

YCBA. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 27 February 2018

In attendance: Stuart Davies, Philip Mason, Lesley Millet, Ron Millet, Nick Woolven

- 1) Apologies: Phil Godfrey, Phil Morrison, Julia Staniforth
- 2) Declarations of interest- none
- 3) The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 September 2017 were approved
- 4) Matters Arising
 - a) The Great Northern Congress made a profit indicating it ran well - nothing to report.
 - b) A Fast Track grant applied to EBED had been rejected.
 - c) Eastbourne is not being used for the Summer Congress so 4 regional events are being held in larger Clubs before the main event in London. This will be the introductory part of the EBU Summer Festival to be held on the weekends of 4/5 & 17/18 Aug. The format is given by EBU, with locally duplimated boards
Noted Sheffield will run all 4. Leeds, York - Bradford - mixed pivot are all considering doing this
Agreed To be advertised in the YCBA News and offered first come first served as there are limits on numbers

5) Harrogate Spring Congress Review.

Key financials were-

Prize Money - £2980

EBU Licence £2105

Profit - £7500 approx.

Member adverse comments - Too big a gap between sessions on Saturday (caused by a more efficient food supply by the hotel) -

Agreed

- 1) Reduce meal break by 15 mins and start the evening session earlier.
- 2) Saturday 1st session start at 1.30 finish 4.45. Second session start 6.15 finish 9.30pm.
- 3) Replies to attendee survey to be reviewed

Attendance figures

Improvers 12.5 tables

Mixed/ Open: 61 pairs (up 4 on as last year)

Swiss Pairs: 100 pairs (down 2 pairs)

Teams 57 (down 6)

The Hotel was full as a result of the Congress! Noted that this helps good relations with the Cairn

General view - a success

6) Request from a Non-Affiliated Club to Play in the 2018 Affiliated Clubs Competition

It was agreed to recommend to the Board that this be permitted on the condition that Hornsey consider affiliation. RDO to discuss with them on this matter.

The level of entries to the Affiliated Teams competition was discussed.

7) Easter Festival

There was a low commitment level with 4 weeks to go. This is believed to be due to to the Harrogate Spring Congress which closely preceded it.

Agreed

i. Contact Peter Stockdale to increase publicity.

Note: since publicised on the EBU website

- i) An encouraging letter using the YCBA Pianola list including all Spring Festival

- attendees to be sent inviting them to attend the Easter Festival.
- ii) Cut off as whether to cancel to be approx 50% of last year entry.
 - iii) The Monday before the week of the event to be the final decision time.

8/9) Yorkshire Congress 2018 and 2019

This was all booked and priced. Banners needed soon. Northern Easter Festival banner at EBU - needs returning.

The issue of Yorkshire Congress clashes with other Green Pointed events was discussed. In particular it always clashes with the Corwin.

Agreed

- i) Produce 400 more application leaflets.
- ii) If Stuart Davies is not available Phil Godfrey will run the Congress.
- iii) Move the Congress forward one week to 8. - 9 June 2019, 6 -7 June 2020 and 12 - 13 June 2021. (*Note: This will require confirmation by Aylesbury and The Cairn.*)

It was reported that the Cairn would not be available for the Harrogate Spring Festival, Feb date in 2019 and 2020

10) 2018/19 Calendar

A discussion took place on who would produce the finished copy and who would instruct the printer.

A discussion on various dates and slight adjustments for some events took place as follows

Action

- i) Improvers pairs at all Congresses and they should be indicated on the Calendar
- ii) Add the Northern Counties WG improvers Pairs
- iii) G Wooler was not available to run "Play without the Experts" on the 22 July. NW to arrange an alternative to run and promote this.
- iv) PG to check details for the Nelson Rose Bowl.
- v) Pricing Structure for Competition and Congresses –Recommend that one day events should have all entry fees unchanged at £21.00
- vi) .The question had been raised as to whether there should be a change to the title of "Improvers". The point was taken but at this stage no change would be made.

11) Schools Competition

More information was needed but numbers seem to be falling off.

Agreed

Comparison with the performance at Stamford should be undertaken.

12) Production of 2018/19 competition brochure

This was discussed under item 10).

13) Any Other Business

a) Membership Campaign

A report was presented by DG with members of the Management Team contributing. RM indicated that a report would be presented to the EBU Board on this with suggestions of roll

out to other areas.

Recommend to the E&D sub that

1. This be continued for a further year.
2. That a continued capped remuneration be given to the RDO.
3. That assistance (subject to defined limits on this) be given to other Counties that decide to follow the YCBA's lead.

b) Board Meeting

To be held on Sun 02/06/18 at the Yorkshire Congress. The Annual General Meeting would take place on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

14) Next meeting

Monday 24 Sept '18