

## Minutes of YLC Committee Meeting on 14/8/23

### ONLINE LEAGUE

1. The season went well though a few things did come up to look into further before next season.
  - a) Following our match day TD deciding to sever ties with Yorkshire Bridge and the decision of the YCBA to cease dealings with this TD for Yorkshire bridge we had a discussion on what we wished to do in the future. It was felt that on balance it was better to have a TD available on the day in order to help set up matches on BBO and to administer rulings on the day. Though our relationship with this TD has always been good under the circumstances we decided to approach another TD to administer these duties on the day. **Nick to look into this.**
  - b) It was felt that though there is a reluctance by some clubs to play on RealBridge there is still no logical reason not to offer RealBridge as an alternative choice for home team matches. In order to help with this problem it was decided to approach specific clubs with a view to alleviating the problem. **Mike and Stephen to look into this.**
  - c) In future where a team defaults a match without good reason an adjusted score of 14-6 shall be awarded to the non-offending party as opposed to the result being discretionary by the committee between 10 -10 and 14-6. **Robin to amend the Rules.**
  - d) It was felt that the face to face league method of giving the greater of : “- the average of the number of VPs it earned in all its completed matches, or - the complement of the average number of VPs earned by the team in default for all its completed matches” should not be applicable to the online league as the matches are much shorter and this weighing would be too much. As such 14-6 was deemed to be sufficient.
- 2 The entry form for the Winter Online League in January and February will be sent out on 31<sup>st</sup> October with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> November. The fixtures will be ready on or before 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### FACE TO FACE LEAGUE

- 1 The fixtures for the upcoming season have been circulated now for over a week and no issues have been found. It was encouraging to find that there has been an increase of 7 teams from last season taking the total from 49 to 56 and creating a new division. We now have 7 divisions of 8 teams. Only one club (**BRIGHOUSE**) reduced in number, and it was felt that this may be more to a change of premises rather than a change in interest. Perhaps next season this club can be encouraged to enter with the offer of more away matches than home. **Mike to follow up.**
- 2 It was felt that the publishing of ximps on the website for each match played in the first 3 divisions of the Yorkshire League should be sufficient. A cumulative score is sent to the selectors.
- 3 Only North Allerton replied as to why their team didn't enter the Yorkshire League. They are still a small but keen club and still have some of their members as members in another club. They still wished to be informed of competitions coming up and may enter if their numbers grow in the future. Other clubs just don't reply. I have corresponded with Scarborough, Garforth, Bridlington, Beauchief and no club has given a reason other than lack of numbers or lack of interest and all these only when prompted. Other clubs just don't ever get back to me like Settle. It was decided to leave things be for now as any of these clubs would probably get in contact if they wished to enter and it is not an objection to anything that is being done in the way the league is being run.

## WADDINGTON SHIELD

1 A lot of debate has taken place on whether teams should be seeded, and it was decided that in future the two finalists of the preceding year should be in the opposite half of the draw in the current year.

2 The draw is done using a random number generator from the internet and this is deemed to be an acceptable way of doing it, though we need not state this in the rules.

3 Publicity is to be given in the upcoming Chairman's blog for both the Waddington Shield and for the Yorkshire Trophy. **Nick to follow up**

**Mike to contact the Match secretaries directly as a reminder closer to the closing date.**

4 A confusing rule regarding player substitutions is to be removed as the rule regarding registering players before the quarter final was more applicable when a lot more teams used to enter the competition. **Stephen, Nick and Mike to check the rule changes as Robin did them before I completed these minutes.**

**Next two Meetings – 31<sup>st</sup> October 10.00 A.M**

**12<sup>TH</sup> December 10.00 A.M.**