

**Minutes of the YCBA Tournament Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.00 pm by Zoom video conference.**

**PRESENT:** Nick Woolven (Chair), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Dani Hyman (Secretary) Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Ron Millet, Pauline Stout and Stephen Cordingley.

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

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

**2) and 3) Minutes of previous meeting on 6th August 2021**

The minutes were approved and would be signed by the Chair at the first convenient opportunity. RJ reported that Stuart Davies had agreed to organise the Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy knockouts. The Garforth Swiss Teams would not take place this year but the Ryedale Pairs will be run online on Sunday 7th November. Bradford would not be available as a venue for the Mixed Pivot Teams provisionally scheduled for Sunday 24th October, or for other YCBA events, as the Bradford members who in previous years provided catering for such events had decided not to continue. It was thought that the new York club premises would probably not be available in October. RM suggested that to reduce travelling times for players at f2f events YCBA might trial an event staged at two venues. After discussion, it was agreed to defer a decision on whether or not to run the MVP with online being one option. LM and PS would consider whether the sums allocated for catering at YCBA f2f events ought to be increased and report back to the next meeting.

**4) Co-option of Robin Jepson to the TC**

It was agreed to co-opt RJ, with the intention that he would act as committee secretary for the TC - DH would be committee secretary for the MB as well as dealing with communications with the EBU and others.

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

The Midweek Summer Bonanza took place on Wednesday 25th August with 10, 9 and 8 pairs in the three sessions of the main event, and 12 and 10 pairs in the Nine High and Five High competitions. A profit of £214 was made. Concern was expressed about clashes between YCBA events and those organised by Oliver Cowan Bridge Club, and NW agreed to discuss this with OC.

**6) Arrangements for forthcoming events**

A proposal for a simultaneous pairs event to take place on Sunday 24th October (instead of the MPT) was discussed, and it was decided NW would contact club chairs and secretaries to ascertain the level of support for such an event.

NW and LM reported that to date the entries for the Great Northern Swiss Pairs and the Nine High event are low, so NW, PG and LM will review on or before 23rd September to decide if the GNSP can proceed as a f2f competition or should move online. If online, the entry fees would be £30 for the main competition and £12 for the Nine High, and Oliver Cowan would be the online TD. Refunds would be required for the players who have already paid entry fees on the assumption the competition will be f2f.

### **7) Calendar of events**

After discussion, the dates of a number of competitions to take place between January and July 2022 were agreed and in some cases the venues or online play. See accompanying spreadsheet YCBA Calendar of Events 2021-22 v3. NW to contact Alastair Davidson about the Golf Clubs event and Julia Staniforth about the Fritch with a view to deciding if these competitions should take place in 2022. PS to contact Harrogate about the Nelson Rose Bowl and DH to ask Huddersfield if they wish to resume hosting the Castle Swiss Pairs as a devolved competition.

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

RJ reported that 70 teams had entered the autumn season of the Online Yorkshire League and the first match day took place on Sunday 12th September with no problems. 43 entries have been received for the f2f Yorkshire League teams of eight. There will be four divisions of eight teams and a fifth division of 11 teams, an awkward number, so there will be an incomplete round robin with some teams having bye rounds. (Note: positions in Division 5 will be determined by average points gained per match played). Three clubs - Doncaster Beauchief and Garforth - have decided not to enter any teams in 2021-22 owing to concerns about Covid. It was thought that teams from these clubs and additional teams from other clubs probably would re-enter in 2022-23 and Mike Jackson has devised a formula whereby such teams would come in at an appropriate level.

### **9) Update of General Competition Rules**

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. RM has sent some detailed comments which RJ will respond to.

### **10) Other Business**

LM expressed concern that details of forthcoming competitions and other news items were not being promptly uploaded onto the website and it was agreed that NW would contact Andrew Pearson to clear the way for DH to send such information direct to Andrew.

### **11) Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 26th October at 7.30 pm by Zoom video conference. [Note later time.](#)