



# Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Sunday 10th July 2022

## Chairman's Report

- Paul confirmed that Geoff Cordingley had agreed to be co-opted to the Committee.
- Despite a number of obstacles Paul stated that overall the season had gone well.
- Paul would be absent for much of the 2022/3 year. Subject to re-election at the AGM the Committee agreed that they were content for Paul to remain as Chair and agreed that Gary could chair any meetings that Paul could not attend.

## Secretary's Report

- Robert advised that several nominations for the HBA Lukyn charity for 2022/3 had been received, many relating to providing support for Ukranian refugees. The Committee agreed that their preference was for 'Herts Welcomes Refugees' and this would be presented to the AGM by Robert.
- Robert is in the process of tracking down all the HBA trophies in advance of the AGM.
- Robert outlined the arrangements for the online AGM on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Treasurer's Report

Oliver reported that the accounts for the past financial year were yet to be finalised but forecast that we would be close to breakeven with a healthy balance in reserves maintained.

## Tournament Secretary's Report

- Fiona reported that the online program for 2021/2 had been successful with several HBA members making their debut in HBA events.
- The Committee agreed that all HBA events would remain on RealBridge in 2022/3, with free entry remaining for all players whose primary county affiliation was to Herts (excluding the joint events with Essex and the HBA Teams League).

## Green Pointed Events

Entries for the proposed face to face July event were very low and Srimath was forecasting a loss of several thousand pounds. Srimath also pointed out that several non-refundable deposits were due imminently. After discussing options the Committee felt they had no option but to immediately cancel – subject to Essex's agreement. The September online event would definitely take place as online events do not involve the high level of fixed cost outlay and financial risk that face to face events do.

## Tournament Director's Report

- Gary confirmed that the dates for the 2022/3 had been confirmed and published and that the revised HBA Competitions Regulations had been posted (allowing multiple entries into Championship Pairs club heats).
- Gary had attended the EBU County Chairs meeting in place of Paul and updated the meeting. Minutes and a recording of the meeting are available on the EBU website.
- Gary confirmed that he was closing his ZOOM account which HBA had been using. The Committee agreed to open their own account and make it available to clubs free of charge.

## Communications

Alan confirmed that bridge playing in Herts clubs remained at around 90% of pre Covid levels. Difficult to make a direct comparison due to the arrival of online bridge. Recent playing numbers had been affected by a number of club session cancellations due to Jubilee events. Member feedback on communications remained generally positive with more than 92% of members receiving.

## Selection Committee

Roger congratulated the county C team for yet again winning their National Inter League final. In the first county match of the current season the A and C teams were victorious with the B team drawing.

## Date of Next Meeting

10.00 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 via zoom