

Clare Duplicate Bridge Club



Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 15 April 2019

Members present: Sarah, , Jenny P, Joyce, John H, John S, David, Will,

Apologies for Absence: Kathy, Derek

1 Minutes of previous meeting 14 January 2019: approved and signed after noting the corrections raised by the Treasurer.

2 Matters arising: Find a Partner—the facility to find a partner by using the website was questioned by John H. Jenny P has been talking to Joan Watson at Bury St Edmunds club where it works well. She received a text during the meeting and it is apparent that Joan is Jenny Morley's equivalent and then sends out the emails. Jenny will speak to Bridgeweb to see if there is an easier solution. David questioned whether the minutes of our meetings should be available to members on the website, as they don't currently appear to be. It was agreed that these should be available on the website for everyone, and Sarah will ask Cleopatra to make sure that happens.

3 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the current Bank Balances were £5382.49 in the Current account and £2011.13 in the Savings account giving total reserves of £7393.62. He said that he had prepared the draft accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2019 and that these were in the hands of the Examiner (David Price). The provisional accounts were not discussed in detail at the meeting but he reported that they show a surplus after major payments to various charities and the study into the future of Bridge. We have increased the income already from this year's Swiss Pairs event. John H suggested that some monies might be invested in Premium Bonds, but this was not in fact agreed. Club Membership and Subs was discussed and it was agreed to keep these at the current levels. Sarah will announce this at the AGM

4 Secretary's report: none

5 Captain's report: Summer League – Jenny explained that the new ruling is that when a club submits an A and a B team, players from either can make up the team if necessary. But players from the first 8 players to play in the first match for the A team cannot then play for the B team. Sarah had written to Jill Tattersfield about her concerns that the Summer League matches should all be played within specified dates. Jill Tattersfield is now organising the Summer League, and is trying to manage this. Each team has to offer three dates, in different weeks and matches must be completed within certain time lines.

6 Webmaster's Report: None

7 GDPR: Derek will update on GDPR. He is currently unavailable. Sarah explained that he has told her he is leaving the Club for personal reasons.

8 AGM: Scheduled for 20 May. Sarah will ask for volunteers to join the committee as Derek has resigned.

9 February and November Robson events: The February event netted £2,763. Sarah needs to find someone to work in the kitchen with Stephanie for the next event. Will suggested that we may not be able to provide our own wine – to buy through Lavenham Hall or pay corkage. The November event is booked for Thursday 3 October 2019. Sarah will cater, John S provide wine, Stephanie asked to help.

10 Clare Swiss Pairs: 12 May; 25 tables have been booked so far. There will be the usual 3 prizes plus an ascender's prize. Nick will source tables, preparation of hall to start at 9.30 am. Sarah to check to be made that Malcolm Carey is still able to direct. Sarah will organise the catering team with access from 0830.

11 Duplimating/Scoring Machine: Richard Evans wants to stop providing this service for Clare ASAP. Issues: Sarah has contact details for suppliers. A machine will cost £3000, with a possible grant from the EBU for £600. If bought, who would be responsible for it? Nick Farr has suggested that we approach Bury club, or Paul Rickard re paying for use of their machine. It was agreed that Sarah would approach Mike O'Reilly or Paul Rickard to see if they would be happy to provide boards but think again if they are not able to help. Richard charged £5 per week.

12 Huy Visit: June 28 – July 2 - There are 7 visitors expected from Huy, so 20+ people involved.

Sat 4 pm – Jane will offer tea and hosts will pick up their guests.

Sat 7.30 - Dinner with Nick and Sarah for guests, hosts and spouses, Committee members and spouses.

Sun 12.30 – Summer Party. Buffet lunch at Stansfield Village Hall, followed by bridge. Joyce to organise lunch. Free to club members.

Mon – visit to Newmarket Horse Racing Museum, hosts and guests.

Mon – 6.00 pm Supper at Club followed by bridge – everyone.

Tue - 8.30 am – Full English breakfast at Jenny and David's, hosts and guests, then guests depart.

13 AOB: A letter from Gordon Rainsford re the Data Protection contract: if we wish, we can retract the contract. The committee decided to do this.

Bridgebites – Sarah and Connor have taught, John S next month – topic: rule of 20. Sarah suggested that the session could be open to anyone, not only club members. Sarah suggested having expert players to offer guidance and supervised practise sessions. Jenny suggested targeted practise eg once a month. John S suggested this start after the guest evening - next- October 9th. Sarah will speak to Jane, David, Nick, Andrew and see what can be arranged.

Jenny reminder of squad training session by David – Tuesday 7 May at Sarah and Nick's.

Cafe Bridge – 24 April, Sarah, John S, Nick Kerry plus 1 to Nottingham.

14 Date and Time of Next Meeting: AGM 20 May, then committee meeting 9 Sept.

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