

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes February 4th, 2025

Online League

1. On Match Day 2 the match between Malton B and Doncaster C was not played. The responsibility for the match not being played was found to be due to Malton B turning up with 3 players at the start of the match. The ruling was that the match should be awarded 14-6 to Doncaster C. Both captains were happy with this.
2. Several rulings were given by the director on the last match day and communicated to the teams that appealed. It was not certain whether the offending party in each case were made aware of the decision that was given. Mike to contact the director Ken Johnston and ask him whether all relevant parties were made aware of the rulings given and if not to ask him if he would inform them, if necessary, providing the relevant contact information. The matches were Malton A V Doncaster B, Sheffield Dipsticks V Shelley A.
3. There was one unfortunate instance where all 8 players were available to play but the match never started. The problem occurred when setting up the match between Halifax A and Leeds F on BBO. After half an hour of trying the teams gave up. It was felt by the YLC that the home captain might have contacted somebody from the support team which included a resident TD who could have set the match up and as such the match was adjudicated 14-6 to Halifax A.
4. Leeds Bridge Club have decided to hold their Bridge Congress on 18th May which was the first scheduled date of the OYL-Summer 2025. The YLC felt that both the director of the Leeds Congress and the organiser of the Leeds Congress should have consulted with the Tournament Committee first as the OYL has been advertised for several months now on the website and was approved many months ago by the tournament committee. The YLC have however decided that in the interest of bridge to switch the date of the first match day of the OYL-Summer 2025 to the 25 May subject to the ratification of the tournament committee. Both the Organiser of the Leeds congress and director of the Leeds Congress are to be reminded of proper protocol such that this situation can be avoided in the future. – Nick
5. The first set of fixtures of the Northern Bridge League has been moved to the 5th of July which is a day before the third match day of the OYL-Summer 2025. It was felt by the YLC that it would be problematic moving the OYL set of fixtures and doing so would be more disruptive than leaving the date as it is.
6. UMS charges are increasing by 1p from 45p to 46p. After doing some costings it was felt that the current entry fee of £16 per team would easily absorb this and it is our recommendation that the entry fee remains the same for next season.
7. We discussed whether a trophy should be awarded to the winners of each of the online leagues. Whilst it was felt that this would be welcomed, as a first step it

was decided that it would come down to cost and would be a good idea if the trophies were not too expensive. Before we do hypothetical costings, the subject is to be raised at the next tournament committee and the feasibility of doing this.

– Nick, Robin

8. The season has gone smoothly and has seen 32 different teams compete over 3 divisions. The format still seems to be working and barring item 7 which may result in trophies being presented in the future the format will remain the same for next season with no change in the rules.
9. Dates for next season- 25th May, 22nd June, 6th July.
Entries to be sent out 31st March
Closing Date for entries 27th April
Fixtures ready on or before 3rd May

Face To Face League

1 UMS cost for each team in the Yorkshire League is currently £25.20. This will be rising to £25.76 this season. It is the recommendation by the YLC that the price per team this season be raised to £30 per team.

2 Last season and this the cost of trophies has not been included in the costings. This was at the request of Ron. It was felt that the YLC should enquire as to whether such cost should be absorbed by the Entry fee or not for this season. We can probably have an Informal chat with Ron about this on 19th February when the YCBA and friends meet up.

DIEC Considerations

1 It has been agreed between the DIEC and the YLC that information regarding club premises should be displayed on a club's website. Stephen has written a template for clubs which enables them to enter their details on their website and Ruth Kerr from the DIEC is to send this out to clubs shortly. The hope is that by the use of this template the information regarding premises can be standardised across the leagues.

2 A meeting was held between Mike and Robin (Chairman of York) to discuss what was agreed between the DIEC and the YLC regarding provision and information by clubs such that premises are made inclusive for all. Robin agreed that the way forwards which was proposed sounded a good way to go and was in favour of the plan.

3 Subsequent to the meeting Mike to

- a) produce a document stating the impact on fixtures for next season of making them inclusive for all
- b) compose a draft letter which states the plans of the YLC for next season which includes home matches for clubs where the away premises are

unable to cater with their special requirements and the new rules that will be in place compelling clubs to enter details regarding the use and accessibility of their premises.

- c) Draft letter to be vetted by YLC and amended as required.
- d) Final Draft to be vetted by DIEC prior to sending out to Match Secretaries.

Yorkshire V House of Commons

A challenge has been issued to Lisa Nandy (Culture Secretary) for an online match between the house of Commons and Yorkshire. As yet there has been no reply.

Date of Next Meeting- Tuesday 18th March 10.00am