

## Treasurer's report – Remnants Cricket Club FY 2014

2014 was just about an **OK year** for team finances – allowing, that is, for a most generous £250 donation from Steve Gull. Remember that recurring expenses in 2014 (e.g. balls and kit) were comparatively modest too. If we are looking at trends for our forward planning, it looks to me if the current match fee rates are *not* maintaining our income at a sustainable level. Without donations, and with higher outgoings (for example replacement bats), I think we will be heading for a significant operating loss in 2015.

Note that 2013's match fees/opposition fees income was £2076.50; 2014's was £2422. Note that with the pay-to-play (no subscriptions) model – which is much easier to collect – cancellations from bad weather (or opposition no-shows) have greater effect on team finance. This doesn't matter, of course, if the underlying model is sound enough.

**Nets** continued to run at a deficit; –£102 in 2014 was at least an improvement on 2013. Many thanks to Faruk and Cameron for their work organizing and encouraging people to come to nets this year, with the admirable and surely sensible effect of widening the number of people running the club. I look forward to seeing the nets improve in viability in 2015. Please support the nets Faruk has organized.

**Kit** generally is OK, although pads are quite poor – I over-shortened the straps of a pair that would have gone round the legs of an overweight elephant, with the consequence that they (the pads) now just fall off. I propose we (i.e. me) get a couple of pairs of good ones. Many thanks to Faruk (again!) for dedication above and beyond the call of sanity by dealing with all the nets bag mouse shit.

**Dinner** was enjoyable and (surely) something that builds club spirit. £5 subsidy works well and should be continued, I think, if finances are otherwise sound enough. We may find the prices go up and the menus change in November 2015; the management of the Burleigh Arms has now transferred to the owner of the Old Spring.

Many thanks, as ever, to people who kindly **collect match fees**. 2014 was the smoothest ever. The usual: please record the names of everyone who paid (and how much), with the name of the opposition, ground, the date, and *your name* – I look at this stuff sometimes months afterwards and wonder who/where/what/why/wtf ... In case anyone new gets roped in to do this, the opposition (at Fitz) currently pay £35. Teams where we play away (e.g. Coton) may want to say that we'll mutually *not* charge pitch fees; I prefer we *do*, simply because no one then has to remember any team as being a special case. Please write down

and *let me know* any variations from this. Basic record keeping is hard enough; divination and telepathy are something else ...

Standing request: please don't leave money with Dave Norman or at the bar. Dave looks after us plenty already, so it's not fair to involve him in any more of it. If you're worried about money going astray, keep it at home and just send me an email ([david@therunninghead.com](mailto:david@therunninghead.com)) or text (07880 592706) saying how much – I'll ask you for it later.

Many thanks to all for playing in good spirit and building a fine club, and – particularly – to Dave Norman and Daniel for doing their different kinds of spadework that make it all happen.

David Williams

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