

MINUTES OF YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2021 BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Nick Woolven (Chairman), Phil Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), David Guild, Pauline Stout, Stephen Cordingley and Ron Millet.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies had been received from Glyn Foley There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ON 3RD JUNE 2021

The minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity. There were no matters arising.

3. URGENT ITEMS FROM THE AGM

It was agreed that the next AGM will be held in person at the same venue as the Yorkshire Congress. At the next AGM the members will be asked to ratify all decisions taken at the online AGMs in 2020. The members will also be asked to approve constitutional amendments to expressly permit all Members Meetings (including AGMs and EGMs) and Management Board and committee meetings to take place online as an alternative to in person; and to expressly permit official notices relating to Meetings to be published by posting them on the YCBA website. Amendments to be drafted by RJ in consultation with RM.

The AGM debate on the YCBA's financial reserves was discussed and it was agreed that PG would draft a policy document for consideration by the Management Board at a later meeting.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT

The Board unanimously appointed Graham Jepson as President of the YCBA in succession to the late Philip Mason, such appointment having been approved by the members at the AGM on 12th June. It was also agreed that there would be no appointment of a Vice-President.

5. NEW SECRETARY

LM reported that Dani Hyman had expressed an interest in the vacant post of Secretary. It was agreed after discussion that there would be a recruitment process with an advertisement posted on the YCBA website and the secretaries of all affiliated clubs informed of the vacancy - an application by DH would be welcomed. Applications to be received within one month after the placing of the advertisement. Interviews by a panel of NW, PG and LM. If there is only one applicant, s(he) would be asked to attend an interview. Advertisement to be drafted by RJ.

6. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Tournament Committee - at the request of DG and RM it was confirmed that the TC decision-making powers are subject to policy guidance from the Management Board. It was noted that SC, whose name had been omitted from the membership list through oversight, had been appointed a member of the TC in 2020. The TC will decide the method of publication of the calendar of events. The Harrogate Spring Congress to be added to the list of congresses organised by the TC. The final bullet point to be amended by omitting the words "knock out" so the TC may appoint organisers of all competitions, including a Tournament Secretary with responsibility for all face to face and /or online events.

Disciplinary Committee - PG to fill vacant position as chairman and omit Peter Stcken as an alternate to Dinah Stocken.

Bridge Development Committee - Rowena White to become a member.

Yorkshire League Committee - Mke Jackson to be chairman of the merged committee and SC to become a member. NW will ask Stuart Davies to act as a consultant to the committee. The committee to decide on the allocation of League Secretary responsibilities between its members.

Appeals Committee - David Lewis (chairman), Stuart Davies and John O'Sullivan.

Selection Committee A - David Robinson to fill vacant position.

RJ to inform the Webmaster of the appointment of the new President and of changes in the membership of the Management Board and committees.

7. MERGER OF YORKSHIRE LEAGUE COMMITTEE AND OYLC

It was agreed that these committees would merge with responsibility for both the face to face and the online leagues, and with the title of Yorkshire League Committee. It was confirmed that the YLC reports to the Tournament Committee.

8. EBU SHAREHOLDERS

EBU Shareholders - Julia Staniforth had informed the chairman she wished to relinquish her position as shareholder - PS was appointed to take her place..

9. CO-OPTION TO MANAGEMENT BOARD VACANCY

RM was co-opted to the Management Board. Note for information: co-opted members have voting rights. In response to LM's suggestion that Oliver Cowan might continue to advise the Board on online events it was noted that membership of the Board was limited to ten but OC could nevertheless attend meetings as an adviser.

10. INVITATION TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

A standing invitation would be extended to Graham Jepson, as YCBA President, to attend all Board meetings. Note for information: invitees may participate in discussions but do not have voting rights.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that YCBA will nominate Gill Copeland for an EBED Teaching Award (LM)

It was agreed that when players withdraw or do not appear at county competitions no refunds will be made unless requested. If a refund of an entry fee is requested it will be made less a deduction for expenses already incurred or committed to. The applicable condition in the YCBA Congress and Event Terms and Conditions will be amended by deleting the words “the provision of refreshments at the event” so that it applies to online competitions as well as face to face ones (RJ to inform the Webmaster).

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tournament Committee - Tuesday 29th June at 7.00 pm online by Zoom.
Management Board - Tuesday 17th August at 7.00 pm online by Zoom

Signed

Dated 2021