

Devon County Seniors Cricket Club

AGM Treasurer's Report 2021

It has been good to be playing a full season of cricket again in 2021, though with few if any teas provided and, certainly earlier in the season, club changing rooms being available on a limited basis we are not yet quite back to normal. Nevertheless, the financial side of the Club has prospered and we end the year in a sound position. From the accounts sheet you will see that there is £3643 in the current account and at the end of the year I also transferred £2000 into the Savings Account which stands at £2506 currently. With stock that is held we have assets totalling £6486. However, we must remember that because we had paid for balls and our entry fees in 2020 when we didn't play there were no bills for those in 2021. That amounts to approximately £1200 which will need to be paid over the winter months for the 2022 season.

Comments on individual entries

INCOME

Subscriptions and Vice-presidents: The Club offered to waive subscription fees for 2021 to those who had paid in 2020, yet the majority kindly paid a subscription for 2021. In total on that basis we had over 90 subscribers, which means we have a large number of members who have either not played or played rarely in 2021. We wish to retain our membership and encourage as many as possible to enjoy playing Seniors cricket. To this end elsewhere this evening we will discuss possibilities for 2022 to offer more cricket. Thanks to Dave Gambie for pursuing the VPs and persuading them to make a donation despite the offer of a free year.

Donations: In 2020 we received donations to cover the scam of 2019 and also a generous donation from Cockington Corinthians CC. This is why figures for 2021 are down.

Match fees and teas: The revised rate of £10 for home fixtures and £5 for away fixtures where there were no teas appeared to work. Captains were able to cover their match day expenses during the season and leave the Club with important income. The income figure is slightly inflated because some clubs sent an invoice to the treasurer for the hire of grounds rather than receive cash on the day from the captain. It also appears that we benefitted by some clubs not charging for use of their grounds or simply failed to supply an invoice.

Clothing and Club Kit: Pete Shephard is a vital cog in the financial machine. He has again brought a significant sum (£1450) to the Club through his persistence in encouraging members to buy Club kit, plus travelling to collect and supply kit during the season. Players receive kit on request and are asked to settle up with the Treasurer. This works in the majority of cases with just a few who need to be chased.

Adverts/Sponsorships: Adverts for the handbook were carried over from 2020 into 2021, though one lapsed advertiser paid up this year. Pete Shephard gained some advertisers for the website too, but we are indebted to our main sponsor Keith White of Michael Spiers who gave the Club £560. I anticipate that advertisers will be harder to obtain in 2022.

Nets: With no University nets the Club used outdoor nets in April at several Club grounds around the County at minimal cost. These were well attended and thanks go to those who organised them for us. This is probably the model for the future.

Dinner: No dinner 2020 and 2021.

EXPENDITURE

Net/Ground/Umpires Fees (see above)

Membership/Subscription fees: DCB/DACO Affiliation paid. Other fees carried over from 2020. Expect to pay around £350 for 2022.

Match Balls: No balls purchased for 2021.

Travel: No travel costs to Competition meetings as all online. Travel of £300 agreed by committee to help with travel/overnight costs for Over 50s 1sts national semi-final in Lancashire.

Defibrillators: Replacement batteries which last three years.

Website: £522 is not a full annual payment, but a part payment to fall in with the domain registration year.

Message in a bottle: These are the small plastic containers in which members were asked to write their personal contact details and any medical information and then place in their kit bags as part of our health and safety procedures.

Further Comment:

Just over a year ago I registered the Club as part of the Easy Fund-Raising scheme (If you order goods online there is a prompt which will enable a small donation to be made to the Club for every order. The details are on the website.) When I checked just after the Club financial had ended we had raised £5-33. Many thanks to the single purchaser who contributed in this way – ME!

Proposals:

At the 2020 AGM we agreed that Club subscriptions should stay at £10 but that match day fees would remain at £12 as agreed in 2019 because of the Club's parlous position at that time, BUT with the proviso that the committee be authorised to review this in the Spring in light of Covid developments. In the event the committee agreed to £10 for home fixtures and £5 for away where there were no teas. Teas may not necessarily be provided in 2022 so, as the Club is financially sound currently, I propose that we keep the same charge for match fees - £10 per match but reduced to £5 for away fixtures where there is no tea provided. Subs to remain at £10. (I am aware that there is another proposal for the away match fees to be £10 to help support a travel fund where needed and/or to ensure captains have sufficient funds on any match day to pay their bills. I am open to reconsider my proposal.)

My thanks to Tony Jackson our Scrutineer of the Accounts, and I propose the Club continues to appoint him in this role for another year.

Andrew Rose
Treasurer
1/11/2021