

MINUTES OF YCBA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023 BY ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7 PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Dani Hyman (Secretary) would have to leave the meeting early due to work commitments. There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ON 18TH APRIL 2023

The minutes were approved by all present.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Rowena White declined the offer to join the Management Board.

4. GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

One application has been received from Northallerton but there has been lots of interest from other clubs including Huddersfield, Thirsk and Olicana, but no other applications have been received as yet.

5. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The mixed pairs entries had 10 pairs. NBL is still to be confirmed on whether there will be 4/5 pairs, Alan will confirm to LM so she can pay the entry fee. DH to send out a reminder on the Yorkshire Congress. Affiliated Teams information needs to go on the website, but NW has struggled to source a TD. TDs are in place for the Castle Swiss but are still required for the Waddington. SC didn't have an update on Shireen Mohandes' proposal as he hadn't heard back from her. LM has been to view several venues for congresses so that these can go into the calendar of events including the Village in Leeds which hosted the Great Northern. The Spring Congress will be hosted in Harrogate, and it would make sense to host this at the Cairn and the Crown Plaza to host the Easter Congress. It was agreed to offer a discount to the next congress if booked at that congress.

6. YORKSHIRE LEAGUE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Yorkshire League committee will take on the organising of the Yorkshire Trophy and the Waddington Shield. The first match of the online league was held a week ago and ran fairly smoothly, however 6 matches didn't go ahead as teams were missing players. 3 of these matches have been rearranged and the other 3 are undecided. Face to face league forms will be going out next month and will state the deadline for entries on them. The committee are proposing to keep the format of the Waddington as is and are relaunching the Yorkshire Trophy and the proposal is the entry forms will go out the same time as the Yorkshire League.

7. TEACHING UPDATE

Steve Wilson attended the online lessons and was extremely impressed. Northallerton are ready to go. Thornton-le-Dale are going to use Bridge play for their teaching. Teaching the

Teachers, DG had an hour with Mike Humphries today and he agrees with the majority of the proposal. DG will look at running a one day teaching course in July for a cost of c.£50. DG will also send pre-questionnaires to find out what marketing the attendees want sending to them. DG would also like to focus on Yorkshire as a whole to include non-affiliate, affiliate and U3A.

DH gave her apologies at this point and left the meeting. RJ took over minuting the meeting.

Members expressed concerns that some unaffiliated clubs and U3A groups are actively discouraging newcomers from participating in courses run by affiliated clubs. Nevertheless, it was agreed that DG might recruit helpers from such clubs and groups. DG said he was concentrating on areas of the county not presently served by a nearby club affiliated to YCBA.

8. PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH OLIVER COWAN

Oliver Cowan is aggrieved that YCBA has not agreed to lend out their equipment free of charge, in view of his ongoing relationship with YCBA. Nevertheless, he has agreed to the compromise proposal put forward by NW. RM to revise the proposed legal agreement.

9. SUCCESSION PLANNING

Having taken advice from Graham Jepson and David Waxman, NW had approached a number of people who, it was thought, might be interested in a position on the MB. Ruth Kerr (Hull) has agreed to join.

10. ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGM

NW and LM discussed practical issues of running a hybrid meeting and how those attending online would be made aware of proceedings at the venue. LM suggested that Jim Edwards could provide technical assistance with microphones to avoid the need for the Chair to relay questions and comments from members on the floor.

11. PHIL GODFREY'S INVOLVEMENT WITH YCBA TECHNOLOGY

NW said that he has taken PG's name off the admin rights for Pianola. It was also suggested that PG should come off Fasthosts (an internet service provider company used by YCBA) and be replaced by Jim Edwards.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th July at 7.00 pm by zoom video conference.

Signed

Dated 2023