



Key points from HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Thurs 2nd August 2018

Chairman's Report

Gary Conrad reminded that HBA was running free training courses on 8th September at Welwyn. Alan to remind clubs and members. Gary advised that EBU has launched an initiative with a supporting pack aimed at persuading existing unaffiliated clubs to affiliate.

Secretary's Report

A cheque for £1299.00 has been sent to Rennie Grove Hospice from Marjorie Lukyn competition.

Education and Teaching

The visit by Highover School pupils to the House of Lords has taken place and a report is on the website. Letter of thanks received from the school.

Treasurer's Report

A small loss is anticipated given the increased costs in the current year, including the hire of Bushey Sports Club this year for two days.

Tournament Reports

- Poor attendance for the latest Relaxed Duplicate at Welwyn was discussed. The next Relaxed Duplicate is booked for Sobell on Tuesday 16th October where higher numbers expected.
- July Green Pointed weekend went well with table numbers down slightly on 2017. Good feedback from the reinstatement of tea/coffee. Provisional financials show a surplus was made.
- Next event is the Seniors Teams on Tuesday 11th September.

Tournament Director's Report

Discussion on scoring programs and the inability of some to handle certain movements and competitions. Agreed that Bridgemates would continue to be used for HBA events.

Membership Secretary & Communications Subcommittee

HBA membership remains broadly static at just over 2,000 including 52 dual members. Website is frequently updated and is well received. Monthly communications are being issued to all members who haven't specifically opted out. There are around 40 non HBA members who have asked to be added to our distribution list.

Selection Committee

The inter league national finals had taken place with Hertfordshire being the only county represented in three categories. Our A and B teams came second in their category with our C winning theirs (again). An excellent result.

Meeting with Clubs 2019

This is due to take place on Saturday 26th January at WGCBC and will be attended by the communication team and club representatives.

HBA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Concern was expressed about the low – and falling – attendance at the AGM and also in the bridge competition which follows. Various ideas were discussed. Clubs were to be approached for their comments and input.

HBA Teams League

Entries are open for the 2018/9 league with a closing date of mid September. The league was to be publicised in the hope of attracting more teams.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7:30pm

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