

## **Minutes of the YCBA Management Board (MB) Meeting held at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate on Saturday 28th June 2025 at 11.20 am**

Present: David Guild (Chair - DG), Nick Woolven (NW), Lesley Millet (LM), Ron Millet (RM), Robin Jepson (RJ), Pauline Stout (PS) and Mark Dunkley (MD). Also attending by video conference: Ruth Kerr (RK) and Stephen Cordingley (SC).

**1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest – None.**

### **2. Previous Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the previous MB meeting on 21st May 2025 was deferred until the next meeting. **Open.**

### **3. Co-option of members to fill vacancies**

It was noted that no nominations had been received for YCBA Secretary or for the positions of member with responsibility for women's interests, and member with responsibility for the interests of ethnic minorities. It was agreed that requests will be sent to chairs of all affiliated clubs and to all YCBA members for volunteers to fill these positions on the MB, and for other roles outside the MB as agreed at the Away Day. Further discussion and action deferred to the next MB meeting. **Action - DG. Open.**

### **4. Appointment of committees for 2025-26**

The following committees were reappointed for 2025-26 with changes in their membership as described below, but otherwise as in the previous year, in each case as recorded on the Official Documents page of the YCBA website.

Tournament Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Conduct Committee, Bridge Development Committee, Yorkshire League Committee, Selection Committees A and B, Grants Committee, Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee.

RJ preferred to stand down as chair of the Conduct Committee though he will remain as a member. NW agreed to join the committee as Chair.

Julia Staniforth does not wish to continue on Selection Committee B. It was agreed that for 2025-26 there will be separate Selection Committees (B and C) for, respectively, Yorkshire's B and C teams in the Northern Bridge League. The B committee will comprise Bob Marchbank and Catherine Thompson. The members of the C committee have yet to be appointed. **Action: NW.**

Committee Chairs are responsible for ascertaining that members are ready and willing to continue for 2025-26. **Open** (to confirm appointment of members of Selection Committee C).

### **5. Festival of Bridge Steering Group**

It was agreed that this committee will be disbanded, as its work has been completed. **Cosed.**

### **6. Terms of Reference of Committees**

The terms of reference of the following committees for 2025-26 were agreed.

Tournament Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Conduct Committee, Bridge Development Committee, Yorkshire League Committee, Selection Committees, Grants Committee, Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Committee.

There are minor changes in the terms of reference for the Tournament Committee (relating to changes in the names of competitions) and the Yorkshire League Committee (which is now responsible for the organisation of the Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy competitions). The terms of reference of Selection Committees B and C are as described in paragraph 4 above. The terms of reference of the other committees are unchanged. (Note: the Terms of Reference of all Committees will be uploaded onto the Official Documents page of the website). **Closed.**

#### **7. EBU Shareholders**

It was agreed that NW, LM and PS will continue as EBU Shareholders. DG has stood down as a Shareholder owing to his appointment as a member of the EBU Board of Directors. There were two candidates - RM and MD - for the position of the fourth shareholder, and it was agreed after discussion and a vote that MD is appointed. **Closed.**

**8. Date of next meeting** - Monday 4th August 2025 at 10.00 am by zoom video conference.