

Minutes of the YCBA Tournament Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.00 pm by Zoom video conference.

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

1) Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Phil Godfrey. There were no declarations of interest.

2) and 3) Minutes of previous meeting on 15th February 2022 and matters arising

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

RJ reported that the Events Calendar on the website had now been updated with details of all YCBA and other events in the county up to the end of the 2021-22 bridge season. NW said that event results on the website are not being kept up to date, and he will ask Glyn Foley to liaise with Andrew Pearson about this.

RM's report on his research into the proposal for a prepayment card / carnet of tickets for events deferred to the next meeting.

4) Trophies

The Waddington Shield has turned up in the possession of Richard Winter, a member of the winning team in 2017-18. RW has offered to make arrangements with Stuart Davies for the trophy to be engraved with the names of the winning teams in the intervening years.

The Yorkshire Trophy is still missing. LM offered to chase up Tom Cohen who received this trophy at the AGM in 2019 (TC and the other members of his team have previously informed RJ they do not have this trophy).

The Division 3 trophy is still missing and RJ will remind Harrogate who received it in 2019.

RJ will also ask the clubs who are holding other Yorkshire League divisional trophies to return them before the AGM and will arrange for the trophies for Divisions 6-11 to be engraved with the names of the winning teams in the 2019-20 season.

5) Review of competitions played since the last meeting

None

6) Arrangements for forthcoming events

Northern Easter Festival - the number of entries received to date is low, but it was agreed the principal Pairs and Teams events will still be played face to face at the Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley. The Nine Hgh Pairs will not take place and refunds will be made. RM reported on the financial implications and, though at current levels of entries a loss will be made, this will be manageable - only one TD will be employed and either no prizes will be awarded or the prize fund will be reduced. NW to send out another advert by Pianola.

Nelson Rose Bowl - LM reported that Leeds do not wish to host this event on 4th May, so it will be played online, entry fee £30 per team

Yorkshire Mixed Pairs - it was decided this event will be played online on Sunday 15th May, with an entry fee of £12 per pair.

Yorkshire Congress - concerns were expressed that entries would not be high enough to justify holding the Congress at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate. After discussion it was decided that LM and RM would visit York Bridge Club to assess if it is viable to hold the Congress and the AGM there, and report back to the TC.

It was also agreed that the AGM will be in person at the congress venue, and DH explained that proxy votes could be accepted from members not attending.

Affiliated Clubs Teams - 29th June. NW will ask Wakefield if they are interested in hosting this as a face to face event.

OC reported that he had made provisional arrangements for an Improvers Pairs event to be played face to face at Leeds Bridge Club on a date to be agreed. It would comprise a seminar and lunch followed by a short competition. OC agreed that it would be described as a YCBA event. Concerns were expressed that Improvers Pairs was moving away from its original concept of a competition for inexperienced players who were allowed to consult notes during play, but it was agreed OC could market the event as one for players who are not quite ready to play in an open congress. The TC would consider at a future meeting holding another event, Five High or similar, targeted at inexperienced players.

7) Report from Yorkshire League Committee

RJ reported that the Yorkshire League teams of eight season had been completed with just two adjudications of match results - all other matches have been played and the final league tables are available on the website.

Two of the three rounds of the spring season of the Online Yorkshire League have been played with no significant problems.

8) Complaint

RJ reported that a complaint had been received about the conduct of a player at a Yorkshire League match on 6th March. The Conduct Committee has completed its investigation and upheld the complaint and decided to refer it to the Disciplinary Committee for a hearing.

RM, who was co-opted onto the DC at the last meeting of the MB, agreed to contact the other members with a view to convening a meeting.

9) Other Business

President's Cup - NW said that Yorkshire will be entering one team this year.

Entry for Garden Cities Trophy competition - Sheffield as winners of division 1 of the Yorkshire League will be invited to represent Yorkshire. RJ to ask Sheffield and LM will send in the entry.

10) Date of next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in mid-May. NW will be away and not available to chair or attend the meeting, so will ask PG to stand in, and members will be informed of the date and time.