

**Minutes of the YCBA Tournament Committee meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.00 pm by Zoom video conference.**

**PRESENT:** Nick Woolven (Chair), Dani Hyman (Secretary) Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Pauline Stout and Stephen Cordingley. **Invited:** Oliver Cowan.

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

Apologies had been received from Lesley Millet (Treasurer) and Ron Millet. There were no declarations of interest.

**2) and 3) Minutes of previous meeting on 26th October 2021 and matters arising**

The minutes were approved and would be signed by the Chair at the first convenient opportunity.

Entries had been taken for the Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy and NW would check with Stuart Davies on the number of teams.

PS reported that Harrogate has decided not to host the Nelson Rose Bowl.

RJ reported that the updated Competition Rules have been uploaded on to the website and progress made with uploading Yorkshire League hand records and Butler scores.

RJ had decided not to take on the role of producing news items for the website and NW will ask Glyn Foley if he would be interested.

**4) Review of competitions played since the last meeting**

In the Tollemache Cup qualifying round, Yorkshire finished 8th out of 15 in their section, outside the qualifying places. Several of the originally selected players withdrew shortly before the event. The outstanding pair was Dave Robinson and Tony Sowter, and Alan Brosgill was thanked for his services as non-playing captain. NW will write a short report as a news item for the website. NW has decided not to continue as chair of the A Selection Committee and the composition of the ASC for county matches in 2022 will be considered further at the next meeting(s) of the TC and/or MB.

The Elevenes event in November attracted an entry of 7 tables which was rather disappointing and views were expressed that the entry fee of £10 per pair was rather high and that the morning might not be the most popular time.

**5) Arrangements for forthcoming events**

OC reported on entries received to date for the New Year Bonanza, noting that it is early days and further advertisement will be sent out using Pianola in about a fortnight's time.

After discussion it was agreed as follows:

- (a) instead of an Elevenes in January we will run an online Nine High pairs event on Saturday 22nd January starting at 2.00. Organiser OC, entry fee £10 per pair.
- (b) the Yorkshire Pairs will be run online using Real Bridge and with OC as organiser. Two sessions of approximately 24 boards each, entry fee £30 per pair.
- (c) the Harrogate Spring Congress will be run online rather than, as had been planned, face to face at the Cairn Hotel. Advice will be needed from LM on the Cairn Hotel's position on cancellations. The HSC will be held over two days with a Swiss Pairs on the Saturday and Swiss Teams on the Sunday. OC to be the organiser. In each case 7 x 7 board matches using Real Bridge. There will also be a Nine High pairs event playing 24 boards using BBO. Entry fees for the SP £30 per pair, for the ST £60 per team, and for the Nine High £10 per pair.

- (d) Spreadsheets with costings for the above events to be produced by RM/LM, please.
- (e) Consideration of arrangements for the Northern Easter Festival and other YCBA competitions from April onwards deferred to the next meeting.

DH has passed on to Andrew Pearson details of the YCBA competitions in spring and summer 2022 that ought to be entered in the Events Calendar section of the website, but this has not yet been done. NW to contact Andrew with a view to resolving this breakdown of communication.

#### **6) Report from Yorkshire League Committee**

Two rounds of matches have been played in the YL teams of eight. As noted in the previous minutes, teams from Malton, Scarborough and Bradford have withdrawn from the competition, so there are now bye rounds in divisions 1, 4 and 5. There has been some correspondence between clubs and the YLC about the provision of substantial refreshments for visiting teams and about the mandatory wearing of face coverings. In each case this is left to the discretion of the home team.

#### **7) Other Business**

Trophies - RJ reported an enquiry has been received from Settle about the YL division 10 trophy, which they have been holding since it was presented in 2019. The 2020 and 2021 AGMs were held online so there was no trophy presentation. RJ has obtained from Julia Staniforth a list of the clubs and players who received trophies in 2019 and will contact them with a view to the trophies being returned in time for the 2022 AGM.

#### **8) Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.00 pm by Zoom video conference.