

MINUTES OF YCBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 2022 AT YORK BRIDGE CLUB AND BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 11:00 AM.

PRESENT: 28 Association members, including from the Management Board: Nick Woolven (Chair), Phil Godfrey (Vice-Chair), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Dani Hyman (Secretary), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Pauline Stout and Ron Millet

APOLOGIES: had been received from Stephen Cordingley, David Wilson, David Guild and Graham Jepson.

1) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 June 2021

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at the next available opportunity.

2) Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3) Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report on the activities of the YCBA in 2021-22.

4) Treasurer's report and presentation of 2021/22 accounts

Copies of the accounts prepared by Brown Butler (Leeds Chartered Accountants) for the year ended 31 March 2022 are available for inspection if required. The Treasurer presented her report with additional information about the accounts. No questions were raised in connection with the accounts presented and the Chairman would sign these at the next available opportunity.

A question was asked if the draft accounts could be made available on the website and it was agreed that this request would be actioned.

5) Update on teaching and its future development

Ron Millet presented David Guild's teaching update. No questions were raised regarding the teaching update and thanks were given to David Guild for his hard work.

6) Update on Yorkshire League and Online Yorkshire League

Mike Jackson presented his update on the Yorkshire League and Online Yorkshire League. A number of questions arose regarding the face to face league;

Q) If people have to travel far, could the match be held online?

A) The league was intended to be face to face but if both captains agree, the match could be played online. Phil Godfrey advised that York Bridge Club would be happy to host the matches as a half-way venue.

Q) There were a couple of questions regarding teams bringing their own food and catering to dietary requirements.

A) The intention is to return to how the league was run pre-pandemic, including home teams providing refreshments; however there could be an agreement between both teams.

Q) If a league match was played online, would there be help setting the match up?

A) Instructions are available on the YCBA website or email Nick Woolven.

Q) There seems to be technological problems with Realbridge so BBO is preferred.

A) Realbridge are aware of the issues and are addressing them. Realbridge are aware of the issues and are addressing them, they are very helpful at responding to issues.

Q) Will the home team have choice on whether the match is played on BBO or Realbridge?

A) Yes, if the match is played online, the home team have the choice on which platform is used.

7) Proposed Resolution to amend the Constitution

Robin Jepson presented his proposal to amend the constitution. It was agreed to review the whole constitution ahead of next year's AGM.

The Resolution to amend the Constitution was passed unanimously.

8) Member's questions

Q) At the Member's meeting in November, it was stated that the EBU were reviewing online cheating, has this happened now?

A) Yes, the EBU have reviewed it, previously if a player was accused of cheating then there was an interim ban while they were being investigated. The new process is a player is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Q) The minutes on the website are out of date, will the website be updated?

A) Yes, the website will be updated promptly going forward.

9) Election of Officers and Management Board for 2022/23

The office holders of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary along with nominations for the Management Board were duly proposed and seconded as follows:

OFFICE	NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	Nick Woolven	Mike Ferguson	Martin Edge
Vice-Chairman	Phil Godfrey	Stuart Kay	Sally Gregory
Secretary	Dani Hyman	Daryl Kayes	Godfrey Jackson
Treasurer	Lesley Millet	Sue Friedman	Godfrey Jackson

Assistant Secretary	Robin Jepson	Alan Brosgill	Angela Buckley
Tournament Secretary			
Management Board	Stephen Cordingley	Pauline Stout	Alice Zao
Management Board	David Guild	Shiona Dawson	Tony Watson
Management Board	Ron Millet	Anne Mackman	Brian Ziff
Management Board	Pauline Stout	Stephen Cordingley	Ian Newsham
Management Board			

There were no nominations for the offices of Tournament Secretary and there was one vacancy on the Management Board. The unfilled vacancies would be considered by the Board and co-option would be undertaken as appropriate.

10) Date and Time of next Annual General Meeting and Members Meeting

The date and time of the next AGM was agreed as Saturday 10 June 2022 at the venue of the Yorkshire Congress at 11am.

The date of the Member's meeting is still to be agreed but will take place on either Saturday 12th November 2022 or Saturday 19th November 2022 on Zoom at 11am.

Signed: ----- (Chairman)

Dated:-----

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