

MINUTES OF YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023 BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 5 PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Dani Hyman (Secretary) would be arriving late to the meeting and apologies were received from Stephen Cordingley. There were no declarations of interest.

NW said that he had received a letter from Phil Godfrey resigning as YCBA's Vice-Chair, and from his positions on the Management Board and all committees, with immediate effect. NW would write to PG to thank him for his work. NW hoped that Phil would continue to work as TD at YCBA events.

2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ON 18TH JANUARY 2023

The minutes were approved by all present.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No decision had yet been received from Rowena White on the suggestion that she join the MB. RJ said he had heard from Julia Staniforth that Simon Woolham had agreed to join the B Selection Committee.

NW with assistance from Jim Edwards had posted the minutes of the 2021 AGM on the website. RJ pointed out that the document posted on the website purporting to be the minutes of the 2022 AGM was actually another copy of the minutes of the 2021 AGM. This should be rectified. Other documents that have still not been posted on the website are the Chairman's Reports, Treasurer's Reports, Annual Accounts and minutes of Management Board meetings since July 2022 (minutes of meeting on 19th November subsequently uploaded)

LM pointed out that Oliver Cowan has still not signed the legal agreement with YCBA. This is significant because OC is continuing to borrow YCBA equipment for use at competitions he is running. There was some discussion on whether or not YCBA may invoice OC for the hiring fees before a formal legal agreement has been signed. NW said he would raise the issue again with OC.

LM also reported that most of the YCBA equipment is now stored at York Bridge Club and this will be documented by York. Some of it is still held by Stuart Davies.

DH joined the meeting and took over the role of taking the minutes.

4. UPDATE ON TEACHING CAMPAIGN

DG has held back on the campaign as he wants to know the parameters are, he has contacted the clubs and some non-affiliated clubs. DG has been heavily involved with North Allerton who are very pleased with what has been happening and Skipton don't want to join the YCBA. DG believes that there is a large gap where the YCBA isn't accessing people who don't have access to clubs and believes that online play will play a large part in this. DG proposed to host teaching online for free with materials and then provide these materials to the clubs. DG has been in contact with U3A at national and regional level and has advised that it doesn't look

like they're doing much. DG will have to run the teaching which will take up a large amount of time. DG is proposing to focus on North Yorkshire and run the teaching between October and December and then decide how to roll it out to the other clubs.

5. GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The 2021 Grants Committee was wound up in December and a new committee needs ratifying. Huddersfield are wanting to replace their bridge mates and North Allerton want to have a projector for their teaching. It was agreed that grants should be around bridge development. It was confirmed that up to a maximum spend by the club of £2,000, of which the YCBA will pay £1,000 and any spend under £1,000, the YCBA would cover the full amount. It was ratified that the Grants Committee will be made up of DG (Chair), LM & DH. DG to send a blurb to NW to add to the website.

6. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

There were more attendees at the Spring Congress than there was the previous year. There were 14 teams, 38 pairs and 8 tables for the 9 high. NW made a slight error with the refreshments as he didn't read the contract properly and compensation has been offered to the players affected including free entry to the Yorkshire Congress. The venue was very good but there were some teething issues.

Despite NW's best efforts to advertise the Yorkshire Cup, only one team entered. There was some confusion on eligibility and NW got the eligibility criteria wrong so will send out an apology. Note will go on the website to say that the event didn't go ahead and will be rearranged.

Yorkshire Congress will be held at York the AGM will be held at 11am on the Saturday followed by pairs with teams on the Sunday. Members will need to have their name on the screen and be visible to be eligible to vote. It was agreed to offer a 9 high competition on the Saturday.

Tournament Committee are to agree to set the TDs for each tournament.

7. YORKSHIRE LEAGUE COMMITTEE UPDATE

One match is outstanding in the face to face league which is being played on Sunday. Mike Jackson has done a fantastic job of keeping the website updated. Summer online league invites have been sent out but RJ hasn't had any feedback on the number of entries

8. SHIREEN MOHANDES' EMAIL

It was agreed that the 5th August event was to go ahead. NW to speak to SC and ask him to write to Shireen and clarify the YCBA's position on prize money. This will get discussed further with the Tournament Committee.

9. RATIFY MEMBERS OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

A team selection committee is down to Alan Brosgill and David Robinson who are currently joint chair. NW has asked Sandra and not heard back, and Sandy and Pearl have said no.

B & C team selection are Julia Stainforth and Simon Woolham

10. UPDATED CONSTITUTION

All in attendance were happy to present the updated constitution policy proposal at the AGM.

11. DISTRIMINATION ALLEGATIONS

EBU has recommended an internal investigation to investigate the allegation. It was agreed to get an independent observation and to include bridge players that weren't on the board or selection committees.

12. SUCCESSION PLANNING

Phil Godfrey has resigned which leaves two vacancies on the board. NW to write to Graham Jepson and explain the situation and ask if he can come up with any suggestions or ideas of any suitable applicants to join the board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Management Board - Wednesday 22nd May at 07.00 pm via Zoom

Signed

Dated 2023