

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes 21/3/23

Online League

1 Just the one matter arising from the online matches played on 19/3/23.

2 teams failed to turn up for their match due to be played at 2.00pm on RealBridge and failed to inform the director at RealBridge or any member of the YLC despite a request being sent out to all match secretaries requesting them to do so.

It was decided that for next season, if teams fail to inform RealBridge or a member of the YLC that they cannot play their match on RealBridge prior to the match and they are found not to have a good reason for failing to inform or they give short notice that they cannot play and it was known at an earlier date that they could not play then they will both be fined one Victory point each.

2. The Winter League has run successfully and no changes other than a fine for failure to inform RealBridge of non-appearance on a session are deemed to be necessary. One suggestion which we intend to ask members after the summer online League, but for future seasons is whether they wish to play 10 board matches instead of 8 board matches.

3 The second scheduled date of the Summer Online League clashes with the final of the National Inter County League(NICL) for the Yorkshire C Team. It was felt that we should do something to help those players representing Yorkshire as we are after all encouraging teams bridge in Yorkshire. It was decided that changing the date, having been published for some time already would prove too disruptive, but that other measures can be taken.

- a) Allowing teams to rearrange matches on a day other than this scheduled date for teams representing Yorkshire is deemed to be an approved reason for not playing on a scheduled date.
- b) To help facilitate a, it was decided that the matches to be rearranged would all be scheduled as away matches to minimise any objections from the team which are inconvenienced by rearranging the fixture.
- c) Where players representing Yorkshire are in the same division, their match against each other will be scheduled for the second match date as these teams will have a vested interest in rescheduling the match.
- d) No team other than those teams which have players representing Yorkshire will be scheduled for more than one match against these teams in order to minimise disruption.
- e) All teams which might be affected by being asked to reschedule their matches will be contacted prior to the season to ask for their cooperation by the YLC.

Face To Face League

1 We are keeping the Winter break for the upcoming season and will be reviewing what we do in the future regarding having a Winter Break and what we do with the Online League. It was decided that the best time for a review was after the upcoming Summer League as this might also throw up questions regarding the viability of running a summer league.

2 We are changing the Provisional dates for the face-to-face season to cater for Mother's Day and the regional finals of the National Pairs. The changes made are to move the last 3 dates forwards by one week each.

Agreed Dates for Next Season: -

YL FACE TO FACE

8th October

29th October

19th November

3RD December

18th February

3rd March

17th March

YL WINTER ONLINE

7TH January

21st January

4th February

3. The point was raised that if the face-to-face leagues was moved to online as a default, then more teams might enter. It was also thought that some teams who are currently playing were more likely to survive. After much debate we all agreed that doing something regarding making provision for matches where a large distance and/or long travelling time is present should be put in place whilst if possible, keeping the league face to face if possible.

2 main ideas were put forwards.

- a) Allowing halfway venues. The YLC to sort this out.
- b) Making the default for matches online if the distance is deemed to be excessive. The away team still having the option to travel if they wished.

As to what is deemed excessive or whether some teams would object to playing online, it was decided that the best course of action would be to send out a questionnaire to match secretaires asking specific questions. Mike to initially draft some questions and circulate to the YLC and the other members of the YLC to amend and add their own. This to be sent out after the end of the current face to face league in March and to be sorted out before entries are sent out for the next face to face League at the end of July. It was thought that we can get something in place for next season.

Any Other Business

1 Website – Nothing much to discuss but running smoothly and progressing nicely.

2 It has been mooted that we take over the running of the Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy. Robin outlined a proposal to put to the tournament committee whereby we administer the competition using EBUKNOCKOUT to which we all agreed.

Mike to administer the entries and draw.

Robin to deal with any technical queries from matches.

Stuart to check that the entry fees have been paid.

If approved by the tournament committee then we will take over the running of next seasons matches. We can then discuss the website needs, though I don't envisage this being a problem.

3. Mike to check costings with RealBridge and the EBU prior to the next tournament committee meeting and the suggested entry fees for the next online competition to be sorted by email.