



Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 31st October 2019

Chairman's Report

Gary welcomed John Mathews to the Committee. There were still some vacancies on the Committee and it was agreed that possible candidates would be approached, particularly as not all current members would be standing at the next AGM.

Treasurer's Report

Oliver presented the accounts for the year to date and forecast a surplus for the current period in line with 2018/9. Changes in finance processes and controls were discussed and agreed.

Tournament Reports

- The difficulties with Relaxed Duplicate events were discussed. Those who do attend tend to be local and therefore the event becomes very similar to a normal club event. It is difficult to attract those from further afield and hence table numbers are lower than we would like. It was agreed that future events would only be held where there was a specific request from a club, which also agreed to actively promote the event locally.
- The new website for loading details and results from club heats was operational and most clubs were using. This new website does keep track of all the entries and flags up any issues.

Green Point Organiser's Report

The September event went well with entries being 12.5 tables ahead of 2018. Across both events there was an increase in table numbers (July was 7 tables down). Wodson Park booked for the 2020 events and potentially will be for 2021 as well as the venue and the overall arrangements work well.

Membership Secretary & Communications Subcommittee

The membership communications database continues to improve in accuracy. Membership has risen by 36 since the AGM largely due to the student activities at various clubs. The October HBA communications was sent to 1975 players.

Selection Committee

- The B and C squads are leading their Eastern Counties League divisions with the A squad being mid table. Jersey Farm had been our home venue for recent matches and was seen as ideal.
- The Tollemache team has been selected and published.

Any Other Business

Following a recent disciplinary issue it became clear that there was some uncertainty around the role of both counties and EBU Laws and Ethics Committee in the process. EBU have issued some guidance and once the detail is agreed this may necessitate a change to the HBA constitution at the next AGM. Clubs may also need to review their own constitutions.

Date of Next Meeting

Late January 2020 depending on the availability of Tesco Community hub.

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