

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes of 12th December

Yorkshire League

In the 4th round of the face-to-face league no rulings were needed on the play and those matches that did take place went smoothly. Due to bad weather 4 matches had to be postponed. Of these 2 matches have been rearranged for a future date and one is being rearranged for a future date. The outstanding match between Wakefield D and Bradford D however elicited much discussion.

A date had been rearranged but it was discovered that Bradford was about to field some ineligible players. At this point Wakefield claimed the match and Bradford agreed to this. This did not sit easy with the YLC who decided to try to persuade the two teams to find another suitable date. The rule regarding which players are eligible for the match is to remain intact. If the teams cannot agree to the match being rearranged, then the result should be as the two teams have currently agreed. It was felt however that a further effort to play the match should be made first. **Robin to follow this up and contact the teams.**

OYL-2024-WINTER

The OYL-2024-WINTER league has now been set up and has been published on the website. Everything has gone smoothly so far. Ken Johnston has agreed to be the director for BBO matches played in the league but requires some further details. **Mike to compose in more detail the responsibilities for the upcoming season and to circulate to the YLC prior to Nick contacting him with these further details.**

Waddington and Yorkshire Trophy

The Running of the Waddington and the Yorkshire Trophy has progressed smoothly. Ideas for increasing numbers in next year's competition were discussed.

- 1) Due to the work currently being undertaken by the YCBA committee the current circulation list of members is being improved, such that it is hoped in the future that more members can be reached when news of YLC events are circulated. With a greater circulation list, it is hoped that this will lead to more entries.
- 2) An initiative discussed was to allow teams who win a division of the Summer online league to have one free entry into the Yorkshire Trophy as long as one of the players who represented the winning team during the Summer Online season is in the team that enters the Yorkshire Trophy. With the current numbers in the League this is likely to yield 3 extra teams for this competition if they all take the offer up. **How exactly this will work, Robin to draw up a suggested proposal for circulation to the YLC prior to presenting the proposal to the tournament committee. Mike to redo costings for the current online season, which will show that the profits generated**

easily cover the entry fees that will be waived by this proposal. This to be circulated to the YLC prior to Robin's draft proposal.

- 3) Later this year RealBridge are to allow individual accounts as well as club accounts, so individuals can set up matches using their own account in the future.

RULES CHANGE

Strictly speaking we did not discuss a change to the rules, more how to make a rule which is needed to be more easily found. The face-to-face league and the online leagues are level 4 competitions. It was recently discovered at the YCBA members meeting that some members didn't know which level the competition was and couldn't find it. The YLC has decided to clearly state this rule in the next competition that we run, namely in the OYL-2024-SUMMER competition and all subsequent competitions that we run.

FACEBOOK

When we discussed the use of Facebook, whilst we agreed that this was a good form of communication for other people, none of us are conversant with Facebook, nor wish to be in the near future. We believe that our current communication with clubs is good and don't intend to operate differently in the way we do things in the near future. However, there is one area where we do intend to make use of Facebook: we will send photographs of winning teams to whoever wished to load them to Facebook. These photos will still be displayed on the YCBA website under Rogues gallery.

LEAGUE DATES

Provisional League dates have been circulated for 2025, and though the format of the face-to-face League and the online League and its continuance have been confirmed nothing yet has been confirmed regarding dates.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th February 2024 10.am.