

MINUTES OF YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2021 BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No apologies received. There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ON 14TH JUNE 2021

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was confirmed that Pauline Stout is now the 4th EBU shareholder.

NW gave an update on Gill Copeland's nomination for an EBED Teaching Award, the EBU have confirmed that the award was for teaching juniors. NW has spoken to GC and she isn't confident that she should be nominated for juniors but rather teaching as a whole.

All committee membership positions have now been filled and the Grants Committee is now sitting.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY

Dani Hyman was co-opted to the Board as the new Secretary, her appointment will be ratified at the AGM. DH was welcomed to the Board and thanks were given to Robin Jepson for his assistance.

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE EBU

Dimmie Flemming or Silver Award nominations - The Board had no nominations for either award.

EBU training and development survey - DG spoke to Sam and confirmed that the survey is for the EBU not EBED. There are currently no teaching facilities in 50% of clubs.

EBU offer of free trial membership to non-affiliated clubs - The free trial is for clubs that have been unaffiliated since 2010. The EBU are offering no membership fees from August 2021 to August 2022. The Board discussed how as a County we can do this. The Board agreed for DG to approach the bigger unaffiliated clubs in the first instance and once the EBU have produced presentation material, it will be added to the YCBA website.

Report of EBU Competition Strategy committee - prize money is down from 17.5% to 10%

Feedback to EBU on limited NGS competitions - the Board agreed that NGS competitions is something that the YCBA are already doing. NW to contact the EBU to confirm.

TD training courses - PG held TD refresher courses over two sessions on the 24th of July and there were 21 attendees with representation from Wetherby, Leeds, York, Doncaster Halifax and Oli Cowan Bridge Club. The Board gave a big thank you to Phil for holding the refresher. Sheffield are going to run a refresher TD course, the date is tbc and it will be advertised online. The Richmond TD course has been deferred to the 9th of October. Oliver Cowan is to go on a TD County course. PG suggested that YCBA run their own course for Club TDs to be run in 2022, it was agreed to look into this.

New EBU online magazine for improvers - the magazine is targeted at 5s and 9s, but it hasn't been confirmed when the magazine is available and if it will be published at the same time as the regular one.

6. REPORT FROM GRANTS COMMITTEE

PG Has stepped down and NW has taken his place. The Grants Committee members are Julia Stainforth, Lesley Millett, David Guild (appointed as Chair) and Nick Woolven.

There is a start-up grant of £200 available and two payments have gone out so far. There is a. There are also post-Covid grants to get Clubs ready to return, for example to purchase freestanding air purifiers or replacing windows. So far, the Committee has made offers of 5 grants. Clubs have to make the purchase and send a copy of the paid invoice to the Committee. The grant is for either £500 or £1,000 (to qualify for £1,000 the cost to Clubs must be over £2,000). NW contacted all Club Chairs and Secretaries about what requirements their clubs had in order to assist with re-opening and had 13 responses. The deadline is the 31st December.

7. REPORT FROM TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

LM updated the Board on the hybrid events and Northern Calendar of events up until the end of December. LM also confirmed that Stuart Davies has agreed to run the Waddington Shield.

8. REPORT FROM YORKSHIRE LEAGUE COMMITTEE

RJ has confirmed that entry forms have been sent out for both the virtual and physical Yorkshire leagues. The feedback from Mike Jackson is that numbers will be down. The recommendation from the Board is that there is a contingency plan in place for a virtual league if there are not enough numbers to run a physical league. The Committee is to meet to discuss this after the deadline for entries has passed. RJ also advised that there has been a debate around catering, it has been left to the clubs to decide whether they offer catering with the agreement of the opposing teams.

9. UPDATE ON TEACHING CAMPAIGN

NW gave his thanks to DG for the sterling effort he did for the 30-week campaign for 200+ people.

DG confirmed that there was a meeting on the 26th of August with EBED. The meeting is to agree that EBED will not insist that those who had completed 20 weeks of the course would

not be made to complete the last 10 weeks. There is a new cohort of online teaching from January for new beginners. It is to be confirmed how the material is to be paid for, but there is a contingency in place for learning material for January if EBED haven't got them ready in time.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tournament Committee - Tuesday 14th September at 7.00 pm online by Zoom.
Management Board - Saturday 20th November time tbc online by Zoom

Signed

Dated 2021