

Annual report by Laws and Ethics Committee for year ending 31st March 2024

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.

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 and to provide sufficient directors should the club wish to add an extra face-to-face Gentle Duplicate session.

A refresher session for trained directors who had not directed at the club since Covid was arranged in June 2024; a further refresher session will be held later this year. Also, it is hoped that an EBU-led training course for new directors can be scheduled later this year at the clubhouse

Four psychic bids were reported during the year, broadly in line with historical norms. No disciplinary penalties were imposed during the year.

Martin Illingworth

Chief Tournament Director

21st June 2024