

Treasurer's report

This year has seen further development and progression of the club and it's facilities. Examples include: creating additional changing facilities, installation of solar panels, purchase of additional ground equipment, general maintenance of the clubhouse and building of the gym.

This level of development comes at a cost and whilst the club successfully applied for £11,000 of grants we spent a net amount of approximately £15,000 last year. This was a little more than planned, some of which was due to the poor weather which caused a reduced bar profit and lost match fees. However, the club remains in a strong financial position with approximately £20,000 in the bank. Half of which is ring fenced as a reserve fund for unforeseen events and the balance will be used to cover winter and pre-season expenses.

Bank balances at 30th September 2024	
Lloyds Bank current account	£920.94
Lloyds Bank instant access savings	£9,431.85
United Trust Bank fixed term deposit	£10,000.00
TOTAL	£20,352.79

A number of changes are in the process of being implemented to cut costs and increase revenue e.g. reduced costs for drinks and food with assistance from The Cabin, reduced electricity costs with the solar panels feed-in tariff.

Membership and match fees have remained unchanged for several years, so the committee have made the following proposals for next year:

1) Match fees for senior matches

- Increase from £5 to £6 for adults (£9 when teas are provided)
- Increase from £2.50 to £3 for juniors, T20, inter club and women's matches (£5.50 when teas are provided)

2) Membership

The changes to the membership comes in two parts:

A) Increase in membership fees:

- Adult hardball (Category A). From £45 to £50
- Junior/Student/Adult Softball/Social (Category B). From £25 to £30
- Family (Category C). From £65 to £70

B) New categories.

The make up of the membership has changed significantly over the last few years, with the original intention of the family membership being 1 adult and 1 junior now being used for many other combinations. Therefore, we need to consider if it is fair to all members e.g. an adult member paying £45 v a family of one adult, one softball and two juniors paying £65.

Therefore, the proposal is that additional members, on top of the standard categories A-C (above), will be charged at 50% of the individual rate. For example:

- 1 Adult and 2 Juniors (or other Cat B) would be £85. Family membership (£70) + additional junior (50% of £30)
- 1 Adult, 1 softball and 2 juniors (or other Cat B) would be £100. Family membership (£70) + Softball (50% of £30) + additional junior (50% of £30)

This way every member is paying for their membership but additional family members are receiving a discount to ensure that cricket remains accessible and affordable.