

YLC Minutes for 4th July 2023

1. We received an email from Tom Copeland who was unhappy with both the ruling and the procedure which the YLC undertook to arrive at a ruling regarding the match played between Malton B and Leeds B.

2 In discussing Tom's email the following was concluded.

- a) The YLC followed the correct procedure to determine a ruling.
- b) Nobody wished to overrule the decision given in the ruling as the ruling itself was a sensible ruling.
- c) If at any time any of the YLC believe that a decision given is not a sensible we all felt that we would have said so before contacting the interested parties.
- d) If one person is left to give a ruling then if that person needs to seek advice, we all felt that if we were that person that we would do so, however in the future we felt that perhaps coopting another person to help with the ruling would probably be a prudent thing to do.
- e) The rules themselves need to be looked at as they may need revising to make things clear to teams arranging or rearranging matches. The YLC are to discuss this when we next meet on the 8th of August.

3 There was a request from Harrogate Bridge Club requesting for a match to be rescheduled as their club had booked a holiday when the 6th match of the upcoming Yorkshire League is due to take place. They said that this weekend is not normally a date when a match is scheduled.

As the dates have already been published it was felt that they could not be changed, or a match or matches be rescheduled for another date. However, it was felt that as this was a reasonable request that if Harrogate wished to reschedule any matches played on this date that they would be able to do so without having recourse to get back to the YLC.

Harrogate have subsequently been informed of this decision and are happy with the decision made by the YLC.

4 Robin and I received a lengthy email from Lee Openshaw from Barnsley whereby he basically said that a lot of his members were unwilling to learn RealBridge and that he thinks teams should agree to play on BBO if the request is made. Robin is to reply to this, though our stance has not changed in that anybody entering the online League should be prepared to play on either BBO or RealBridge.

5 Ilkey Mach secretary contacted Mike pre-season to explain that two of their members had internet connection problems and asked if their fixtures could all be on BBO. Mike suggested that they contact Shireen Mohandes first and see if anything can be done and they were also told at this point that Stephen should be able to help them as well. They contacted Shireen and intimated that there would still be a problem. At this point Mike was just about to do the fixtures so accepted what they said and arranged all of their fixtures on BBO with a view to returning to this at the end of the season. Mike to contact Ilkley Match Secretary and Shireen with a view to fixing the problem and copying Stephen in on correspondence in case he can help them out.

6 The next Committee meeting was scheduled for August 8th at 10.00a.m.