



Clare Duplicate Bridge Club

Minutes of the Online Annual General Meeting 17 May 2021

1. Apologies for absence:

Joan Watson; Jayne Hunnable; Andrew Moore

2. Approval of previous AGM minutes:

Sarah apologised that the 2019 AGM minutes were not, as she had thought, currently available on the website. She proposed that the minutes of the 2019 meeting be accepted unseen, and this was generally approved.

3. Chairman's report: Available on website.

Sarah expressed her warmest thanks to the Committee for their support for the Club during the previous difficult 18 months of the Pandemic, and particularly thanked Joyce Wood, David Goodliffe and Jenny Price who have come off the Committee this year, all of whom have contributed so much to the life of the Club. She invited questions, but there were no questions on her report.

4. Treasurer's report: Available on website.

Will commented that it has been a very different year for the Club. Our only income had been rebates from BBO. There had been no table money and the Committee had decided to give a subscription holiday for 2019/20 and 2020/21. Expenses were EBU and BBO fees and monies given to charity which included £400 to the Sudbury foodbank at Christmas and £300 to the ECATS charity event. There was a surplus of £205 compared with £826 in 2020. There was also a loss on the 2020 Clare Swiss Pairs as arrangements had already been put in place. Current assets are £7011 up from £6806 in 2020. Questions were invited on this report, but there were no questions. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Tony Philpott and seconded by Nick Farr. Jan Havard Davies proposed a vote of thanks to Will for all his hard work which met general agreement.

5. Nominations for Secretary and Committee

Secretary: Jayne Hunnable. Proposed by Jenny Price, seconded by Angie Pavry.

Committee – Gerry Ford. Proposed by David Price, seconded by John Symons

6. Election of Officers and Committee:

The present Committee, Sarah Farr (Chair), Will Pavry (Treasurer), John Hooper, John Symons (Club Captain), Nick Kerry (Webmaster), Nina Holes, agreed to stand for the next year. Sarah has already made known her decision to stand down by the next AGM at the latest, and Will also stated this evening his intention to stand down at the next AGM. Approval of the Committee as it stands was proposed by Geoff Foster Taylor and seconded by Tony Philpott. Gerry Ford expressed his interest in becoming Treasurer Elect. This will be ratified at the next Committee meeting.

7 Appointment of Examiner:

Sarah thanked David Price who examined the Accounts again this year and has agreed to stand again as the Examiner. This was proposed by Nick Farr and seconded by Nick Kerry.

8. Presentation of Trophies: Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the majority of our competitions could not be held during the last year. However, scores were available for:

The Beryl Dorey Trophy which was won by Tony Philpott and Andrew Moore
The Most Slams Bid and Made competition which was won by Ann and Alan Savill.

9. AOB

- Geoff Foster Taylor raised the issue of the Club's decision to ban the use of robots to partner individual members. Sarah replied that she has emailed the Club membership to ask for views on this subject. It is emotive as there are strong views on both sides of the argument. She has put this item on the agenda for the first meeting of the new Committee which will take place within the next couple of weeks. Geoff expressed his disappointment that the issue could not be resolved sooner than this. He felt that Sarah had had ample time to review comments made by members and for a decision to be made. Sarah reiterated that she had not had time to call a meeting of the new committee, and that the decision would be made at the forthcoming meeting. She was concerned to understand from those present that some had not received her email concerning this, although it had been within an email about the AGM. She said that she would email the club

again on this issue inviting comments. Jan Havard Davies asked if the decision would be made by majority. Sarah replied that the Committee decision would be made by majority, but if the Committee is very divided, then the Club will be consulted.

- Will Pavry proposed a vote of thanks for the Chair for her work this year, which met general agreement.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm and was followed by a normal evening of online bridge.

Sarah Farr 17/05/2021