

## Clare Bridge Club

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 22 MARCH 2024

1. Apologies Gerry Ford  
In attendance: John Symons  
John Hooper  
Paul Starling  
Nick Kerry  
Sheila Barnes  
Kathy Rose
2. Minutes of meeting 12 January 2024 agreed and signed.
3. Welcomed Sheila and asked if Nick would continue on committee, he politely declined after 5 years of exceptional service, but advised he would be able to support where required.
4. Access is required for last years Swiss Pairs delegates to send emails advising of this event. Further "Swiss Paris" meeting arranged for 12 April to review sign ups and arrange equipment.  
JH will continue with Webmaster to explore and seek advice from other club members as required, PS suggested weekly promotion at Clare and Lavenham via Director.
5. Insurance has been paid, GF to advise fee please.
6. We hold a good bank balance, but a cash reserve is required for potential replacement of equipment. Approval was given for a Clare prize to be presented to Bridgit Alexander's "Bridge for Fun" event in aid of support of St Nicholas Hospice. KR to arrange Champagne "super", chocolates to be gift wrapped.  
We wanted to provide support for Bridge Youth Juniors and ECATS, we shall contact Sarah Farr to obtain contacts to obtain charitable donations to be agreed at our next meeting.  
KR is to write to TGS and OSA & in Sudbury & Stour Valley Community School in Clare regarding any plans for setting up Bridge with the schools, offering support in the way of supplying equipment and training if required. Any other suggestions of schools would be welcome. JH reiterated that our membership subs is a sign of commitment to the club.
7. Correction of scores will be at the end of the session. This will be published on the website.
8. Resume by NK to update SB, on the ongoing Bridgemate lost saga! As of Friday afternoon, it is now possible for purchase of reconditioned Bridgemates, they "should" arrive next week. 5 received 26/03/24 – 2 for Clare and 3 for Lavenham. A further 5 required to replace the Suffolk loans.
9. Match between Clare and Stansfield due next Wednesday, 8 players per team, with JS and PS as reserves. Good luck!
10. AR February was a successful event.
11. GF thank you for the reports, could you provide dealing costs?
12. AGM to be held at Clare on 20 May 2024 at 18.45 NK to publish on website, KR to provide proforma agenda.

13. PS has a list of members, NK handed over paper applications. PS will liaise with JH re web access.
14. Following the experiment at Clare with loading the hand records into EBUScorePairs so that they are available via the Bridgemate app, we decided not to roll this out to Lavenham as there were limited benefits. For consistency we will not continue to do this at Clare. As before, the hand records can be accessed via the club website. NK will advise Richard Barton and the scorers.
15. NK advised at the moment Clare have approximately 6 tables and Lavenham 12, with table money £3 per person excluding Directors.
- £0.44p per person goes to EBU
  - £0.07p per person goes to Suffolk
  - £2.49 to Clare Bridge Club
16. When a new member visitor is at Clare, please advise the Director to announce and welcome at all tables – this has not been the case recently, sad but true!

### **Any other business**

17. PS queried the low amount of boards played at Clare. JH advised of a lack of scorers at Lavenham, and JH would arrange training sessions. Sheila has been “recruited” to undertake this role. JS has suggested a Sunday afternoon “tea party” with bridge to be at Assington towards the end of July. A new prize for Lavenham has been agreed, and other competitions will be agreed at the next full meeting.
18. Date for next short Swiss Pairs meeting Friday 12 April at 11.30.

JS	John Symons
JH	John Hooper
PS	Paul Starling
GF	Gerry Ford
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