**Staff Cricket Accounts 2022**

Apologies for my absence from tonight’s AGM, with an inconveniantly timed dose of COVID preventing me from joining you all.

In 2022 our pitch fees for MC1 were £360. We also paid £40 for our away match at Sheffield, and £52 for college league entry and ball fees. There were also fees of £80 paid to umpires for our 4 league matches. This gave total match expenses of £532. Equipment expenses (balls, bat, pads, gloves) came to £292. In addition to this the club funded £100 worth of discount to students for the annual dinner, and also funded the end of season BBQ. An additional expense of £78 was incurred at the annual dinner from an unpaid tab at the bar.

Overall the club took £840 in match fees over the season. The move into winter nets presented a new challenge with the introduction of a £10 fee for each lane at nets. Currently we have paid a fee of £2.50 each per net session, and the latest set of fees are being calculated and will be sent out shortly.

From a starting balance of £1364.80 our club account finished at £1171.39. This presented a loss of £193.41. Part of this can be accounted for by net fees from the end of 2022 which will be collected soon. Much of the loss is also accounted for by outstanding match and net fees of £135. I fully expect to recover £115 of this, with £20 lost from players unlikely to play for us again. Therefore when this is all recovered, losses for 2022 should be minimal.

Moving into 2023, pitch fees at Maiden Castle will rise again. Pitch fees from MC1 are due to increase from £60 to £70 for T20 matches. Match fees for longer games will remain fixed at £90 (though we didn’t play any of these in 2022). Pitch fees for MC2 are due to increase from £0 to £20 a game. Based on the matches played in 2022 this would add £100 to our season expenses, therefore some planning is required to avoid larger losses in 2023.

To ensure we do not lose money over 2023 there are a few things we can do: while regrettable we may wish to play a couple more matches on MC2 as this is cheaper and does raise money for the club – each match here saves us £50. Once the fixtures are sorted a meeting with the captain and secretary can help plan what is required, and matches to target for this. We can also avoid other expenses (e.g. no bar tabs at the dinner). It may be we wish to ask for a nominal fee for the end of season BBQ to help fund this (e.g. £5 pp). We could also increase match fees to £6 per game, though I would prefer to keep this fixed at £5. I am aware of the challenges of increased fees to everyone at the present time, particularly for our student members.

Despite this the club accounts should remain healthy through the season ahead, and can absorb small losses. Unfortunately, I will have to step down as treasurer, as I am due to take up a new role away from Durham part way through the season (likely June). While exciting, I’ll greatly miss playing with you all, which has been one of the best parts of my time in Durham. I’m happy to keep helping till then if needed, and if you’re ever short for a weekend fixture, let me know!