



Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Friday 10th April 2026

Hertfordshire

Bridge

Association

HBA

Tournament Reports

- The Humble Cup was won by David Eddleston's team. They will represent Herts in the Pachabo supplemented by one player from the runners up team.
- The 9 High Pairs produced the four pairs to represent Herts in the national 9 High Corwen final. The Championship Pairs final happens soon and the 4 pairs from that will be identified to represent Herts in the main Corwen final.
- Numbers of entries for recent events are mixed. The 9 High Pairs and Lukyn final were well up on 2025 whereas entries for the Seniors Teams were low – and lower than 2025.
- It was felt that Clubs could do more to encourage more entries to HBA events – particularly from those members who had not previously entered one. A major reason for members not entering was felt to be a lack of confidence and therefore more encouragement was needed locally. Events being held on RealBridge was felt to be less of an issue, particularly as RealBridge do offer free tutorials for members who wish to play online.

Treasurer's Report

- Oliver confirmed that the current year loss was presently of the order of £500 and he expected this to reduce throughout the rest of the year. This was seen as satisfactory given the reserves held.
- Oliver pointed out that for the 2026/7 year both interest and UM amounts would be lower and therefore a larger loss can be expected.

Communications/Membership

- Alan reported that player sessions in the first quarter of 2026 were almost the same as for 2025. BBO sessions in the quarter had more than halved and it reflected a satisfactory result that the BBO shortfall had been made up from RealBridge and face to face sessions.
- Membership continues to grow slightly. The monthly member communications are issued to around 95% of members with the analysis available suggesting that 75% of the recipients open the communication.

Selection Committee

- Roger updated the Committee. The Eastern Counties A team finished third in their division, the B team won their division and the C team (despite not losing a match) finished second in their division.
- Squads have been selected for the 2026/7 season with little change beyond the addition of a pair to the B squad. Continuous VP scoring will apply for the new season so every IMP will count.

Green Pointed Events

- There were some issues with the Jersey Farm venue at the March event so the July event will be switched to Leverstock Green – despite the lower capacity.
- The two 2027 events will be held on Saturdays at Adeyfield Community Centre, which has a capacity of 20-24 tables.
- The HBA website calendar will be updated. Potential alternative venues will be looked at for future events with one in the Eastern end of Herts a strong preference.

Any Other Business

- The AGM was fixed for Sunday 27th September. The start time would be 11.00 given an ECL match fixed for that afternoon. The AGM would be held via zoom – and again would be expected to be short.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday 17th July at 16.30.