



Clare Duplicate Bridge Club

Virtual Committee Meeting 4 August 2020

Agenda No		Actions
1	Present: Sarah Farr; Jenny Price; Nina Holmes; John Hooper; John Symons; David Goodliffe, Will Pavry;	
2	Apologies: Joyce Wood; Nick Kerry	
3	<p>Bridge online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Kibitzing: Jenny had received a request to allow kibitzing. There had been some correspondence about this but SF was keen to put the issue to bed as it was potentially contentious. There are two options with kibitzing – one is that the person can watch and comment on hands. The other is that they can only watch. It was agreed that we were only talking about allowing the kibitzer to watch, and that allowing commenting would absolutely not be allowed. After some discussion it was agreed that the club would now allow kibitzing. The point was well made that bridge is and always has been a spectator sport. It was also felt that this was something that would usually be used by members who wanted to follow friends or a partner, but that in any case it is unlikely that the player would know that anyone was kibitzing. It was also felt that this is potentially a useful learning tool for less experienced players. Jenny will inform the other directors. Jenny will also find out whether kibitzers can be told to “go away” by players.</p> <p>Robots: The committee initially agreed that robots should not be used. However, it became apparent that robots needed to be used by the directors as substitutes, which means that individuals can use them also as partners. Recently a robot substitute pair won by 72%! On discussion, it was agreed that robot pairs, while useful as substitutes, must not be allowed to win on Monday nights, and although it will cause the directors extra work, must also not be allowed to affect master point allocation. Jenny will let the other directors know about this. Sarah will email the club making this clear, and also requesting that members</p> 	<p>JP (1)</p> <p>JP (1)</p>

	use the partner finder service rather than use robots to play.	SF (1)
4	Robson event: Sarah mentioned that she has had 3 contacts asking whether the Robson day would go ahead next year. There was considerable discussion about this and it was agreed that unless things change dramatically, this should be discussed again in October. In the meantime, Sarah will talk to Andrew to see what his feelings are. David will check that we have booked Lavenham.	SF (1) DG (1)
5	Club engagement: The telephone calls made by the committee to members of the club have been very much appreciated and it was agreed that this exercise should be repeated. Sarah feels that it would be useful if different committee members spoke to different people so she will re-divide the list and send it out. She thanked everyone for the time spent doing this.	
6	AOB: None	
7	Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 24 September at 7.30. Joining instructions to follow	