



Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Sat 30th January 2021

Chairman's Report

Paul advised that a replacement director for the Flockhart had been required and Stephen Brown had been secured.

Education and Teaching Report

Ros reported that several clubs were having success with their teaching activities online. It was agreed that the HBA website should be updated with details of clubs providing teaching and supervised play sessions. Clubs who were not providing these sessions should be encouraging their students and less experienced members to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Oliver reported that the financial position was healthy, even after the promised UM return to clubs. Oliver had been in discussion with Lloyds re the financial oversight issues raised at the AGM. Lloyds are unable to offer a system whereby a second approval is required for transactions over a certain figure. It should be noted that the bulk of HBA funds is in a fixed term investment and not accessible. Oversight was agreed by Oliver providing a monthly report of the transactions on the current account to Paul.

Tournament Reports

Ranked Masters Teams entries were down on previous years whereas for the Eccles and the Flockhart they were up.

Very few clubs had held – or were planning to hold – heats for the Lukyn. As a result the HBA donation to charity for 2020/1 would be significantly down. Alan to write to clubs.

Green Pointed Events

Having reviewed other County events – past, present and future – it was agreed that the first Herts/Essex event in July/August would be held online and managed by Gary. The usual format would be retained of 49 boards each day. The entry fee would be £12 per player per day and there would be no prize money offered. A decision re the September Congress would be made later in the year.

Any Other Business

- It was agreed to co-opt Fiona Littlewood to the Committee
- Herts came 18th in the Tollemache
- Herts had been invited to participate in a Home Counties League but it was agreed to decline.
- A Tournament Sub-Committee meeting was arranged for Saturday March 27th.

Date of Next Meeting

Sat 1st May 2021 on zoom

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