

YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday 4th October 2007
7.00 pm at YC



Minutes

1. **Present:** Jeremy Dhondy (Chairman), Audrey Hartley (Secretary), Brian McGuire, Luke Porter and Gordon Rainsford.
2. **Apologies:** Simon Cearns, Chris Duckworth, Ian Payn and Debbie Sandford.
3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted.
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda): Item 6. 40th Anniversary:** The committee checked that Ricci was happy with making final arrangements for the Xmas party.
5. **Hosting arrangements:** Gad Chadha was unable to attend the meeting. (Note: Gad has since apologised to the Chairman and offered to send comments in writing which will be available for the next meeting.)
6. **YC KO2007 review and 2008 plans:**

2007: One or two teams were slow to fix matches or disorganised in making the arrangements for the matches but overall the competition ran more efficiently than it had done before.

2008: It was decided that rules for the arranging of matches should be tightened and, in addition, that this time there would be no seeding for this event. This would be reviewed next year.

 - a) One team in each pairing will be given the responsibility of offering 3 dates to the other team. The dates should **not be** a) in the same 7-day period; b) the same day of the week; c) at a weekend. (Both teams could agree to play at a weekend if the date coincided with activity already organised at YC).
 - b) The entry fee will again be £5 per player and charges for matches are £6 per person if held on Tuesday/Thursday and £7 per person if held on Monday/Wednesday/Friday or at a weekend. Prize money remains unchanged.
 - c) The match deadlines, based on a 32 team entry are:
1st round – 31/01/08; 2nd round – 15/03/08; 3rd round – 30/04/08; Semi final – 15/06/08
Final – July 31 2008 If the final is on BridgeBase there will need to be a fixed date.
 - d) The winner of the competition normally represents the YC in the Lederer. If one or two members of the team are not available for the Lederer then a replacement player or pair should be selected from the runners up if available. If a team cannot be made up via this route then the privilege of representing the YC will be offered to the losing finalist. All participants must be YC members and it follows that all members of the team representing the YC in the Lederer will also be YC members. Failure to pay membership after due warning could potentially lead to disqualification but the Manager would seek to obtain payment before this step was taken as a last resort
7. **40th Anniversary arrangements update:**
 - a) **The Marathon:** Gordon had received 32 entrants so far.
 - b) **YC Open Teams:** This will be reviewed at the next meeting.
8. **National Pairs:** It was agreed that we should hold a heat of the National Pairs. It must be held before 18th February 2008. The third Thursday or any Tuesday of any month were suggested as preferred days and it was left to Gordon to decide. Gordon should inform the EBU when the date was fixed.
9. **Day time duplicate review:** Gordon reported that it was not doing well with at most 3 tables. It was decided to try it for 4 more weeks.
10. **Disciplinary matters:**
 - a. A member was unnecessarily prolonging the auction and play by long pauses and making comments all of which was making the club unpleasant for others. Gordon would speak to the member.
 - b. A member had left the club because he was not prepared to accept rulings from directors.
11. **AOB including photos:** Gordon took photos of Brian, Luke and Jeremy for the website.
12. **Date of next meeting:** 7.00 pm, Thursday, 17th January 2008.