

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 6th October

Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy

1 The publicity for the Waddington Shield seems to have worked well this year with 15 entries for the Waddington Shield and 10 entries for the Yorkshire Trophy. Thanks to Mark Ballantine for helping us with the publicity targeting likely captains. Teams playing in the Waddington Shield were not put off due to a large price increase from £20 to £28 per team which was as a result of the EBU raising the entry fee for the Pachabo Cup substantially.

2. Future costings for the Yorkshire Trophy and the Waddington Shield are to be reviewed by the tournament committee.

3. Following a query from a team captain who has entered the Waddington Shield, it was thought that the rules regarding lineups for stanzas could be clarified further. Teams can line up any way they wish to for each stanza of a match. The rules are to be amended for next year's competition, though this unwritten law shall be in place for this season. The Yorkshire Trophy rules are also to be amended, such that it is clear how the 5th and 6th player can be incorporated in a team's match, and to make clear about whether partners can be changed during a match. – **Robin** to amend for next season

Online Yorkshire League

1 BBO have changed the way in which members can access BBO. In order to set up a match now you have to have a premium account. This will have an impact on the online Yorkshire League. Prior to start of the next season there are a number of things which can be explored to alleviate the inconvenience caused by the BBO's decision to change the way matches are to set up.

A Clubs are to be contacted to ask about whether any of their team members are premium members and to let them know that they have a premium account which is free. - **Mike**

B Clubs are to be reminded that should they need help in finding out more about playing on RealBridge that help is on hand. Stephen to address any queries regarding RealBridge and if necessary, take up Shireen Mohandes offer of help regarding familiarisation with the RealBridge platform. **Steve**

C All Clubs have a free Premium Account. Use of these accounts can if necessary be used to help set matches up. How we make best use of them is still to be determined.

D If our resident director on the day does not have a premium account then letting them use an existing premium account for the setting up of matches which players are having difficulty with is one option. It is not intended however that they be used to set the

match up initially as somebody for each team should have that responsibility. **Mike** to check on whether our current director has a premium account.

E **Stephen** to circulate to other members of the YLC how Halifax use their BBO account to set up duplicate sessions. This might help with further understanding of how the club account works.

F If possible, when doing the fixture **Mike** to try to see if teams from the same club who choose BBO as their home platform do not play home at the same time.

Timings: - Entries to be sent out 26th October

Closing Date: 29th November

Fixtures to be available on or before 5th December.

Yorkshire League

One member has queried why a Yorkshire League match clashed with a prestigious bridge event where members from Yorkshire represent their county. Whilst the YLC sympathises with this unfortunate situation the following should be pointed out: -

- a) Great thought is given to the scheduling of events in Yorkshire, the Yorkshire League being no exception. In an ever-increasing busy calendar of events dates are chosen for the Yorkshire League which are designed to be the least disruptive to the bridge fraternity in general. These dates are then submitted to the tournament committee for approval. Once confirmed they are published well in advance of when they take place such that teams can then make plans for the coming season.
- b) Teams involved in a match can by mutual consent with their opponents postpone a match, by submitting a valid reason for the postponement of a match to the Yorkshire League Committee. Being selected for Yorkshire would be seen as a valid reason for postponement by the Yorkshire League Committee.
- c) There are often occasions during a season whereby teams are unable to field their strongest teams for one reason or another. In such circumstances substitutes are found from within the club. Clubs are expected to cater in such circumstances and an understanding by clubs that they should do so.

A reply to the member who raised the query to be sent – **Mike**

Date of Next Meeting: -Tuesday 8th December 10.a.m.