



Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Saturday 17th Dec 2022

Chairman's Report

Paul reported back from the EBU AGM. Herts were strongly against the EBU proposal to take over all the online Green Pointed events from counties and argued strongly at the AGM but were unable to get sufficient support from other counties.

Treasurer's Report

- Oliver is forecasting a small surplus for the current year
- The Committee agreed to keep the county UM at 4p for the 2023/4 year.

Tournament Secretary's Report

- The Committee wanted to at least trial a face to face competition to gauge the level of interest. HBA events have been online since Covid and entry levels are falling.
- There are difficulties in finding a suitable venue and Fiona had been investigating alternatives. Fiona's conclusion was that Jersey Farm, St Albans represented the best option and had made a provisional booking.
- The Seniors Pairs was decided as the trial event and it was agreed to include a buffet.
- With EBU taking over county online Green Pointed events the Committee decided to try and run a smaller face to face GP event on Sunday 30th July (one of our traditional allocated dates for GP events). The larger pre Covid events at Wodson Park were no longer financially viable. Srimath will apply to EBU for the licence needed.
- For members that like Swiss Pairs but prefer to play online the Committee agreed to add an online Swiss Pairs to the calendar. This would have to be Black Pointed so no EBU licence needed. We would aim to run 35 boards with entry fees set at just above break even level.

Communications/Membership

The amount of bridge playing at Herts clubs looks to be increasing slightly and is currently around 90% of pre Covid levels. HBA membership has also increased by 30 since the AGM.

Date of Next Meeting

16.30 on Friday 5th May 2023 via zoom

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