



Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Saturday 24th Sept 2022

Chairman's Report

- Paul updated on recent EBU EGM and advised Peter Grice now on Laws and Ethics Committee.
- Paul followed up on his AGM report and advised that almost 50% of those who played in the recent Green Pointed event were from Herts or Essex and that emphasised the local nature of the event even though online.
- With Robert leaving the Committee Geoff has taken over as an EBU shareholder.

Treasurer's Report

Oliver reported that other than the payment to the 2021/2 Lukyn charity there had been little activity in the current financial year since the AGM.

Tournament Secretary's Report

- It was agreed that in future, links for the online events would only be put on the website rather than mailed to the individual entrants as well.
- Possible venues for face to face events would continue to be sought but for the immediate future HBA events would be on RealBridge.
- It was important that clubs continue to promote HBA events. For online club events directors could use the chat box to promote. Fiona will send a calendar of events to clubs to help them promote and also remind about club heats for Championship Pairs and Marjorie Lukyn.

Communications

The Committee referred to the AGM discussion and agreed that there needed to be a balance between online and face to face bridge across the county to maximise the bridge playing opportunities for members. Currently there are 48 club sessions a week across our clubs with 27 face to face, 13 on RealBridge and 8 on BBO. There had been a slight shift in favour of face to face recently.

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- Paul gave an update on the EBU proposal to take over all the county online GP events in advance of the next County Chairs meeting. The Committee remained strongly opposed to the proposal but were not sure that other counties were.
- The Committee agreed to retain the AGM quorum at 30 for the immediate future. It was noted that 51 members attended this year and future AGMs would remain online.
- Attention was drawn to recent revisions to the EBU Blue Book. A link has been included on the HBA website to draw attention for members.

Date of Next Meeting

10.00 on Saturday 17th December 2022 via zoom

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