

## **Draft Minutes Of The YCBA Members' Meeting - 11am Saturday 23 November 2024**

### **Present:**

This was a hybrid meeting held at Weetwood Hall, Leeds and via Zoom.

There were 9 Members present at Weetwood Hall and 21 Members via Zoom.

The meeting exceeded 25 Members and was therefore quorate.

Minutes of previous Meeting 25 Nov 2023 were Carried Forward, no business requiring action.

### Proceedings

1.0 The meeting started with three brief updates:

#### **1.1 General Report Summary by David Guild:**

The Board plan to run a deficit this year to develop Bridge in Yorkshire further. Accounts remain healthy and reserves are expected to fall by approximately £8,000 due to extra development spends.

Increased assistance includes the introduction of a Teaching Rental Grant. Last year we gave £10k in grants and, to exceed this figure for year 24-25, we need to increase grants take-up.

We have freely trained 40 new TD's plus we are expanding our free competitions offer.

More of our teachers are using our free teaching platform. Our campaign to recruit more clubs to teach has not been successful. We are rethinking.

We are in discussions with EBED re their push into Universities.

We have started our Diversity Committee work and now are offer guides and assists to Clubs.

W had 26 Yorkshire events for the Festival of Bridge involving one third of our Clubs.

The EBU are rejuvenating their Board and seeking to remodel their business structures. The proposals to be confirmed at their end Nov AGM.

#### **1.2 Competitions Update – Nick Woolvern**

After the success of two pilot events, we plan to run a handicapped event across the County in Summer 25 with each club open to participating.

The Yorkshire congress is on the weekend of 28th/29th June at Cairn hotel, its spiritual home.

Many competition successes this year, we won the Presidents Cup and NBL divisions 1, 2,3.

We had 9 tables at our Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Blue pointed Free entry to New Year Bonanza event.

Harrogate Spring Congress, Feb 8/9 2025; entries are on a par with last year

Trophies are to be catalogued and reduced.

The Great North Swiss pairs was well attended with Yorkshire winners.

Thanks to all the TDs and clubs who host Yorkshire events.

### **1.3 League Update Summary – Mike Jackson**

This season we have 56 teams of 8 in the Winter League across 7 divisions.

The Online Winter League has 32 teams

This is the second year that the YLC have run the Waddington Shield and the Yorkshire Trophy, and we have doubled from 4 to 8 teams in the Yorkshire Trophy and increased to 13 teams in the Waddington Shield.

The YLC have been in discussion with the YCBA's Diversity Committee regarding venues' accessibility for Yorkshire League players and I am confident that something will be in place for next season.

Thanks to all players and helpers who make the League viable.

### **2.0 Appendix Tables for Club Movements**

Appendix tables can be used to give intermediaries opportunity to be involved in some of boards in a club movement, albeit at a slower than room pace. Jonathan Lillycrop had prepared a video explaining how to load Satellite Tables for play and scoring. Unfortunately, the back end of the video was corrupted. The full video is now available without fault and can be viewed at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Du42pxF7K675g9AHX-MsiqZ4fFaT2vt/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Du42pxF7K675g9AHX-MsiqZ4fFaT2vt/view?usp=share_link)

### **3.0 Northallerton Video on tablets**

We watched a video presentation from Steve Wislon of Northallerton BC that explained the journey of the Club changing from Bridgemate to Tablet scoring, the learning and the costs and benefits. Steve is available to receive clubs who may wish to visit the club to see the tablets in operation.

### **4.0 AOB**

There being no other business raised, the meeting closed at 12.45 pm,

Attendees in person took lunch with the YCBA in the hotel restaurant.

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