

Suffolk Squash & Racketball

Treasurers Report to Council for meeting dated 15th May 2017

Overall

Our finances continue to be in a solid position but uncertainty surrounding future England Squash support will dictate how much we'll be able to invest in the future. That said I'm pleased to report our current cash reserves (£4.2k) and income streams are steady.

Inter County Weekend

This has been reduced and is at a manageable level moving forward.

Website Expense

It was agreed that the County website and image required a much needed overhaul and as a result, we decided to outsource this work to Conner Nudd. This one off work cost £644 and will not be repeated anytime soon.

Regional Forum/ES Funding

Suffolk took advantage of a grant whereby we had to match fund to a maximum of £2.5k, and I'm pleased to confirm we were successful. As part of the bid we had to commit to further investment in our 'Grass Root' programmes and the overall county development for both adults & juniors.

'Grass Root' Programme - Bursary Scheme

Ten bursaries have been created with a value of £150 each. These have been allocated to ten juniors who require additional help such as 1-2-1 coaching to develop and importantly keep them being active. This will be reviewed annually and all progress reported back in due course.

'Getting Qualified'

Following a review of Suffolk based coaches it was decided to increase the number of active coaches and support those willing to further their careers.

So, we made contact with England Squash and agreed to run a Level 1 Coaching Award during August 2016, and I'm pleased to say that all 11 participants passed. As part of the support we offered to cover 50% of the cost, and the balance if they were willing to support ongoing County activities such as training, events etc.

Next we agreed with England Squash to also run a Level 2 Coaching Award, which attracted another 13 coaches to develop their coaching career. By the close of May 2017 we should be in a position whereby we have 13 new L2 coaches! We are also committed to supporting some of these new coaches by way of covering a % of their course expenses as per above.

Lastly, we have supported both Emily Ison and Josh Turmel with their L3 Coaching Award to the sum of £595 in total.

Events: Junior & Senior Closed Championships, Harrow Cup, Under 11

We need to host and run more events throughout the season to boost income and participation. This form of income is vital if we're to continue growing the number of players playing.

League Fees

These are crucial to our strong financial position and bring in £1,300 per annum for both the summer and winter seasons.