

Annual report by Laws and Ethics Committee for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The Law & Ethics Committee (LEC) did not meet formally during the year.

The LEC continued to provide enough trained directors to run regular weekly sessions both on-line on RealBridge and face-to-face throughout the year, coping as the mix between on-line and face-to-face sessions was amended:

- Face-to-face sessions on Wednesday evening were started in July 2022 (once a month), increasing to twice a month in September 2022 and then every Wednesday (apart from teams on the first Wednesday from January 2023).
- A once-a-month Friday evening face-to-face session was introduced in July 2022: initially playing Speedball but switched to X-IMP pairs in December 2022; neither has proved very popular.
- Tuesday mornings were made face-to-face only in November 2022 – this led to a significant increase in the numbers playing on Tuesday morning. At the same time, a Tuesday afternoon session on Realbridge was introduced which has failed to become very popular.

The demands on directors are different between face-to-face and on-line events so all changes to the bridge schedule need careful planning before implementation. The main issue currently is the availability of directors to run the Gentle Duplicate session on RealBridge on Wednesday afternoons.

One psychic bid was reported during the year; this is lower than the historical norm. No disciplinary penalties were imposed during the year.

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*25<sup>th</sup> May 2023*