

Clare Duplicate Bridge Club AGM

Monday 15th May 7pm at Clare Old School Hall

Agenda No		Actions
	Apologies: Verna Grey; Adele Wayman; Jan Havard Davies; Anne Davis; Jane Moore	
1.	Minutes of the 2022 A.G.M. were approved and signed off with Paddy Lockwood proposing and John Symons agreeing.	
2,	<p>Committee Report: John Symons spoke on behalf of the committee. Currently the club is running 3 sessions each week although sometimes F2F and or BBO only attract 4 tables. This is uncommon though. The committee are happy to continue with all sessions going forward. Lavenham F2F is flourishing with 10-12 tables on a regular basis. A vote of thanks was given to all those who help run F2F at Clare Old School and Lavenham plus BBO. The club would not exist without the help and support of all its members. Membership fees will recommence from Jan 2024 at £5 per annum. Sarah Farr asked about online players who do not live locally.</p> <p>2 Andrew Robson events were held as usual during the past year and we managed to run a successful Swiss Pairs after a year off(lack of numbers in 2022) Several new items of equipment have been purchased largely due to increased numbers at Lavenham Gentle Duplicate Afternoons. The purchases have been funded via our profits from the AR events. We are hoping to organise a Clare BC V Stansfield BC friendly teams competition. John Symons and David Unwin are in communication regarding this. The 40th Anniversary Party will be held on Sunday 9th July at Assington Village Hall. Details will be sent out shortly. The next AR event will be held at Assington Village Hall on Thursday 2nd November 2023. The committee are attending Clare Information Fair on Wed 24th May in the hope of attracting new members and perhaps offer some teaching.</p>	
3.	Treasurer's Report:	

	<p>The report was not available on the evening however Gerry Ford reassured everyone that our finances are in good order. We made a small loss, however the club has not received the funds as yet from Basil Ambrose's legacy.</p> <p>Nick Farr was appointed as the Examiner. Proposed by Mary Rix and seconded by Angie Pavry</p>	
4.	<p>Election of Officer's:</p> <p>The whole committee was proposed by Sarah Farr and seconded by Jenny Morley.</p>	
5.	<p>Club Awards:</p> <p>Swiss Pairs Bowl was awarded to Andrew and Jane Moore</p> <p>Winning Pair went to Tony Philpot and Nigel Bardsley</p> <p>Most Slams bid went to Margaret Scurlock and Bob Violet</p>	
6.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Mary Rix asked if the online bridge could be moved to another evening to encourage more people to play F2F at Clare Old School.</p> <p>This has been previously debated by the committee and was felt that it would be a great shame to lose our online presence</p>	

	<p>as it currently helps to fund F2F at Clare and would not necessarily increase table numbers.</p> <p>Fred Harris asked if it might be useful for the club to buy its own dealing machine. At a cost of £4,000 it was felt that it would take many years to recoup the cost plus someone has to be responsible for operating it. The decision was to carry on using Richard Barton from Abbeygate Bridge Club.</p>	
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