

Minutes of the YCBA Management Board meeting held on Saturday 8th June 2019 commencing at 12.30 pm. in the James Room at the Cairn Hotel Harrogate.

PRESENT: N Woolven (Chair), J Staniforth (Secretary), L Millet (Treasurer), R Jepson (Assistant Secretary) S Davies (Tournament Secretary, D Guild, J Hayton and P Stout.

In Attendance: P Morrison (County Youth Officer – from item 2)

1) Attendance at Board Meetings

It was agreed that the attendance of P Mason, P Morrison and R Millet continue based on the criteria laid down at previous meetings.

2) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from P Godfrey due to Director's duties at the Congress.

3) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Appointments of County Youth Officer and Membership Secretary

P Morrison was re-appointed as County Youth Officer.

Discussion took place on the responsibilities of the Membership Secretary and whether there was a need to continue with the role. It was accepted that the EBU provided membership data based on county of allegiance to up to three designated officers. In view of the developments that were taking place it was agreed that David Guild assume the responsibility for membership to work in conjunction with the Secretary to manage the data. The Chairman agreed to contact T Crebbin to explain the decision.

5) Review of committees, membership of committees and terms of reference

The following amendments were agreed:

Yorkshire League Committee: Removal of G Jepson.

Bridge Development Committee: Removal of G Wooler.

Add: P Stout and L Bridson.

Selection Committee for A matches: Removal G Jepson,

Add – D Waxman

Selection Committee for NBL B &C: Removal of G Jepson

No changes were recommended for the terms of reference but individual committees could review and make recommendations to the Board for consideration.

6) EBU Shareholders

The existing shareholders of N Woolven, J Staniforth, L Millet and D Guild were confirmed.

7) To consider any urgent issues arising from the 2019 AGM

The issue raised by a member from Brighouse BC regarding a perceived breach of the rules was raised as to whether there was an actual breach. Members of the league committee explained that the rules were ambiguous in respect of matches not played on the scheduled day and a decision had been reached that was the most appropriate in the circumstances using residual power under rule 4. As a consequence the rules had been amended for the 2019/20 season.

With regard to membership and tournament attendance the Tournament Secretary confirmed that there was an increase in the number of pairs playing at the YCBA Congress but the number of teams had reduced.

It was agreed that the criteria for awarding of technology grants should be considered and a meeting of the committee would take place after this meeting.

The production of the 2019/20 competition calendar in a six page format was discussed and

it was agreed that the blank page should include details of Improvers events. P Stout would supply the dates and venues for these which would correspond to the current year and include contact details. R Millet agreed to discuss with the printer the new format and to forward the template to R Jepson to arrange for printing after the draft had been agreed by the Board.

The date for the Mixed Pairs event needed to be finalised and the secretary agreed to discuss at the event next week, a venue was still being sought for the Mixed Pivot Teams and a decision from Doncaster BC would not be available until after 3 July 2019.

It was agreed that the secretary send a message of condolence to Rhona Goldenfield.

8) Items for Next Meeting

No additional items were identified.

9) Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 29 August 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Garforth, commencing at 7.15 pm. (The Treasurer to book the venue).

Signed:-----:(Chairman)

Dated:-----