



Hertfordshire

Bridge

Association

HBA

Key points from HBA COMMITTEE MEETING - Mon 22nd Jan 2018

Chairman's Report

Gary Conrad noted the sad news of the death of June Ball.

Secretary's Report

HBA are keeping our UM fee and all other HBA charges the same as 2017-2018 fees.

Education and Teaching

Somerset CBA had received a £10K lottery grant for Fast Track Bridge Courses. WGCBC had run one of these courses recently at a cost of £150 per student and had about 12 attendees. Gary Conrad to investigate further.

Treasurer's Report

A surplus of about £1K is anticipated for the current year. Competition entries were about the same but Green Point events have produced more revenue.

Tournament Reports

- Entries for all competitions were at about the same level as last year.
- There were some problems at the Humble Cup Quali-Final. These were documented and procedures will be put in place to try and avoid them in the future, including for the forthcoming Pairs Championship semi final.
- Green Point Events - Wodson Park will provide PAT tested urns and keep them filled and Bernie Hunt will provide tea and coffee supplies to help reduce overhead costs.

Tournament Director's Report

Discussion on eligibility for Really Easy events scheduled 23rd Feb at WBBC and 20th May at WGCBC. It was felt that as the emphasis is intended to be on relaxed friendly play we should not be setting entry criteria. The pace of play would probably deter more experienced players entering.

Next Tournament Sub Committee meeting to be held 21st February.

Membership Secretary & Communications Subcommittee

Our membership database now had 2150 email addresses that receive the monthly news email. Feedback is generally positive. Only 43 people have unsubscribed. The website is updated regularly.

Selection Committee

- Roger Edmonds reported that the Tollemache event had not gone well for Hertfordshire who finished 7th of 9 in their qualifying section.
- Eastern Counties League is going well with both A & B teams leading their divisions and the C team lying second 4 points behind leaders with one match to play. Arrangements for teas at Gosling are still satisfactory.
- The Inter League finals seemed to be repeatedly scheduled then amended to the same date as the Senior Congress which invariably caused problems with lots of Herts players.
- Fundraising for Junior International Teams. Letter from Ian Payn had been circulated. The view was that it should be funded by the whole Union. HBA to write to Ian with our view.

Meeting with Clubs January 27th

This is due to take place on Saturday at WGCBC and will be attended by the communication team.

Outreach Project and its purpose was discussed. The Outreach papers produced previously to be recirculated to members of the committee.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday 9th April 2018 at 7:30pm