



## Clare Bridge Club

### MINUTES OF AGM 20 May 2024 (18.45) held at Clare Old School Hall

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

From: Paul Starling (Membership Secretary)  
Peter Routley, Bridget Smith, Will and Angie Pavry

In attendance: John Symons (Chairman)  
John Hooper (Committee)  
Nick Kerry (WebMaster Committee)  
Gerry Ford (Treasurer)  
Kathy Rose (Secretary)

Club members: Jenny Morley, Clair Flux, Derek Philips, Nina Holmes, Joyce Wood, Lisa Bickerton, Stephen Winkworth, Micky Morris, Jan Havard-Davies, Adele Wayman, Dave Allen, Christine Mapus-Smith, Ed Farr, Shoshana Britton, Jane and Andrew Moore, Jenny Bishop, Jayne Hunnable, David Goodliffe, Mary Rix, Penny Easting, Mo and Fred Harris.

#### 2. Approval of previous AGM Minutes

Proposed by Andrew Moore seconded by Jan Havard-Davies.

#### 3. Committee Report

John Symons thanked and welcomed all for attendance and advised that the Club's membership had increased predominantly due to the Lavenham Friday sessions.

Jenny Bishop advised that the previous 2 years accounts had not been posted on the website, Nick Kerry responded that these had been posted by 4.30pm.

John also advised the reintroduction of subscriptions was to confirm membership of the Club.

Thanks were then given to all that helped run F2F, Lavenham and BBO that is now combined with Swindon.

From next year only 1 Andrew Robson event will be arranged.

A donation of £50 was made to Success After Stroke (SAS) as a result of proceeds from the wine at the Swiss Pairs.

We continue to investigate ways to introduce younger people to bridge via local schools. (Before the end of the meeting 2 members volunteered their services).

Suffolk Bridge have invited teams of 4 online to continue, John Symons will organise.

Particular thanks were given to Mo and Fred by way of a voucher and a presentation of a case of wine was made to Nick Kerry for his 5 years of commendable service as WebMaster and Committee member. They responded with grateful thanks.

John Hooper announced that the protocol to sign up to BBO with Swindon has changed. It is no longer essential to sign up on the Sunday but please do so before 6.45pm on a Monday. Swindon provide a stand-by pair as they do not use robots.



Nick Kerry provided a list of Clare members to Swindon as part of the initial set-up. Adele proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee which was appreciated. John Symons asked if anyone was willing to join the committee. Ed Farr offered to stand, he was proposed by Nick Kerry and seconded by John Symons. Welcome Ed.

**4. Treasurers Report**

Gerry confirmed that the accounts had been examined by Nick Farr. These have now been posted to the website.

Profits not as good as previous years, partly due to the external catering costs for both the anniversary party and Swiss pairs.

We purchased equipment to provide for 15 tables at Lavenham and 10 tables at Clare.

We continue to pay for SIMS pairs and EBED fees on behalf of members.

**5. Appointment of Examiner**

Nick Farr was appointed as examiner and our thanks are sent to him.

**6. Election of Officers and Committee**

Whole committee proposed by Dave Allen and seconded by Micky Morris.

**7. A.O.B.**

In future a minimum of 7 attendances has been voted as a requirement for the Beryl Dorey Award.

Cross IMPS was suggested but not approved.

Once a year Charity Night will be reintroduced and proceeds will go the Charity choice of the winners.

A prize for the best average will be awarded to members with a minimum of 12 sessions attended for both Clare and Lavenham

**8. Presentation of Trophies**

Beryl Dorey presented to Andrew Moore and Tony Philpot.

Meeting closed at 19.05