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2024 Treasurer's Report

Like my report in 2023, I'm happy to report that at a high level, DCGBA's accounts are in a better position than they were 12 months ago.

The main account has made a profit of £9,910.01 in 2024, compared to a profit of £6,878.42 in 2023. The improvement revolves around items that we expected to save in 2024, and are outlined in greater detail within this report.

The outgoings of the association within the calendar year were £27,191.14 and with assets totalling £20,832.36, we are much closer to having a full year's funds in hand, which is good practise for financial security.

The rest of this report should be read in conjunction with a copy of the balance sheet, which as 2023 is split into 6 main categories and has a comparison from the previous year against it:

BCGBA

The significant variance is the New Bowler activity, which was all in a separate account in 2023. This adds £7078.25 Income & £5927.00 Expenditure and a profit of £1151.25 of which £495 is held in readiness for paying for the 33 New Bowlers that have been taken but will not be declared to the BCGBA until 31st December 2024. The remainder is the county rebate and registrar's commission for running this activity, previously shown as the Life Membership income of £617 in 2023 (of which £187.50 was overpaid and needed returning to the BCGBA in this financial year).

Other items of note :

- BCGBA Handbooks were reduced in number purchased with no incurred issue.
- Open Competition Certificates, previously funded back to the BCGBA were allowed to stay with the county this year as all activity to complete the task sat with each County Secretary.
- BCGBA League fees increased by 4 (£40 Total) following the correct affiliation for the Burton & District Vets League, the South Derby Vets League, the High Peak League & Arkwright Winter League.
- BCGBA Rebates for Insurance & Club Fees were paid in November rather than December in 2023, which results in two payments from the BCGBA in this calendar year.
- BCGBA Referees costs increased after the decision at the 2023 AGM to subsidise the referee's registration.

The result was an overall profit of £1839.25 in BCGBA compared to a £593.95 profit in 2023

Competitions

This is an area where we traditionally lose money. Entries do not cover the prize money given by the county. Performance was improved in 2024, but is masked on the balance sheet by the Midland Masters financial activity. The DCGBA Account currently holds £371.69 which belongs to the Midland Masters committee, which was transferred from Staffordshire CGBA when I agreed to take Glynn's

responsibility of the secretary of that committee. There are transactions within the DCGBA Accounts that are the collection of fees and payment of prizes for this competition.

Other items of note :

- The World Club Championship made a deficit of £200 compared to a break even in 2023. This was due to the AGM decision in 2023 to pay in full our two annual entries to this competition.
- The County Cup almost broke even compared to a £322.60 loss in 2023. More entries but not enough to trigger the repechage competition which by default saves on prize money.
- The Senior individual merit had more entries but incurred a one-off cost in 2024 due to the AGM decision to pay for the trophy to be refurbished with a new base in memory of Glynn Holmes.
- The Veterans individual merit showed a large improvement. This was due to the questionable food invoice that had to be attributed to the competition in 2023.
- The Mixed Pairs had more entries and as such more prize money was given.
- A small saving on the Junior Merit was achieved due to a prize money amendment.
- The 18-23 competition was of particular annoyance. We only had one entry therefore a competition was not held. The BCGBA asked that we find 3 places for the final which incurred a £60 charge and a Derbyshire individual contacted Phil Scott, British Parks, who promised the individual a finals place. As their primary county we incurred the extra £20. A discussion with the individual involved did result in a offer to pay the £20. It hasn't been invoiced.

The result was an overall deficit of £1079.71 compared to a 2023 deficit of £1984.85, accepting that £371.69 belongs to the Midland Masters.

County Matches

All activity within this section is loss making and is traditionally recouped with player county fees. The deficit isn't as large in 2024 due to the Senior County side not being as successful in 2023, only playing 3 matches and the supplementary competition, rather than 5 full county games in 2023 where they reached the Crossfield Cup final.

All costs went down proportionally despite travelling to Cumbria in June.

The only increase was travelling to the Junior 6 Player competition that wasn't held in 2023.

We still managed to win £450 for winning the BCGBA Supplementary at Florence Private in the Potteries. Well done guys.

No shirts were purchased in 2024, and this may well be required in 2025. Stocks are low and we do look somewhat dated compared to some other counties these days. (Especially by the North Derbyshire Ladies new snazzy shirts).

The result was an overall deficit of £2869.12 on county match activity compared to a 2023 deficit of £3822.14.

Development

Financially our development structure requires questioning and probably some kind of sub-group formed before the new season. Income into the development section of the accounts is achieved by £0.50 of the £2.50 county player fee, which is a sound principle – all bowlers contributing to the development of the game in our county.

