

Hertfordshire

Bridge

Association

HBA

Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Saturday 8th January 2022

Chairman's Report

Paul confirmed Srimath's co-option to the Committee and confirmed that Srimath had agreed to take over the organisation of the Green Pointed weekends.

Paul also provided feedback from the EBU AGM. AGM dominated by two main issues – the EBU disciplinary process and the 2022/3 UM proposals. Following objections from some counties, including Herts, the UM proposal has been moderated to 2p standard increase plus a 50% uplift on county online Green Pointed events.

Secretary's Report

Robert confirmed that he would not be standing for re-election at the 2022 AGM.

Treasurer's Report

Oliver had revised his expense forecast for the current year upwards given the county success in reaching the Tollemache final.

The Committee confirmed no increase in the county UM for 2022/3 from 4p.

Tournament Reports

Fiona reported

- Some clubs were still slow in advising her of their dates for club heats and also the qualifiers after the heats.
- Entries were tending to come in later now for events. Entries were also down for some events such as the Humble Cup and Championship Pairs. There were some issues e.g. playing without standing. The Tournament Sub-Committee would review options for the 2022/3 year.
- The NGS 7 High event in November was a success and it was agreed to add a further one to the HBA calendar for May 22nd.

Selection Committee

Roger confirmed that Herts had qualified for the Tollemache final for the first time in many years, subsequently confirmed by EBU as being held online. Roger also advised on the current standings with the ECL, where the B and C teams are handily placed to qualify for the national finals again.

Any Other Business

- Hartsbourne and Sheering have both confirmed that they are disaffiliating and Stevenage are likely to follow in April.
- The Committee would still like to hold a face to face meeting with club representatives and Chairs and this would be considered as soon as felt safe to do so.

Date of Next Meeting

16.00 on Sat 2nd April 2022 via zoom