

Minutes of YLC Meeting Held on 13th February 10.00am

OYL – WINTER SEASON

1 All matches were completed in the OYL Winter season, and most matches passed without incident. As all rosters are now complete as well, the season can be signed off. Information regarding BBO and RealBridge is available on the YLC Leagues section of the website which should help players cope with most queries they need to find out about. The news section on the website regarding achievements in the leagues is very informative and interesting.

The number of queries on matchdays is now very few and it was proposed that for future seasons that we ask that the initial point of reference be the match day director and only to phone another of the match day helpers if the director is already engaged in answering a query.

2 After the final match day there was one unplayed match between Barnsley Crunchies and Leeds G which was completed shortly afterwards. On the final match day, the match was abandoned as attempts to set it up took too long. On the date of the rearranged match the same problem in setup occurred which took some time to resolve. The experience left some players unhappy, and a few were displeased at being asked to rearrange the match. The YLC took the view that the result of the match could be significant in determining promotion places for the following season, and as a result would be best played. Prior to the first match the Barnsley captain was sent a link to the website which explained how to set up a match, add a player and cancel a match. Prior to the second match being played the Match secretary of Leeds was advised to suggest that the Leeds Captain view the video prior to the match being played. The match day advice was to cancel the match and redo it. It was later found that for the second match the match was not set up according to advice given. It is unlikely that this was done in the first match as the matter can be resolved in 5-10 minutes if advice is followed. The YLC believe that they acted correctly and could do no more than they did.

3 An unusual occurrence happened in filling in the team roster. Scarborough added a player to their roster for match 1,2 and 3 and selected them in the rosters. At a later date the player disappeared from the roster though they could not be readded. The roster showed 3 players being selected for each match though 4 players for the match were indicated. When this happens, it is possible to delete the whole match and reinput the information. Alternatively, the EBU on this occasion was contacted and the player reappeared on the roster.

4 Prior to the next online season it is to be indicated in the rules that it is a level 4 event. This is not a rule change or an amendment as the rule currently exists. It just makes this rule easier to find and has been something that has been needed in at least one match.

An additional heading is to be added to the website for both the online league and the Yorkshire League for the next season of each in that the scoring scale for matches will be available.

5 There are a few reminders which would not go amiss being sent out prior to next season.

- a) Suggest captains read BBO setup and watch the short video on how to set up a match on BBO, as captains are still having difficulties when it goes wrong having not followed the instructions.
- b) Suggest captains familiarise themselves with the headings on the website as match day help and where to find the conversion from imps to victory points still prove to be a problem.
- c) Remind captains who are playing on RealBridge that their team needs to be ready to play 10 minutes before the start of play.

6 Shireen Mohandes from RealBridge has offered to do a bespoke session for Yorkshire players to help them familiarise themselves with RealBridge. Stephen to coordinate with Shireen as to when and in what format this should take as the YLC think that this is a good idea.

7 The UMS charge of 45p as opposed to 44p does not have a significant impact on our costings to alter the entry fee of £16. Mike to send Ron the costings that have been circulated to the YLC with the recommendation of £16 entry fee. There is expected to be a large enough surplus from the Summer OYL to reward some teams with free entry to the Yorkshire Trophy for next season. Mike to look into the structure of online teams which took part in the Winter League regarding NGS breakdown of teams in order for the YLC to better determine who and how many teams get rewarded with a free entry.

8 Timings – Entry Forms with reminders stated above to be sent out at the end of March with a closing date of Sunday the 28th of April and Fixtures to be available on or before Saturday the 4th of May.

Yorkshire League

1 From the matches that were still to be played when the league was suspended for the Winter Break only one match remains for which a date has now been agreed.

2 Currently not enough information regarding facilities at clubs and access to those clubs is being provided. Some clubs have this information on their websites, but not all. It was decided that when entries are sent out that clubs be reminded that this information should be kept UpToDate on their websites. As a further measure it was suggested that this issue be brought up at the YCBA board and the Tournament Committee. As a first step liaison with Mark Dunkley, who raised the issue is perhaps the best course of action as the YLC is willing to cooperate with the YCBA to improve this situation though not sure how much it is the YLC responsibility or how much the responsibility rests elsewhere.

Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy

Both Competitions have progressed smoothly with the Yorkshire Trophy completed and the Waddington Shield having reached the semi-final stage.

One team had difficulty entering a result, but the YLC were able to do this. We just need to monitor if anybody else has difficulty entering results, but with the low number of matches played over a long time period it is easy to sort out.