

Minutes of the YCBA Tournament Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.00 pm by Zoom video conference.

PRESENT: Phil Godfrey (acting Chair), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Dani Hyman (Secretary) Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary) and Ron Millet.

1) Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Nick Woolven, Pauline Stout and Stephen Cordingley. There were no declarations of interest.

2) and 3) Minutes of previous meeting on 5th April 2022 and matters arising

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

- Prepayment cards / carnets - RM proposed that further consideration should be deferred until a pattern of competitions taking place face to face and online had settled down - there was no objection to this.
- Recording of results on the YCBA website - RJ said that there was no webpage for the Waddington Shield 2022 and after discussion it was agreed that better coordination and liaison between event organisers and the webmaster is required to ensure that competition results are recorded promptly.
- Trophies - RJ reported that two trophies for divisions 3 and 4 of the Yorkshire League, which ought to be presented to this year's winners at the AGM, were currently missing. It was agreed that two issues arising would be referred up to the MB - whether an insurance claim should be made, and whether the missing trophies ought to be replaced like for like or with non-returnable ones.
- Complaint - RM reported that a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee had taken place and the outcome would shortly be notified to the defendant and complainant.
- Entry to Garden Cities Competition - had been submitted on behalf of Sheffield as winners of division 1 of the Yorkshire League - Sheffield played in the qualifying round but did not finish in one of the qualifying positions
- Nelson Rose Bowl- LM reported that the competition had been cancelled this year owing to the small number of entries and the entry fees had been refunded.

5) Review of competitions played since the last meeting

Northern Easter Festival played at the Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley - the competition had been a success, making a surplus of about £800, and the playing conditions and atmosphere were good. There had been some negative feedback from players about the hotel facilities and service and a decision about a venue for the competition for next year would be deferred.

6) Arrangements for forthcoming events

- Yorkshire Mixed Pairs - 15th May. It was agreed that this online event would still take place despite the small number of entries received to date and DH will send out a reminder.
- Yorkshire Congress - 11th & 12th June. PG was appointed as TD. LM and RM reported on their visit to the venue, York Bridge Club, and agreed with PG on the practical arrangements relating to screens, Brdgemates, table cloths and the movement and storage of equipment. The club will be open from 9.30 on the

Saturday morning in readiness for the AGM, and at 11.00 on the Sunday prior to the start of the Teams event.

- Improvers Pairs - 12th June. RJ expressed concern that this competition organised by Oliver Cowan under the joint auspices of his club and the YCBA was taking place on the same day as the Teams event at the Congress. The Improvers event is marketed as suitable for Nine High players as well as inexperienced players and some players in the former group might have wished to take part in both events. After discussion PG said he would make it clear to OC that the date of any event he has agreed to run on behalf of the YCBA must be approved by the TC before it is publicised.
- Affiliated Teams - 29th June. It was agreed this event will be played online with an entry fee of £24 per team and LM will ask PS to take the entries.
- Waddington Cup - 3rd July. It was agreed that this event will be played face to face and RM or LM will ask Leeds to host, as it has in previous years.
- Play without the Experts Swiss Pairs - 17th July. It was agreed that this event will be played face to face and York has already been asked (by PS) to host. LM will produce an entry form.

7) Report from Yorkshire League Committee

RJ reported that the spring season of the Online Yorkshire League had been completed with all matches played and no significant problems.

Mike Jackson had produced entry forms for the 2022-23 Yorkshire League teams of eight, which would be sent out to clubs shortly after the AGM. An entry fee of £25 per team was agreed. The closing date for entries will be 31st July and the first match day will be the last Sunday in September. There will be a midwinter break in January and February as previously agreed by the TC and MB.

MJ would like a slot at the AGM in his role as Chair of the YLC, to present a short report on the past seasons of the YL and OYL and plans for the forthcoming season, and there was no objection to this.

8) Yorkshire Trophy

It was noted for the record that the Yorkshire Trophy, the competition for first round losers in the Waddington Shield, had been completed in 2020 and did take place in 2021 and the results appear on the website. (There had been a previous decision by the TC that owing to the pandemic the 2020 competition would be abandoned and the 2021 competition would not be held.) However the organiser, Stuart Davies, had decided the 2022 competition would not take place as only eight teams had entered the WS and of the first round losers only three wished to take part in the YT.

9) Other Business

- PG said that OC should not be using the YCBA letterhead in Pianola messages to publicise Yorkshire 4 events - with the exception of the Castle Swiss Pairs, these are all events run by or on behalf of affiliated clubs, not YCBA itself. It was pointed out that YCBA does not have copyright in the term 'Yorkshire' in the description of bridge competitions.
- PG will review the availability of Pianola access to individuals - those affected to be made aware.

- It was agreed that consideration should be given to co-option of Stuart Davies on to the TC for 2022-23 in view of the scope of his work on YCBA competitions.

10) Date of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting will be decided after the AGM on 11th June.