

Cornwall Cricket League – Treasurer’s Report for the year ended 31st October 2023

I would like to start my report by thanking Chris Marsh for many years of service to the league and for the excellent job he did as Treasurer. I would also like to thank Kim Jephheart for her assistance as an Independent Examiner alongside Chris for many years.

Due to the delayed AGM in 2023, this year’s accounts are a joint effort between Chris and myself – Chris preparing the period from 1st November until late February which included collecting 2023 league fees and administering 2022 fines. Chris also then started the process of cup entries and ball orders which I completed after our handover.

Turning to the accounts, the league is reporting a loss of £1708.41 for 2022-23 in comparison to a loss of £605.94 in 2021-22.

Whilst it is not ideal to report a loss, it should be remembered that the league is here to serve its member clubs and has no reason to be sitting on a large pile of reserve funds just gaining interest. The league currently sits with £40000 in saving accounts which would cover 2+ years of current running costs should ECB funding come to an end which we feel is a sufficient savings backup. We have implemented several initiatives over recent seasons including subsidising the Magna ball by £2.00 and refunding cup entry fees for fulling fixtures, all of which have been aimed at supporting clubs throughout the league.

For 2024, our initiative involves bringing Umpire expenses in line with other leagues within the South West. This will include subsidising increased Umpire Fees for clubs in Div 2 that receive panel Umpires, increasing our contribution towards Umpires' mileage and reimbursing potential Umpire training course fees once further progression has been achieved. As a result, the subsidy of the Magna ball will come to an end and a small non-refundable entry fee will be administered for cup competitions.

The League is extremely grateful for the continuing sponsorship of Cornish League cricket received from WH Bond Timber Ltd and Tiflex Ltd in 2023. Bond Timber funded all trophies and plaques awarded in the League competitions. The Vinter Cup competition was sponsored by Bradleys Estate Agents and the DivisallT20 Competition by Eden Motorhomes. The plaques for the Hawkey Cup and Rosevear Cup competitions were funded by Clive Rosevear Insurance. Thank you to our sponsors, all have agreed to continue with us in 2024.

This year’s independent examination of the accounts has been completed by Georgina Brown of Boolean Bookkeeping in Falmouth and I would like to thank her for her work, which she managed to complete just before Christmas!

*Jon Lambert - Hon Treasurer
January 2023*