Management Board meeting will be Tuesday 2 March at 7.00 pm. LM to arrange the next BDC meeting.