



Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Friday 13th February 2026

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Tournament Reports

- Competitions was the main subject discussed at the meeting. Some recent events e.g. the Championship Pairs had been successful with entries significantly up whereas for others entry numbers were declining. The general feeling was that clubs could do more to promote HBA events and to encourage their members to enter. It was recognised that this was harder to do where bridge was online.
- The Eccles Cup had 8 teams enter – but these came from only 3 clubs.
- There were less clubs supporting the Marjorie Lukyn by running heats and therefore less entries for the final (and smaller donations to the nominated local charity).
- The Competitions Committee were due to meet later in February and were asked to look at changes that could be made to various competitions in an attempt to boost entries and even potentially not holding some events, at least for the 2026/7 year.

Treasurer's Report

- Oliver confirmed that he expected a breakeven or small financial loss for the current year which was seen as satisfactory given the reserves held.
- Oliver was renewing the term deposit albeit at a lower rate than expiring due to how market conditions had changed.

Communications/Membership

- Alan reported that at the EBU AGM in November 2025 the motion proposed by Herts was accepted. The EBU Articles have been amended as a result.
- HBA active membership continues to rise as does the number of player sessions across Herts clubs in the aggregate. There is a visible change in the mix of bridge played in favour of face to face – with that now representing at least 65% of the total.
- Member communications are issued every month with over 95% of members receiving and the analysis available suggests 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 but the C team (despite not losing a match) look like finishing second in their division.

Green Pointed Events

- The next one was being held in March with entries looking to be slightly up on 2025. At this next event prize money will be offered.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday 10th April at 16.30.