

## Minutes of the Virtual YCBA Tournament Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30 March 2021 commencing at 11.00 am.

**PRESENT:** Nick Woolven (Chair), Julia Staniforth, Philip Mason, Lesley Millet, Ron Millet and Stephen Cordingley.

**INVITED TO ATTEND:** Pauline Stout

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

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

### 2) **Matters arising from the minutes dated 2 February 2021**

#### a) Updating online checklist/notifications to webmaster

i) The Secretary reported that the online checklist was still awaiting completion and it was hoped to present it to the next meeting. A separate document would be produced for 'Stepping Stones' events.

ii) The Chairman and Secretary were now submitting items for the news section of the website including YCBA players' successes in national competitions.

#### b) Review of Harrogate Spring Congress/Elevenses pairs /Stepping Stones events

The HSC had been successful and a surplus of approximately £3k had accrued. As it was an EBU event it would not be included in the county's playing activity statistics.

The Elevenses Pairs had attracted 24 pairs which only provided a break-even position and it was agreed that no further one session type events would be held in view of the number of online club sessions now available.

The Stepping Stones event held on 28 February 2021 attracted 56 pairs and again very positive feedback had been received. The planned event to be held on 18 April had been postponed as a Stepping Stones charity event had been arranged by Oliver Cowan in conjunction with Horsham Bridge Club.

#### c) Easter Congress 9 High event

It had been decided not to progress this as there was already a 'Jack High' competition as part of the main event. Kent CBA had accepted an offer to organise the event.

#### d) Automated competition/payment entry form

Work was continuing to develop the documents and it was hoped to be completed for use for the Yorkshire Congress. A decision was still awaited whether Stripe would be willing to provide the payment service as it had declined the EBU but had accepted bridge clubs.

#### e) Notification to EBU of qualifying events

The Secretary reported that information had been collected in respect of the Garden Cities event ready for submission and notification from one of the pairs qualifying to take part in the Corwen was awaited.

### 3) Update on arrangements for forthcoming events

#### a) Stepping Stones

It was agreed to hold a further event on 22 May 2021 but charging £5 per pair playing 16 boards with a 2.00 pm start. Stephen would again take the entries and the Chairman would host a zoom meeting at the end to discuss key points contained within some of the hands.

It was noted that BBO had developed video and audio facilities costing an extra £3 per table and it was agreed that these should be used if available.

#### b) Affiliated Teams – 21 April 2021

Seven entries had been received to date but more were expected. It was noted that the entry form had denoted that the event was to play 6 x 5 board matches when normally it

was a multiple teams event and it was felt that this would be a better format. The secretary agreed to contact the teams that had entered to ascertain if a change would be acceptable. An even number of teams would be required and a standby team may need to be provided if there were an odd number of entries.

c) May Day Swiss Pairs – 1 May 2021

It was suggested that this be renamed the May Day Castle Swiss Pairs and would play 6 x 5 board matches commencing at 11.00 am with a break of 45 minutes after either 2 or 3 rounds costing £12 per pair. The Chairman would be the event administrator.

d) Nelson Rose Bowl - 5 May 2021

This would be a multiple teams event playing 30-35 boards at a cost of £30 per team. The Secretary would be the event administrator.

e) Mixed Pairs -16 May 2021

This would be duplicate pairs playing 30-35 boards starting at 1.30 pm at a cost of £12 per pair. Pauline agreed to be the event administrator

f) Yorkshire Congress – 12/13 June 2021

The treasurer confirmed that the required licence for a 2 day Green Pointed event had been obtained and a blue pointed event could also be run at the same cost as a black pointed event.

The format was agreed as:

12 June – Swiss Pairs – 7 x 5 board rounds commencing at 1.30 pm cost £25 per pair

13 June – Swiss Teams - 7 x 5 board matches commencing at 1.30 pm cost £50 per team

12 June – ‘9 High Pairs’ – 24 boards commencing at 2.00 pm cost £12 per pair

13 June – ‘5 High Pairs’ - 16 boards commencing at 2.00 pm cost £8 per pair

Event administrators:

Nick – Swiss Pairs

Pauline – ‘9 High’

Stephen – ‘5 High’

Tba – Swiss Teams

Ron agreed to notify the EBU for the necessary advertising

The final details of the event would be discussed at the next Management Board meeting.

#### **4) Dates for Leeds Swiss Pairs and Malton Cup Events**

The Leeds Swiss Pairs would take place on Saturday 8 May and the Malton Cup on Sunday 20 June 2021.

#### **5) Yorkshire Online League Report – Summer Online League**

A joint meeting of the Online League and Yorkshire League committees had taken place and it was recommended that a further online league competition for teams of four be held over the summer period.

In view of the number of other events it was agreed that a further league be held over 3 Sundays of 23 May, 27 June and 18 July at a cost of £20 per team subject to sufficient teams taking part to ensure costs were fully covered. The Online League committee would be asked to contact clubs to ascertain how many teams would be entered.

#### **6) Competitions for remainder of current season**

It was agreed that no further events would be planned which included the cancellation of this year’s Waddington Cup competition as many clubs would not have held qualifying events. Discussions would take place on a possible return to F2F events in the near future.

#### **7) Dates for the 2021/22 Yorkshire League Season**

The dates agreed (subject to any changes to the EBU calendar of events) were:

31 October, 21 November, 5 December 2021, 9 January, 30 January, 20 February and 6 March 2022.

**8) Any Other Business/Future Items**

a) Northern Bridge League 2021

Notification had been received that it was intended to hold matches on Realbridge on the following dates; 10 July, 21 August, 18 September and 9 October 2021. There had been some issues raised re the proposed charges/playing platform and a meeting was to be held on 22 April to finalise the arrangements. A selection committee meeting would be convened after the meeting.

b) Presidents Cup 2021

This was to take place online over the weekend 3 and 4 July at a cost of £152 per team. It was agreed to enter just one team.

c) Prizes for events

It was agreed that only Congress events would attract prize monies.

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

This would be determined at the next Management Board meeting on 20 April 2021.