

BDCA committee meeting 9th September 2021

Hold over Teams

Present: John Holiday, David Barlow, Wil Quick, Adrian Arthur, Lee Crawford, Keith Marsh

Apologies: Matt Webb, Andy Bak, Robert Dennington

MEMBERS CONSULTATION

41 responses were received. All were carried by substantial margins. The committee agree to implement the rule changes for the 2021/22 season.

Results of member consultation following inquorate AGM

Following the inquorate AGM in August, a consultation was distributed to clubs within BDCA to gather the views of the wider membership.

We had responses from 41 members.

Election of committee:

Re-election of Matthew Webb as President

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

b. Re-election of Adrian Arthur as Chairman

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

c. Re-election of John Holliday as Vice-Chairman

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

d. Re-election of Wil Quick as Association Secretary

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

e. Election of Robert Dennington as League Controller

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

f. Re-election of David Barlow as Honorary Treasurer

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

g. Election of Andy Bak as Competition Controller

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

h. Re-election of Lee Crawford as Grading Officer

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

i. Re-election of Lee Crawford as Web Editor

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

j. Agreement that for the following season only, there will be one 6 board league and one 4 board league to run independently with equal value. NOTE -Players can switch between teams.

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 against

k. The wearing of face masks at the board to be voluntary. If a player insists on only playing an opponent with a mask, the player's captain would need to contact the opposing team's captain at least one day before the match is due to take place to request that the opposing player wear a mask, or that board orders be adjusted to allow two mask wearing players to face each other. If no agreement can be reached, the game will not be played and will be recorded as a draw

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

l. All players other than those under 18 years of age or with medical exemptions are to provide proof to their captain that they have received two vaccinations prior to playing any chess

RESPONSE: 35 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstention

m. Other covid measures to include not to turn up if a player displays any symptoms, boards and pieces to be cleaned regularly, hand gel to be used, hand shakes not to happen, social distancing to be recognised, especially when watching other boards.

RESPONSE: 40 in favour, 1 abstention

David has ordered a bottle of hand gel for each club. This will be distributed at the Boyd.

Clubs will be encouraged to buy wipes and masks. David has spoken to Gary Wilson from ECF who feels that what we have proposed is showing that BDCA is taking due to consideration

to manage risk. Wil to make a list of things for clubs to consider to send to captains and secretaries. Lee to share Ilkley CC's covid guidance as a starting point. Risks to consider wider than covid.

Adrian shared an email from Dave Colledge asking about proof of vaccine status. It was agreed that it is upto captains to do this, but BDCA will not need to see the proof and will take the word of the captain.

CLUBS

We are sad to note that Bradford College will no longer be operating as a club. David will contact Pete Rooney regarding equipment which has been loaned by BDCA.

We are pleased to hear that two new clubs, The Chess Centre Ilkley and Saltaire have been established and will be playing in BDCA competitions. It was agreed to loan Saltaire CC 8 sets and clocks to get them started. Wil to liaise with Ihor to get access to the equipment at the Latvian Club.

LEAGUE 2021/22

We agreed the proposal for a 4/ 6 board hybrid. Robert has shared the proposed fixtures. We thank him for his incredibly hard work under difficult circumstances.

CLOUGH and HEPOLITE

Andy has shared that there was little response with only three entries had been received. Since then, a number of clubs have added their names. Wil to contact all clubs to ask for entries ASAP.

INDIVIDUALS

Once the rest of the calendar has been fixed we will see how much scope there is for individual competitions this season, and over how many rounds.

BOYD

The Boyd is happening at Owlet Hall/ Shipley CC. Agreed that players will be paired according to playing strength. £1 per player to enter. 1 hour each on the clock. David will run the event using most recent grading list. Help is needed to set up on the Monday. Any pre-season announcements will be made. Wil to email Adrian with these by Monday.

Lee to remind clubs. John to post on Facebook.

HANDBOOK

All information which has been in the handbook is now available online. Printed copied will be available on request. Lee to update the website with all agreed information/ dates.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Agreed to continue to meet over video. This seems to improve attendance. Wil to set up links via Zoom. Initially we will meet once per month, reviewing the frequency at end of the year. Proposal is that meetings to be held on first Thursday of every month. Meetings are open to all members of BDCA. Clubs will be sent notice of the meetings and if requested players can be sent the link to join.

AOB

After the consultation process, it has been noted that BDCA communicates to members via clubs. It would be useful if members could be contacted by email directly. This will need to comply with GDPR.

Andy Walker has completed the audit of the annual accounts. We thanks him and David for this work.

Financial Safeguarding. David is moving this forward. Needs completing by 20th September.

Scorecards. If clubs require them, Keith can print these.

Reminder to join/ rejoin ECF.

Social Chess is on at Cue Gardens every Tuesday evening

Steve Welham has restarted the outdoor chess in City Park.