The issue is that this 'ringfenced income' doesn't match the outgoing activity and hence isn't spent each year. The only development activity in 2023 was the Safeguarding courses completed by Elaine Rigby & Paul Ashmore at the beginning of the season, which pretty much paid for themselves and a single request from the Burton Development Group for bowls equipment.

The result was an overall profit of £2087.83 compared to a £1853.51 in 2023. In 2025 we should be looking to achieve more and as such spend more. This is further emphasized at the BCGBA where a new Development Strategy may result in a further player fee going to the governing and being returned to each county ringfenced specifically for development.

County

The day-to-day running of the county is where most improvements have been made in 2024. This is masked somewhat by two facts :

- In 2023 only £417.51 was paid to Glynn for his services which would have normally been in the region of £1350. The payment to myself for 2023 activity, that was agreed by the 2023 AGM, like all officer payments, fall into the next years accounts once they are agreed at the AGM.
- County Player fees have been taken with a greater science/accuracy in 2024 which has reduced the income by just under £1200.

Many of the savings have been incurred due to bringing the secretary/treasurer activity up to date. We haven't incurred as much cost on postage, stationary, travel, computer issues and phone calls when compared to previous years.

Other items of note:

- There were no outstanding club fees in 2024. In 2023 that resulted in a £341.50 income.
- Account Checker expenses were donated back to the organisation in the 2023 accounts (2022 season).

The result is a profit of £9,462.91 in 2024, compared to £10,329.85 in 2023. It remains a fact that the £2.00 county player fee, with was responsible for £9,782 allows the county to function and make loses in other areas.

Miscellaneous

These are worth explaining individually:

- The first three lines in Miscellaneous are an accounting tool to track money going from the bank account being transferred into petty cash. Such transactions are an expenditure from the bank account and an income into petty cash, so they should always balance. The cash is then spent for other purposes already covered in other areas of the balance sheet.
In 2023 Glynn moved £6550 from the Bank Account and turned it into cash for other purposes. That figure in 2024 has been deliberately reduced to £1,110 to try to increase the visibility of fund transactions. If it were not for the Senior Individual Merit, where cash prizes were given to most of the field, this figure would be further reduced.
There is an opposite transaction with Neil Pickering regarding the Vets Merit surplus.
- G.Holmes – Cash return is only on this years balance sheet due to activity in 2023. This did not occur in 2024.
- G Holmes - Postage Income (Chesterfield Clubs), again is only visible due to the 2023 activity. This extra £1.00 charge to all Chesterfield Clubs was removed in 2024.
- A payment error and it's return defined so the accounts balance against the transactions.
- Vice President Donations fell in 2024 compared to 2023. It's a donation, not an invoiceable fee.
- Barclays Union Trust hasn't given as good a return as 2023.
- Interests on the varying accounts is on a par with 2023.
- The BCGBA Poster, the idea of Steve Barber & Michelle Conway, was paid for by Derbyshire and funds returned by the BCGBA.

The change of funds movement in this area is very significant to the balance sheet, but the overall result on profit and loss is very small, as it should be in Miscellaneous. 2024 saw a profit of £468.85 against a loss in 2023 of £91.90.

I'd like to thank the people who helped me complete the accounts during 2024, primarily to all club Secretaries & Treasurers for organising timely payments and embracing a different way of taking player fees, with the majority of those being taken towards the end of the year. I'm happy to report that taking these funds across August to October didn't give the association any cash flow issues. Completing this exercise at the same time a trying to cleanse all DCGBA clubs in the BCGBA Just Go system did result in invoices going out late to many clubs. For that I apologise.

A special thank you to Ed Furniss, who took on the role of County Registrar after the resignation of Ian Wallis, who I personally believe has been very lucky to not receive any county sanctions being made against him for removal of county funds without authorisation. A special thank you to Michelle Conway for helping me with that situation and ensuring all funds were returned.

As the accounts are in a better situation, now is the time to split the New Bowler activity back out of the main account and into its own bank account. I'm happy to report that the Lloyds Bank Account, originally opened by Glynn for development funds has now been sorted for this very purpose. Accessibility has finally been concluded with Lloyds in recent days. The movement of the £595 for outstanding bowlers (£495) & float (£100) to this account will be an early job for the Treasurer in the next financial year.

A final thanks to John Bennison and Neil Pickering for checking the accounts, in particular to Neil who stepped in to replace Graham Jackson, who continues to struggle with his health. Hope you get well soon dad.

I'll conclude with, if the current financial model is likely to raise circa £8,000 - £10,000 per annum, we should be planning for the better use of funds to the benefit of the county, its clubs, current and future bowlers.

Calvin Jackson 06/12/2024