

MINUTES OF YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022 BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 10AM.

PRESENT: Nick Woolven (Chairman), Dani Hyman (Secretary) Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary) David Guild, Pauline Stout, Ron Millet.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies were received from Phil Godfrey (Vice-Chairman) and Stephen Cordingley and there was no declaration of interest

2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ON 12TH JULY

Alan Brosgill and Dave Robinson to be added to the A Team selection committee and DH will amend the minutes accordingly. The minutes of the Board meeting were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NW to speak to Rowena about being co-opted to the Board and Simon Woolham regarding the B & C team selection committees.

4. REPORT FROM GRANTS

£6,000 has been taken up out of the £10,000. LM & DG discussed using the remaining funds to help clubs with afternoon bridge for example with room hire. NW will mention in the Member's meeting that the YCBA is looking into targeted initiatives. EBED grants are available for bridge education.

5. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

New Year Bonanza which is being run by Oliver Cowan (OC) is scheduled on the 1st and 2nd January for pairs and teams with a cost of £12pp. The Yorkshire Pairs will be held at York and the cost of the food has increased and is now £15pp. Starting time is 1pm and Stuart Davies (SD) has recommended 48-54 boards depending on the number of attendees over two sessions with a cost of £28pp. The Spring Congress will be played at the Crown Plaza in Harrogate and entries have already started coming in, this is being hosted by OC but he has no involvement in the organising until the day of the event.

6. YORKSHIRE LEAGUE UPDATE

Three matches have been played in the Yorkshire League with the fourth one being played tomorrow (20th November). A couple of matches have been postponed due to Covid outbreaks and most postponed matches have been rearranged. The online league starts in January and there will be two matches in January and one in February.

7. UPDATE ON THE TEACHING CAMPAIGN

There have been two teaching sessions using Jim Edwards' (JE) materials. The issue is that the materials don't work passively, however, the materials are excellent and the videos are good as a backup. DG recommended looking at going back to the model that was done in lockdown. DG also suggested focusing on one area, starting in North Yorkshire, to go with the learning materials and would need some volunteers. DG would like to propose to invite the clubs to nominate local non-affiliated clubs to join the teaching campaign, which could then

lead to the recruitment of non-affiliated clubs. It is to be agreed on how to divide the money as some will go to the presenters and some to the clubs themselves, such as those that had referred non-affiliates. DG requested more funds (c.£3,000) to support the initiative. Local clubs are to be invited to present.

6. MANAGEMENT OF THE WEBSITE

JE is the de-facto website coordinator and Mike Jackson uploads the Yorkshire League information. NW is to speak to JE and ask if he'd be happy to maintain the website and to write a how-to guide on updating the website. Volunteers who are familiar with WordPress are also needed to monitor the website.

6. UPDATE ON CLUB COMMUNICATION

DH is still to allocate clubs to Board members and DG will cover North Yorkshire. DH is to prepare a script to go out to all clubs. NW to ask SK to update the mailing list.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Management Board – Tuesday 10th January at 7pm via Zoom

Signed

Dated 2022