

MINUTES OF YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2023 BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies were received from Graham Jepson, Phil Godfrey and David Guild and there was no declaration of interest.

2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

The minutes were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NW has spoken to Rowena White and has yet to hear back and is yet to speak to Simon Woolham. DH to track down the minutes to get them uploaded to the website. The New Year Bonanza had 10 teams and 23/24 pairs competing, and the Bonanza is planned again for next year.

4. GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

No more requests have been received.

5. TOURNEMANT COMMITTEE UPDATE

There is a meeting next week. The Yorkshire Pairs form has gone out and Stuart Davies is managing the entries. Doncaster are to host the affiliated teams.

6. YORKSHIRE LEAGUE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The face to face league has finished and the Online Yorkshire League has started with a couple of teething problems with the Real Bridge and BBO platforms.

7. UPDATE ON TEACHING CAMPAIGN

DG has contacted a lot of the North Yorkshire clubs including non-affiliated clubs with a teaching pilot taking place on the 13th January.

8. CONSTITUTION UPDATE

RJ and RM have reviewed the constitution and have proposed the following amendments to the constitution:

Payments – proposal for payments of up to £2,500, the treasurer can authorise the payment, where anything over that has to be approved by another Board member, ideally an officer with an extra clause where the AGM may agree to increase that figure if required.

Quorum – proposal to reduce the quorum from 25 to 20 and would allow for attendance to be in person and online.

Postal votes – proposal to allow for postal votes for standard resolutions including officers and accounts but not for special resolutions.

Disciplinary procedure – it was agreed to include the proposal that RJ & RM suggested.

Term of tenure for the officers – it was agreed to defer this for a year.

A question was asked if there should be protected positions on the Board, including women, BAME and/or a Youth Rep. It was agreed in principle to include it in the constitution and RJ & RM are to look into it.

Thanks were given to RJ & RM for all the work they have done on the constitution amendments to bring it up to the 21st century.

9. UPDATE ON EASTER CONGRESS

Last year's event was held at the Craigland's hotel and wasn't a great venue. Leeds Hilton want £53pp so this is not an option. The Cedar Court are charging £36pp so the Congress will be held there and will be discussed further at the next Tournament Committee meeting.

10. UPDATE ON PHIL GODFREY'S EMAIL DATED 28TH NOVEMBER AND ANY SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS

The matter has been referred to the EBU. RJ believes that an independent review should take place. DH asked if there was Director & Officers liability insurance. DH will see if she can find any information on D&O insurance and will speak to RM about the policy. It was agreed to contact the EBU and asked Gordon Rainsford or the EBU Law & Ethics Committee for advice and whether the matter should be investigated and if so by who. RJ to speak to GR in his capacity on the Conduct Committee to get his advice on the way forward.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Oliver Cowan has asked if the YCBA will sponsor the transport to Loughborough for the youth. It was agreed to sponsor the transport.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Management Board - Tuesday 18th April at 07.00 pm via Zoom

Signed

Dated 2023