



Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Sunday 1st October 2023

Chairman's Report

- Paul commented that it was proving harder to engage with a growing number of clubs in dialogue – a point echoed by others. It was observed that some clubs did not have a single representative at the AGM.
- It was also observed that there seemed to be waning interest in some of the HBA competitions. The different world post Covid was acknowledged and the wider choice that players have as regards bridge opportunities, particularly online.

Treasurer's Report

Oliver had presented the audited accounts at the AGM.

Tournament Secretary's Report

- This formed the major part of the meeting and was a general discussion. The Committee agreed that they wanted to run HBA events – but only ones that members wanted to support in sufficient numbers to make events viable. The experiences of other counties were outlined as regards face to face v online and also frequency and type of events.
- The input of clubs as regards what their members wanted was agreed as critical. Paul agreed to arrange a meeting with Club Chairs before the Competitions Committee started to decide what the 2024/5 HBA competition calendar should look like.
- It was agreed that the 2023/4 calendar until the end of April 2024 should be played online.

Selection Committee

- Roger advised that our Eastern Counties had all started the 2023/4 season well and the changes made to the squads were working.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday 26th January at 16.30 via zoom.

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