



Clare Duplicate Bridge Club

Virtual Committee Meeting 14 January 2021

Agenda No		Actions
1.	Present: Sarah Farr; Jenny Price; Joyce Wood, John Hooper; John Symons; David Goodliffe, Nick Kerry	
2.	Apologies: Will Pavry; Nina Holmes	
3.	Minutes of last meeting: None arising	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Please see report attached, but we now have £7074.87 in our current account which is healthy. The second account has now been closed as agreed. With Will's agreement, and because of extra workload foreseen if the club moves to Realbridge, we discussed the idea of someone being able to have access to the virtual accounts and assist Will if it should be necessary. It was envisaged that this would be an emergency back-up system in the first instance. David currently has access to the online accounts and is happy to fulfil this role, but did not feel particularly confident. It was agreed that Nick Farr should also be given access to the accounts and become a signature, so that there is a double back-up in place. SF to speak to NF and WP about this.</p> <p>It was also agreed that SF should send out a club wide email appealing for new members to the committee who are prepared to take on key roles.</p>	<p>SF (1)</p> <p>SF (1)</p>
5.	<p>Robson event: SF apologised as she had not sent out an email concerning the cancellation of the February Robson event. She will try to get an email out over the weekend advertising the elite match for October in the hope that this can go ahead, and giving the date for the Robson day in February 2022. JS to check the arrangements required by Assington village hall for face-to-face events, but it may be that we need to move to a different, larger village hall in order to space tables correctly.</p>	<p>SF (1)</p> <p>JS (1)</p>
6.	Clare Swiss Pairs: It was agreed that due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, that we should hold Clare Swiss Pairs online this year, ideally on Realbridge.	

	DG will book Lavenham Village Hall for 8.5.22 when he is able to, and cancel this year's booking. SF to appoint a tournament director.	DG (1) SF (1)
7.	Club engagement: Not discussed in the meeting today, but SF had intended to thank JS and JP for organising the Christmas cards and messages, and WP for sorting out the donation to the foodbank. SF had received a number of "thank-you" messages and the actions of the committee had been well received.	
8.	<p>RealBridge: Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that we should go ahead with investigating a move to Realbridge as a platform for weekly competitions. Actions to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email to be sent to club to consult all members and asking all members to attend a taster session run by Realbridge. • Email to be sent to club directors asking if they are happy to train to direct on the Realbridge platform • JP to talk to Peter Bushby concerning director support • Assessment to be made on bridgewebs to ensure that it is easy to extract necessary data for accurate billing in arrears • SF to speak to Paddy Lockwood concerning what Stansfield is planning to do about Realbridge • SF to speak to WP concerning which of the two discussed finance options he would prefer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Using bridgewebs data concerning number of games played, invoicing members in arrears either 6 monthly or annually b. Setting up direct debits for each member of the club for £5.00/month 	SF (1) SF (1) JP (1) JP (1) SF (1) SF (1)
9.	<p>AOB: JP raised the questions of whether the club should now consider uploading BBO scores to NGS. When we first started using BBO it was not felt that people were familiar or comfortable enough with the system to do this. SF felt that the underlying reason for not uploading the scores was the unease about how simple it would be to cheat when using BBO, and that this hasn't changed, although people are indeed more comfortable playing in BBO. Following discussion, it was agreed that as we are hoping to transfer to Realbridge, we should aim to upload scores to NGS at that point, and so the issue was temporarily deferred.</p>	
10.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 15 April at 7.30</p> <p>JP to book meeting via Zoom Professional and circulate members with joining details.</p>	JP (1)