



# Key points HBA COMMITTEE MEETING – Saturday 9th April 2022

## Secretary's Report

Robert advised that he had received a communication from EBU about their membership marketing campaign. EBU had also mailed clubs direct. HBA would be publicising the clubs various new training programs in due course.

## Treasurer's Report

- Oliver reported that UM for the first 9 months of the financial year was similar to last year and about 90% of pre Covid levels. His year end forecast was a surplus of approximately £500.
- The current free entry to HBA competitions was working well and Oliver confirmed that this was affordable for 2022/3 as well.
- The Lukyn contribution from club heats was less than £800, significantly down on prior years. In view of the forecast surplus it was agreed to increase the donation to £1,000.

## Tournament Reports

- The Committee discussed 'without standing' in the context of past problems with club heats in the Championship Pairs. It was agreed that in future 'without standing' would be dropped and players can play in multiple club qualifying heats. This was confirmed as permissible by EBU rules. Hopefully this change will increase the number of pairs who enter the semi final from the disappointing 27 this year.
- It was agreed that all HBA events would remain on RealBridge in 2022/3.

## Green Pointed Events

Preparations continue for our two events – July face to face and September on RealBridge.

## Selection Committee

Roger outlined the successes the Herts teams had had this year. The highlight was the Tollemache where Herts finished second. In the ECL the B and C teams had won their respective divisions and will play in the national inter league finals in May. The A team finished third in their division.

## Any Other Business

- Gary confirmed that RealBridge Swiss Teams can now handle triples. Gary also advised that RealBridge will have an improved scoring system for teams of 8 next year.
- Robert reaffirmed that he would not be standing for re-election as HBA Secretary at the 2022 AGM.
- The HBA AGM was confirmed for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September starting at 14.00 – on zoom.

## Date of Next Meeting

16.00 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 via zoom

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