

MINUTES OF YCBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2023 AT YORK BRIDGE CLUB AND BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 11:00 AM.

PRESENT: 35 Association members, including from the Management Board: Graham Jepson (President), Nick Woolven (Chair), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Dani Hyman (Secretary), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Pauline Stout, Ron Millet, David Guild and Stephen Cordingley

APOLOGIES: had been received from Sue and Tin Friedman, Stuart Davies, David Waxman, Richard Pike and Peter Wallace.

1) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 June 2022

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 2022-23.

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 2023 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.

The Treasurer advised if any clubs wished to run junior or school events to contact a member of the Board.

A question was asked regarding the YCBA's commitment to support clubs financially, but the reserves are increasing. Grants are in place but it relies on clubs coming forward to apply for the grants.

5) Update on teaching and its future development

David Guild presented his 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. No questions were raised, and thanks were given to the committee for their hard work.

7) Proposed Resolution to amend the Constitution

Robin Jepson presented his proposal to amend the constitution which included a proposal to reduce the quorum from 25 to 20; to create new roles on the Board to include female and BAME representation and would include creating an 11th position on the Board; and a

proposal to enable the Treasurer to make online payments easier by having the authority to make payments below £2,500.

A number of questions were raised regarding the proposal:

Q) The fact that the YCBA hasn't had a Vice Chairman for the last two months and that the constitution requires 4 officers, does that mean that any decisions cannot be ratified without 4 officers?

A) The quorum for the Management Board is 5 members and any decision made (whether the officers are present or not) can be ratified.

Q) Tony Watson advised that Olicana doesn't have a limit and there's dual signatory. He believes that it wouldn't be good governance to not have two signatories for any payment.

A) It would be difficult to get dual signatories for every payment as the Board is spread across the county.

This was discussed at length and Robin Jepson advised that Tony Watson would have to propose an amendment to the resolution that dual signatories would be required for payments of over £50 rather than £2,500 and would require a seconder.

Tony Watson proposed an amendment to the proposed resolution, seconded by Phil Godfrey.

The proposed amendment was defeated by the majority.

The Resolution to amend the Constitution with the original proposal was passed by the majority.

8) Member's questions

Q) Daryl Kayes requested that the Board investigate online banking and how easy it was to look at the upper limit to allow for dual signatories and how easy it is to approve these online.

A) The Board will investigate the proposed limit and proposed process and will update members at the November Member's meeting.

Q) Phil Godfrey asked what the Board was going to do with regards to GDPR standards? He had Pianola admin access for several months following his resignation and continues to receive Board emails.

A) The Board will ensure that being complied with GDPR is adhered to.

9) Election of Officers and Management Board for 2023/24

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			

Vice-Chairman	Nick Woolven	Mike Ferguson	Martin Edge
Secretary	Dani Hyman	Daryl Kayes	Chris Boyes
Treasurer	Lesley Millet	Chris Boyes	Daryl Kayes
Assistant Secretary	Robin Jepson	Alan Brosgill	Angela Buckley
Tournament Secretary			
Management Board	Stephen Cordingley	Myra Smith	Steve Galpin
Management Board	David Guild	Shiona Dawson	Azizah Clayton
Management Board	Ron Millet	Mike Brunt	Godfrey Jackson
Management Board	Pauline Stout	Stephen Cordingley	Ian Newsham
Management Board	Ruth Kerr	Graham Jepson	David Wilson

There were no nominations for the offices of Chairman and Tournament Secretary The unfilled vacancies would be considered by the Board and co-option would be undertaken as appropriate.

Mark Dunkley was co-opted to the Board.

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

The date and time of the next AGM was agreed as Saturday 8 June 2022 at the venue of the Yorkshire Congress at 11am.

The date of the Member's meeting is still to be agreed.

Signed: ----- (Chairman)

Dated:-----

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