

YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday 17th January 2008
7.00 pm at YC



Minutes

1. **Present:** Jeremy Dhondy (Chairman), Audrey Hartley (Secretary), Brian McGuire and Gordon Rainsford.
2. **Apologies:** Simon Cearns, Chris Duckworth, Ian Payn, Luke Porter and Debbie Sandford.
3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted.
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda):** There were no items arising.
5. **Hosting arrangements (Update from Gad):** Gad provided Jeremy with a list of suggestions. The most important message was about encouraging more people to play. His suggestions included:
 - a) Existing players could bring new players along as partners.
 - b) The committee could provide an incentive to existing players to bring new players to the club. It was agreed that this should be referred to the MSC.
 - c) A more friendly reception given to players arriving early at the club. It was felt that this depended on who was about at the time.
6. **YCKO progress for 2008:** There had been one withdrawal. This necessitated a preliminary round which has been played and two first round matches have also been played. Making sure that team members were all paid up YC members sometimes a bit of a problem but it was decided that Gordon should persevere. It was important that the time table for playing matches was followed. The deadline for round 1 was 31st January 2008. Secretary's note: Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that all Round 1 matches had been booked to be played by the deadline.
7. **40th Anniversary arrangements update (MSC meeting just before our meeting):** Many events were progressing through the planning stages:
 - a) January's University Challenge looked to have 14 teams entering and would take place on Jan 20th.
 - b) February's Inter Club Teams had 21 teams – 7 clubs entering 3 teams each.
 - c) March 9th was set for the bridge match between Manchester and YC
 - d) April's Keith Lovey's Individual Competition. Debbie was getting on with the organization for this.
 - e) May's "Play with an International". Jeremy already has 24 internationals and has asked two more. Sale of raffle tickets is underway
8. **Ladder review (Mon-Wed-Fri and also Thurs):** It was agreed that we continue with the same format (see minutes for BSC meeting on February 1st 2007). The MWF ladder events would run from April 7th 2008 - July 11th 2008 and September 5th 2008 - December 5th 2008. The only addition was that from now on there would be a random draw for seating in the Thursday Championship Pairs. Provision would be made for stationary seating for those with mobility problems. The committee thanked Dom Goodwin for his helpful email containing a number of suggestions about the Thursday Championship Pairs.
9. **Marathon Review:** A problem had arisen this year when a threesome had changed players mid session. It had always been understood by YC players that a pair sitting down at the start of a session continued to the end of that session but it had not been written down and now should be. It was felt also that now there were fewer participants the prize money should be adjustable according to the entry. A written structure must be decided by October 2008 well before the next Marathon in Spring 2009.
10. **YC Teams review (held over from last meeting):** This event was widely enjoyed. The entry had increased but was still low. It made a small profit. There had been a complaint that the score given to a losing semi-finalists joining in the multiple teams was too low. The results for previous years were checked and Gordon agreed to look afresh at the formula before recommending whether a change was necessary.
11. **Tue/Thu system arrangements** There were a several items in the simple system guidelines for Tuesday/Thursday normal duplicate which were felt to be inaccurate and/or out of date. There was doubt about the legality of the no psyching "rule" but it was thought to be important that the social nature of the game was preserved. It was agreed that Gordon would produce a revised sheet incorporating agreed changes. Secretary's note: this has now been done and is published.
12. **Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Thursday 17th April 2008