



Clare Duplicate Bridge Club

Virtual Committee Meeting 12.11.20

Agenda No		Actions
1.	Present: Sarah Farr; Jenny Price; Joyce Wood, Nina Holmes; John Hooper; John Symons; David Goodliffe, Will Pavry;	
2.	Apologies: Nick Kerry	
3.	Meeting held 24.9.20: SF apologised for not circulating the notes from this meeting. She reviewed her notes: Apologies had been received from John, Nina and Joyce. Bridge online had been discussed with no real update. Thanks were recorded for Nick, for helping Jenny with the website. Will had reported £7150 in combined bank accounts, with £696 received from BBO refunds to July. This income will reduce. There were no expenses to report. Robson was discussed and it was agreed that it probably could not go ahead. SF to speak to Andrew and also see if a change of dates was possible.	
4.	Treasurer's Report: Please see report attached, but combined accounts show £7371 at present which is healthy.	
5.	Robson event: It was finally agreed by the committee that the February Robson event will not take place this year. SF had spoken to Andrew and he was in agreement, but unable to change dates. However, we have a half-day "elite" event booked with him for Thursday 28 October 2021 from 2.00-6.00, and he is also booked for 4.2.22 for the usual Lavenham day. SF to send email to usual contact list saying that February event not possible this year, but giving "keep-the-date" information for both of the other events. JS to book Assington Village Hall for 28.10.21 DG to please cancel Lavenham village hall for 5.2.21, and book for 4.2.22 and to check whether a deposit was paid and can be carried forward. Both DG and JS to check what their village hall hire requirements are please. SF to check EBU regulations for holding a face-to-face event	SF (1) JS (1) DG (1) JS/DG (1) SF (1)

6.	<p>Clare Swiss Pairs: It was agreed that we should plan for a face-to-face event, but know that we can run an online event if the pandemic situation calls for this. SF and NF will unfortunately be away when this event is scheduled next year.</p>	
7.	<p>Club engagement: SF mentioned that she thought that the phone calls to club members had been appreciated, and that the committee should continue with this. During conversation JS suggested that Christmas cards could be sent to all members. JP felt that this should be extended to sending an electronic card to those who have been playing regularly with the club who are not members in the usual sense, but have been committed to the club since the first lockdown – this was agreed. The idea was then expanded and “presents” to members were discussed. However, NH wondered if this was necessary, and it was finally agreed that a donation to charity would be preferable. It was agreed that £400.00 would be donated to a local homeless or foodbank charity instead of the usual Christmas party. This could be included in the message in the card. JS to arrange cards for all “members” JP to arrange electronic card for all “online player extra members” SF to draft “card message” and send to JS/JP NH to find out whether there is a foodbank or homeless charity based in Clare but if not, SF to find details of charity in Sudbury and then notify Will.</p>	<p>JS (1) JP (1) SF (1) NH/SF (1)</p>
8.	<p>RealBridge: A possible move to RealBridge was discussed. This is a more social version of the online game and unlike BBO, players can see and talk to their partners and opposition. It much more closely copies club bridge. It is hoped that a version will be made available to clubs during December or early in the New Year. Directors would need to train on the new system, but the training is not believed to be arduous. After discussion, the following actions were agreed: WP to contact Exeter Bridge Club to see how they are coping with taking money from players. A monthly fee was suggested. JP to alert the committee when it becomes available to clubs At the next meeting in January, Committee to organise 3-4 “extra” non-club night events open to everyone to play for free, which will have 2 benefits – one letting club members try the system out, and secondly to ensure that it works easily and the directors are happy. It was agreed that BBO should not be replaced until everyone is happy that RealBridge is a better alternative.</p>	<p>WP (1) JP (1)</p>
9.	<p>AOB: JP raised the issue of appeals for BBO decisions that have to be made when a hand is cut off mid-play. The Stansfield solution is to refer the decision to the EBU for a £30 charge, and it was agreed that Clare would adopt this solution. It was suggested that this should be written in to the constitution. SF made the point that the constitution cannot be amended without approval at an EGM, and it is impossible to call an EGM under</p>	

	<p>current pandemic conditions. Also, there is nothing in our current constitution which allows for On-line bridge! However, she thought some sort of interim document should be possible. SF to contact Malcolm Pryor (Chair of Suffolk) for advice, and also investigate whether the EBU have a proforma document for this purpose. SF also to alert the directors to the above decision.</p>	<p>SF (1) SF (1)</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 14 January at 7.30</p> <p>JP to book meeting via Zoom Professional and circulate members with joining details.</p>	<p>JP (1)</p>