

**MINUTES of YCBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday 28th June 2025 at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate and by Zoom video conference, commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** 29 members (15 in person and 14 online), including from the Management Board: Graham Jepson (President), David Guild (Chair), Nick Woolven (Co-Chair), Lesley Millet (Treasurer), Robin Jepson (Assistant Secretary), Pauline Stout, Ron Millet, Stephen Cordingley, Mark Dunkley and Ruth Kerr.

**APOLOGIES:** had been received from Julia Staniforth (Doncaster), Michael Robertson, Sue Measures and Katie Thorpe (Huddersfield) and Dave Robinson (Sheffield). There were no declarations of interest.

**1) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th June 2024**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**2) Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**3) Report by David Guild**

Joint Chair David Guild presented his report on Management Issues during 2024-25. Transcripts of this report and the report by Nick Woolven referred to below have been uploaded onto the YCBA website on the Official Documents page

**4) Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts**

The accounts prepared by Brown Butler (Chartered Accountants, Leeds) for the year ended 31 March 2025 are to be uploaded onto the YCBA website on the Official Documents page. The Treasurer presented her report with additional information about the accounts.

**5) and 6) Reports by Nick Woolven and Mike Jackson**

Tournament Co-Chair Nick Woolven and Chair of the Yorkshire League Committee Mike Jackson presented their reports. Transcripts of these reports have been uploaded onto the YCBA website on the Official Documents and the Yorkshire League Committee pages respectively.

**7) Diversity Inclusion and Equality Committee**

The Committee Chair Ron Millet reported on the activities of the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee including the approval by the Management Board of YCBA's Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Policy document. A transcript of the report has been uploaded onto the YCBA website on the DIEC page.

**8) Members' Q&A**

Mike Jackson replied to a question about the closing date for entries for the 2025-26 season of the Yorkshire League.

**9) Election of Officers and Management Board for 2024–25**

The Management Board comprises a maximum of 11 persons including Officers. The following have been duly nominated and accordingly are appointed for 2025-26:

Chair and co-chair - David Guild and Nick Woolven

Treasurer - Lesley Millet

Assistant Secretary - Robin Jepson

Board Members - Mark Dunkley, Pauline Stout, Ron Millet, Ruth Kerr and Stephen Cordingley.

There were no nominations for the office of Secretary, or for the positions of members with responsibility for women's interests and the interests of ethnic minority groups. The unfilled vacancies will be considered by the Board with a view to the co-option of suitable persons as members of the Board.

### **10) Special Resolution to amend the YCBA Constitution**

The Special Resolution relating to the YCBA's Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Policy, particulars of which appear in the appendix to these Minutes, was proposed by Ron Millet and supported by Robin Jepson. A vote was taken, and the Special Resolution was carried by the required two-thirds majority, with no votes against, three abstentions and all others voting in favour.

### **11) Presentation of Trophies**

The Waddington Shield was presented to a member of York Bridge Club on behalf of the winning team of Paul Brereton, Frank Dixon, Richard Pike & David Waxman. (Note - the Waddington Shield and the Yorkshire Trophy will be retained in the YCBA repository).

The Yorkshire Trophy was presented to a member of York Bridge Club on behalf of the winning team of Stuart Kay, Dani Ungar, Carol Heron & Ian Johnson.

Nick Woolven presented glass trophies to the representatives of the winning teams in divisions 1-7 inclusive of the Yorkshire League 2024-25:

Division 1	Sheffield A
Division 2	Olicana Legates
Division 3	Leeds C
Division 4	York C
Division 5	Halifax A
Division 6	Sheffield C
Division 7	Olicana Legionnaires

### **12) Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **13) Date and time of next Annual General Meeting**

The date of the next AGM was agreed as Saturday 27 June 2026, to take place at a venue to be decided by the Management Board.

## **Appendix**

**Text of Special Resolution for consideration by the Annual General Meeting of Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association to be held at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate on 28th June 2025.**

**Proposed by** Ron Millet.

**Supported by** Robin Jepson

It is resolved that the constitution of Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association be amended as follows:

In Clause 3 (Objects of YCBA) add a new paragraph 3.3.

“In carrying out its Objects YCBA shall apply its Diversity Policy as published from time to time on the YCBA website.”

In clause 8 (Members' Behaviour)

Add the following to paragraph 8.1 at the end:

“It shall extend to application of the Diversity Policy as described in clause 3.3.”

### **Explanatory Notes:**

1. The constitution of YCBA may be found on the YCBA website under Official Documents or by using the following link:

<https://www.ycba.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/YCBA-constitution-2023-AGM.pdf>

0. At the meeting of the Management Board on 21st May 2025 the Management Board of YCBA adopted a Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Policy which may be found on the YCBA website using the following link.

<https://www.ycba.co.uk/diec/>

0. The full text of clause 8.1 including the amendment proposed by the Special Resolution would read as follows:

*8.1 Each Member shall be required whether at or away from the bridge table to conform to the standards of fair play, courtesy and personal deportment prescribed by the Bye Laws and regulations for the time being of the EBU including the fundamental principle set out in the EBU's Best Behaviour at Bridge. The requirements of this clause apply but are not limited to the bridge table, elsewhere on premises where a bridge event is taking place, during online play and on social media. It shall extend to application of the Diversity Policy as described in clause 3.3.*

**END**