



Clare Duplicate Bridge Club

Thursday 8th July 2021 at 4.30pm

Kindly hosted by John Hooper

Agenda No		Actions
	<p>Present: Sarah Farr; Will Pavry; Jayne Hunnable; John Hooper; John Symons; Gerry Ford.</p> <p>Apologies: Nick Kerry</p>	
1.	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
2.	Sarah explained she had not sent an email out to the club regarding re-opening as she felt it needed further thought and discussion with the rest of the committee, plus the Delta variant numbers are increasing exponentially at this time.	
3.	<p>Chair's Report - Monday 5th July saw some players being blocked by BBO.</p> <p>The Director's still do not know why however it was rather unfortunate that this coincided with an email asking players to log on at 6.45pm to ensure it was easier for the Director's to set up the movement or risk not being able to play.</p> <p>Those that were blocked may have taken offense and thought it was the club's doing!</p> <p>Sarah had an email from Ann Savell asking what they had done wrong to upset the club.</p> <p>It was agreed that although this was an unfortunate event and out of our control, we must encourage players to attend our club not be overly fierce!</p> <p>Sarah, John and John had attended a Zoom meeting set up by the SCBA for all their clubs to discuss re-opening clubs etc They had surveyed their membership and only 40% replied. However, of that 40%, 79% are currently playing online and 92% will continue to do so.</p> <p>The clubs have different ideas about their way forward. As a result, after much discussion, it was decided that Clare BC should continue online for now.</p>	
4.	Treasurer's Report – Bank Balance healthy and we continue to get a healthy revenue from BBO.	

5.	<p>Webmaster and Website: As Nick had been unable to attend there was general discussion as to his recent email and Sarah asked us all to reply directly with our thoughts and ideas. It was agreed to keep our archives on the website as then members had ready access if desired. Where else would we store them anyway. Sarah feels strongly that we should publish our committee meeting minutes and AGM so that we are transparent and this information is readily available for our members.</p>	
6.	<p>Andrew Robson 2021/22 John H confirmed that the booking for 28th Oct 2021 and 4th Feb 2022 were in place. Lavenham VH did not need any payment at this time. Nick is to publish the flyer on our website, send to our membership, send to the other clubs in the county and ask SCBA to put up on their website. Jayne is to finish amending the flyer and liaise with Sarah for approval before sending to Nick. Jayne also to send out to the local county associations.</p>	NK/JEH
7.	<p>GDRP: We need further guidance on this matter and to explore if we still have to adhere to the strict protocols going forward given that we have now left the EU and it had been an EU directive. For now, we will need to check that all our members have signed up.</p>	SF
8.	<p>Planning for F2F play: SCBA are encouraging more widespread use of REALBRIDGE going forward. Some of the committee did not enjoy RB and would rather stick with BBO. We again discussed the possibility of using a hybrid system with all the various pros and cons. Maybe we should canvass the club and accept that there will be a low response. It was eventually decided that we would stick with BBO for now and see how the other clubs fare. Additionally, Gerry suggested if Covid cases are stabilising and we feel it safe enough we will host a free Social Sunday afternoon bridge with a tea and glass of wine re-opening event on 19th September at Clare VH from 4-7.30pm. Sarah to check that Clare VH is free. This is a celebration to welcome back our current members and hopefully encourage some new ones to join us too! Players can attend with or without a partner. We will not play for masterpoints at that event. A possible chance to give thanks to Rosemarie? If all goes well and there is enough interest, we will continue with this on 17th October and 14th November. We will ask members to book in advance so that we can cater</p>	SF

	<p>for the appropriate numbers. At this time, it was thought that we may not return to F2F bridge at the Club on a Monday evening until perhaps April.</p>	
9.	<p>Moving Clare BC to Sudbury. Gerry has looked at various venue's and strongly believes this could be a positive move for the club as Sudbury BC has now disbanded. Sarah suggested we could become Clare and Sudbury BC and still stay play in Clare VH. Gerry will contact Geoff Marcoolyn and discuss the possibility of amalgamating the members and to invite them to come along on 19th September Social Bridge Afternoon.</p>	GF
10.	<p>AOB John H has 20-30 bridge friends who regularly play rubber bridge on BBO and Sarah suggested he contact them to see if they might be interested in a duplicate tutorial so that they might join our club.</p> <p>A handicap system was suggested by Jayne in order to encourage the less experienced players.</p> <p>Gerry suggested that we should approach the U3A in Sudbury as he thinks they play bridge.</p> <p>Sarah asked Jayne to contact Nick regarding Anna Davis and if she is receiving the club emails as yet?</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>GF</p> <p>JEH</p>
11.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 19th August Bridge House at 4.15pm</p>	