

Clare Duplicate Bridge Club AGM

Monday 9th May 7pm at Clare Old School Hall

Agenda No		Actions
	Apologies: Philippa Deman; Patience Cowper; Tony Philpot;	
1.	Minutes of the 2021 A.G.M. were approved and signed off with Paddy Lockwood proposing and John Symons agreeing.	
2,	<p>Chairwoman's Report:</p> <p>Sarah Farr explained that she was standing down however wanted to support the club in any way she could and had enjoyed her 6 years in tenure but needed a break. It has been her greatest privilege.</p> <p>The committee had discussed that they would continue online with BBO and temporarily suspend F2F as so far it seemed there was more support for online bridge. Hybrid bridge is a possibility however it needs more people to step up as director's, scorer's etc to make this work. We also need to have the right software and a more up to date laptop plus a few different people who know how to operate the system.</p> <p>The club does not have an incoming Chairman/woman so the current committee will be reviewing this.</p> <p>Philippa Deman had sent a letter to Sarah outlining how she would not be returning to F2F at Clare going forward however she will continue to play on BBO. She finds it more convenient online as there is no long drive home at night.</p> <p>Friday afternoon gentle bridge which is F2F at Lavenham Village Hall is slowly gaining support so will continue.</p> <p>Sarah suggested that the current committee be elected to continue and asked the room if anyone would like to volunteer to join the committee or indeed be Chair. Stoney silence...</p>	
3.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Will Pavry is stepping down with Gerry Ford taking over. John Symons proposed and Fred Harris seconded.</p>	
4.	<p>Election of Officer's:</p> <p>John Hooper wanted to let the meeting know that he was in favour of online bridge before the vote.</p> <p>Angie Pavry proposed that the current committee be re-elected, and Andrew Moore seconded.</p> <p>Nick Farr to be the account verifier.</p> <p>Will Pavry proposed and Jayne Hunnable seconded.</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Club Awards and Leaving Gifts: The Beryl Dorey Trophy was awarded to Andrew Moore and Tony Philpot.</p> <p>Vouchers for £10 to be awarded for the most slams bid go to David Jeffries and Mick Smith along with Patsi Barnes and Joan Watson.</p> <p>Sarah Farr thanked Adele Wayman for her contribution to the club over many years with a bouquet of flowers and asked her to be the club President going forward, which she duly accepted.</p> <p>Sarah thanked Will Pavry for his many years of service to the club as Treasurer with a gift of a Bonsai Tree.</p> <p>Will Pavry thanked Sarah Farr for her years as Chairwoman and presented her with a beautiful hand painted Plate in recognition of all her hard work especially during the last 2 years.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Basil Ambrose Legacy Party:</p> <p>Adele Wayman has been asked to Chair a committee to organise a party to coincide with the Clare Summer Party.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>During Sarah's report Fred Harris declared his very strong dislike of online bridge and very much hoped the committee would consider returning fully to F2F.</p>	

	<p>Sarah explained the pros and cons and that only 30% of the club had returned to play on our F2F evenings. This was due to a variety of reasons. However, it would be up to the committee going forward. Dave Allen was also very much in favour of returning to F2F and suggested that we did not charge any table money for a period of time to encourage members back into the club.</p>	
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	<p>Gerry Ford proposed a straw vote of the 28 people attending about their preference for F2F or Online.</p> <p>The result was in favour of F2F as clearly those attending the AGM preferred it. However several members chose not to play F2F and instead played online on this club night.</p> <p>Jayne Hunnable said further discussion was needed and that more club members needed to come forward to help.</p>	
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