

Minutes of the YCBA Tournament Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.00 pm by Zoom video conference.

PRESENT: Nick Woolven (Chair), Phil Godfrey (Vice-Chair), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Dani Hyman (Secretary) Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Pauline Stout, Stephen Cordingley and Ron Millet. Invited to attend: Stuart Davies. The meeting was chaired by PG at the request of NW.

1) Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

None

2) and 3) Minutes of previous meeting on 2nd August 2022 and matters arising

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

- Proposed legal agreement with Oliver Cowan. RM explained that he had drafted two agreements. The first, a Consultancy and Event Management Agreement would be discussed as an agenda item (see below). RJ suggested the arrangement for promotion of YCBA events by OC, as discussed at the last TC meeting in August, could be incorporated into the C & EMA and this was agreed - RJ and RM to settle the wording of an appropriate clause and the draft C & EMA would then be circulated to all TC members for comment. The second is an Equipment Hire Agreement which would also be circulated. The hire charges are equivalent to the EBU's.
- Events Checklist. RJ reported that he had revised this document originally drafted by John Hayton and circulated it for comments but none had been received. It was agreed at the suggestion of PG that the Checklist should be uploaded to the website in a secure hidden location and would be available for use by Event Organisers as required. RJ to ask Jim Edwards about setting up the secure location.
- It was noted that no-one had yet contacted York Bridge Club about hosting the Yorkshire Pairs on 22nd January 2023 - PG to deal with this.
- RJ will ask JE to update the Events Calendar on the website with details of the OC Yorkshire 4 series, the Yorkshire Pairs and other events where dates had been agreed at the present meeting or previously.

5) Review of competitions played since the last meeting

None

6) Arrangements for forthcoming events

- Great Northern Swiss Pairs - SD reported that to date 30 entries for the main event had been received and 11 or 12 for the Really Easy event. With 10 days to go this was comparable to 2019 when the GNSP was last held face to face.
- New Year Bonanza -.will be on Sunday 1st January (pairs) and Monday 2nd January (teams). To be played online as previously agreed, LM & RM the event organisers and to be run by Oliver Cowan.
- Harrogate Spring Congress - as the Cairn Hotel is unavailable LM & RM recommended that this competition should be played at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The playing accommodation has space for at most 30 tables but the organisers would be pleased to receive that number of entries for the main event. It was agreed the Congress will comprise an improvers event on Friday afternoon, a three

session pairs event on Friday evening and Saturday, and teams on Sunday. Because the hotel charges a 'delegate fee' per day, meals would be included in the entry fee for Saturday and Sunday. Entry fee £120 for both main events, £70 for the pairs event and £50 for the teams.

- Northern Easter Festival - EBU have confirmed they wish YCBA to organise this on their behalf. To be further discussed at next TC meeting
- Yorkshire Cup - to be played face to face on 16th April 2023 - preferred hosting club is Leeds - LM & DH to contact Leeds.
- Waddington Cup - to be played face to face on 9th July 2023 - preferred hosting club is York - PG to contact York.
- Affiliated Clubs Teams - to be played face to face on a midweek date in June 2023 - preferred hosting club is Huddersfield - PS to contact Huddersfield.
- Nelson Rose Bowl - to be played face to face on a midweek date in April 2023 - preferred hosting club is Wetherby - PS to contact Wetherby.
- Yorkshire Mixed Pairs - to be played online on 14th May 2023.
- Mixed Pivot Teams - no decision taken
- Castle Swiss Pairs - to be played face to face on 6th or 7th May - preferred hosting club is Huddersfield - PS to contact Huddersfield.
- Peter Littlewood Trophy - RJ to contact Sheffield to ask if they wish to host this competition on a date of their choice in spring or summer 2023.

7) Website Management

New arrangements following the resignation of Andrew Pearson as webmaster - several TC members and Mike Jackson have received basic training in the use of WordPress.

RJ to ask Jim Edwards to update the Event Calendar. The Yorkshire League pages to be managed by the YLC with Mike Jackson as the principal contact. The Northern League page to be managed by NW.

8) Proposed Consultancy Agreement with Oliver Cowan

RM said this agreement would apply to any competitions that OC is appointed to administer and run on YCBA's behalf. RM will circulate the draft agreement to all TC members for comment, and he asked for responses within 10 days with a view to the agreement being completed before the next TC meeting.

9) Revision of YCBA Competition Rules

RJ said that the revision is required because the EBU's Sky-Blue Book (relating to online events) no longer exists as a separate body of rules as it has been incorporated into the Blue Book. The revision will also remove references to YCBA competitions that are currently in abeyance. RJ to circulate this document for comment.

10) Report from Yorkshire League Committee

The 2022-23 season of the Yorkshire League starts on 25th September and there is nothing to report at present. Preparations for the Winter 2023 season of the Online Yorkshire League are in hand and Mike Jackson will be sending out the entry forms during October.

11) Other Business

Informal discussion about Members Meeting, not strictly TC business - RJ will send notes to DH

12) Date of next meeting

Tuesday 29th November at 7.00 by Zoom video conferencing.