



Clare Duplicate Bridge Club

Virtual Committee Meeting 4 March 2021

Agenda No		Actions
1.	Present: Sarah Farr; Jenny Price; John Hooper; David Goodliffe, Nick Kerry; Will Pavry	
2.	Apologies: John Symons; Nina Holmes	
3.	Minutes of last meeting: approved – no particular matters arising	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Will reported that we currently have £7751 in the current account. We continue to get a good income from BBO. On discussion, it was agreed that we would carry the subs holiday forward for a second year and that SF would email the club to this effect, allowing everyone either to carry over monies they have already paid in subs to next year, or to contact Will if they would like those monies returned.</p> <p>Picking up from the unfinished item on the previous minutes, it was agreed that SF should now email the club to see whether it is possible to attract volunteers to the committee.</p>	<p>SF (1)</p> <p>SF (1)</p>
5.	<p>Robson event: SF has now emailed the contact list about forthcoming planned Robson events and Clare Swiss Pairs. It was agreed that DG would contact Lavenham to see if the October masterclass could be held there, as it was agreed that social distancing will probably still be in place at that time. The Club's members will be given preferential booking for the October event.</p>	DG (1)
6.	<p>Clare Swiss Pairs: This will be held on RealBridge, and Jacks Morcambe has been asked to direct. The event will be held through her account and she will charge the club accordingly. NK to place a request for a "spare pair" onto the website. It was agreed that it would probably not be possible to award the cup, but a photograph of a "virtual" cup might be possible. Prize money will be awarded. JP will arrange for the event to be advertised on Suffolk's website, and will also investigate this with the EBU.</p>	<p>NK (1)</p> <p>JP (1)</p>

7.	Club engagement: Not discussed in the meeting today	
8.	RealBridge: The Committee have spent some time considering a move to the RealBridge platform instead of BBO. After consultation with club members and various other investigations, the decision came down to a choice for the Committee of staying with BBO or moving to RealBridge. The Committee agreed unanimously to remain with BBO for the time being. However, it was also felt that the RealBridge platform may improve as it is still early days, and that this decision should be kept under review. SF to inform the Club.	SF (1)
9.	AGM: It was agreed that a virtual AGM should be held this year, on Monday 17 th May before the bridge session. It will be possible to award a number of trophies virtually, including the Beryl Dorey, highest number of slams made, etc. It might be possible to “award” virtual trophies by having photographs. JP to arrange the meeting via Zoom and notify SF of joining instructions. SF to email the club and circulate joining instructions. David Price agreed to act as Accounts Examiner for the club again, and WP will prepare the accounts and get them to him for this purpose. SF and WP to write reports which can be circulated to all members a couple of weeks before the event.	JP (1) SF (1) WP (1) SF/WP (1)
10.	AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issue of uploading scores to NGS was reviewed following the decision to remain with BBO. It was agreed that the issue of cheating was not felt to be enough of a problem to prevent this happening, and as master points are uploaded, then the NGS adjustments should also be made. SF to inform the scorers and JP to add an explanation about this to the regular Monday night invitation email. DG – update on Marion. She is improving and is being transferred to a halfway house in Bury. Her cleaner is collecting her post so cards sent to her home will get to her. JH – concerned that the zoom meeting is recorded. This is automatically set up by zoom, but the meeting organiser, in this case JP is able to destroy the recording at the end of each meeting. JP – Clare is through to the semi-finals of the Abbeygate Shield. The winners of the Abbeygate Shield are eligible to play in the Garden Cities national event. Clare Red is also through to the final of the Abbeygate Plate. JP will put this on the website. Well done and good luck to all. 	SF (1) JP (1) JP (1)
11.	Date and Time of Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting to be held virtually on Monday 17th May at 18.15, before normal evening’s play. JP to book meeting via Zoom Professional and SF to notify club and circulate joining details	JP/SF (1)