YLC committee meeting minutes of 13TH August 2024

Online Winter League

1 A request was made by Hull that the Online Winter League and the Online Summer League be treated as separate online leagues with promotion and relegation_to be treated separately for each League. It was felt by the committee that as most of the current teams play in both leagues, that continuity might be lost, and it might lead to a fall off in numbers and therefore decided to keep the league format the same with promotion and relegation remaining as it is currently between the leagues.

2 A note is to be sent to match secretaries in early September reminding teams that they should be prepared play on both RealBridge and BBO when playing in the online leagues. If help is required, then they should contact Stephen to see what can be done. **Mike** to compose note to be sent out.

Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy

- 1 Two main types of promoting these events were put forwards. Nick is to send a general email to everyone initially. **Mike** to compile a list of team captains for both the face to face and online league early next week, for uploading to the web (**Stephen**) and for targeting captains directly by email (**Nick**) in a follow up to the initial publicity.
- 2 Yorkshire NGS grades to be downloaded, edited and loaded to the League section of the website on 1st September. **Mike**
- 3 Entry Forms to be sent out at the end of August with a closing date of end September.
- 4 It is the recommendation of the YLC that the prices of both competitions remain the same as last year as it is expected that even with low numbers that the costs will still be covered.

Face to Face League

- 1 It was felt that a meeting of the YLC and the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee would be a good idea such that clearer direction and more timely requests from the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee to the YLC can be established. Two dates were prosed to link up- 20th August and the 27^{th of} August, both at 10am.
- 2 The YLC agreed that in the future it is to be responsible for consulting with Yorkshire League Clubs on the practical implications of the proposal that in certain circumstances the venue of matches might be changed to facilitate participation by players with disabilities, providing that the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee can establish exactly what this means in practice when the two committees link up.

Robin to liase with the other members of the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee to finalise a date for the meeting and to suggest the discussion points raised above are on the agenda.

3 The YLC may need to amend the rules for the 2025-2026 season after consultation with clubs.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 22ND October 2024 10.00am