

**Minutes of the YCBA Tournament Committee meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 4.30 pm by Zoom video conference.**

**PRESENT:** Nick Woolven (Tournament Chair), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Ron Millet, Pauline Stout, Stephen Cordingley and Stuart Davies.

**1) Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

No apologies had been received and there were no declarations of interest.

**2) and 3) Minutes of previous meeting on 15th February 2024 and matters arising**

The minutes were approved and no-one had anything to add. Matters arising:

- No progress to date on updating the website archive of YCBA competition winners
- The missing John Colley Trophy has been found, held by Janet Latham having been passed on to her by Heather Hobson, a member of the winning team in 2019.
- NW will ask Mark Dunkley or Ruth Kerr to lead on production of the standard form of Visitor Information Sheet, for use by players visiting Yorkshire clubs for Yorkshire League matches and other competitions.

**4) Report of the Congresses Sub-committee**

- Review of Northern Easter Festival. There were 19 tables for the pairs and 16 teams, both of which were small increases on 2023.
- Arrangements for Yorkshire Congress - 8th-9th June. The venue will be the Radisson Hotel, York. Nw reported that complaints had been received about the entry fees and NW had sent an email response to all members. Although only a small number of entries had been received to date, SD said we were ahead of entries at the equivalent time in 2023. We discussed a contingency plan to cancel or move the Congress if entries did not reach a minimum threshold, but it was agreed that, as a financial loss would be manageable, the Congress would proceed even if the number of entries received was lower than expected. PS or NW will produce some flyers to be handed out to players at the Leeds Swiss Pairs at the weekend and the NRB.
- LM said that the GNSP in October will be at the Village Hotel in Leeds, and in 2025 the Harrogate Spring Congress will again be at the Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate and the Northern Easter Festival at the Crowne Plaza, Harrogate.

**5) Review of competitions played since the last meeting**

- Affiliated Clubs Teams. RJ's report had been circulated to all members before the meeting.

**6) Arrangements for forthcoming events (including appointment of TDs if not already done)**

- Nelson Rose Bowl - 16th May, Wetherby. The event is full with ten teams having entered, an increase of one team from last year.
- Yorkshire Mixed Pairs - 16th June, Wakefield. Only five entries to date. PS has produced a flyer to be handed out to players at intervening competitions.
- Waddington Cup - 14th July, York. Entry fee to be £96 per team and NOW will confirm arrangements with York Bridge Club and ask Jim Edwards or James Carpenter to be TD.

### **7) Report from Yorkshire League Committee**

The 2023 24 season of the Yorkshire League teams of eight has been completed and the Online Yorkshire League summer season will start later this month with 26 teams having entered.

### **8) Arrangements for the AGM**

RM confirmed that the glass trophies for winners of each division of the Yorkshire League will be purchased for presentation at the AGM.

### **9) Approval of Calendar of Events for 2024-25**

The draft calendar was approved, the only comment being that the Yorkshire Pairs will also be the qualifying competition for the EBU's 'Nine High Corwen Trophy'.

### **10) Festival of Bridge**

LM will ask the Festival Steering Group to approve the proposal for a simultaneous pairs to be held during the Festival week. It was agreed that club heats would be held, though clubs could decide whether these would be face to face or online. Heats to be on two or three days during the week with separate sets of hands. James Carpenter to be asked to do the scoring. As it is a Festival event all the entry fees will go to the charity without a UMS payment to the EBU.

### **11) Other Business**

None

### **12) Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 20th August 2024 at 4.30 pm by Zoom video conferencing.