

**MINUTES OF YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021 BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM.**

**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, Glyn Foley and Ron Millet.

**1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No apologies received. Nick Woolven declared interest relating to item 8.

**2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

Robin Jepson advised that there were some typos in the previous minutes. The minutes were approved with Robin's amendments and will be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity. There were no matters arising.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**4. REPORT FROM THE GRANTS COMMITTEE**

Fourteen grants have been actioned and there is currently one outstanding from Thirsk, York will also be submitting a request for a grant. The current spend is just under £5,000 and the projected spend is £7,000

**5. REPORT FROM THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The Board agreed that the Tournament Committee should be responsible to update the EBU links with the green and blue pointed events.

**6. REPORT FROM YORKSHIRE LEAGUE COMMITTEE**

RJ confirmed that the Autumn season has now completed with 70 teams competing with few problems. Yorkshire League has now started face to face. There were originally 43 teams entered but 2 teams dropped out after the fixtures were released. The first round went off with few problems, there was an issue with uploading scanned records and butler scores to leagues 1, 2 and 3 but this now seems to be resolved.

**7. UPDATE ON TEACHING CAMPAIGN**

DG advised that there was a meeting with teachers next week. Yorkshire were running a teaching online for beginners that would start in February, the cost for this would be c.£3,000. DG confirmed that pre-recorded classes on Vimeo would be available for the week of the class. LM also believes that the Learn Bridge Yorkshire website should be resurrected to promote teaching

**8. SELECTION COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE**

NW declared his interest in this item and deferred to PG. NW did advise that he would be stepping down from the Selection Committee. The Board discussed the letter that was received and believed that some of the points were valid. It was agreed that there should be a clear selection criteria that will be published to everyone. It was also agreed that there is no issue with having a woman on the selection committee but that there was a lack of volunteers. The Board also discussed selectors recusing themselves and it was agreed that there should always be a non-player on the selection committee.

**9. MEMBERS MEETING FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed that NW would chair the meeting, LM would provide an accounts update and DG would provide an update on the teaching initiative.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Pianola - this needs to be sorted as soon as possible and it was agreed that PG and DG would speak after the meeting.

Uploading of YCBA competitions onto the website - competitions to be played in the first six months of 2022 have still not been uploaded onto the Events Calendar, apart from the New Year Bonanza and the Yorkshire League match days.

Whereabouts of YCBA Trophies - NW advised that the clubs, teams and players who hold the trophies at present should retain them until the 2022 AGM.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tournament Committee - Wednesday 16th March at 7.00 pm online by Zoom.

Signed .....

Dated ..... 2021