

Honorary Treasurer's Report to AGM 2016

Worcestershire Association of Cricket Officials

In truth I have very little to report to the AGM this year. After all the initial reorganising and consolidation of my first two years as Acting and then Honorary Treasurer, I can say that 2016 has run smoothly.

In my first year, at the AGM in 2014, the Association had a bank balance of around £4400, on an income of £3500. Last year we had a balance of £4800 with an income of £4400 and this year, you will see from the Statement of Accounts, we have a balance in excess of £5800 from an income of £4700.

Expenses have again been kept under control with £987.85 claimed this year compared to nearly £2000 back in 2014. As usual travel is the biggest cost but down from last year by about £200.

Membership has grown modestly this year too, in part thanks to a more consistent training programme and better retention, plus number of new umpires who have moved into the County. The August ECB ACO list of umpires & scorer attributed to Worcester shows 127 umpires & 28 scorers.

This year marks a downturn though, in the number of fixtures we have been asked to officiate at, for the Worcestershire Cricket Board. At the end of August last year I had paid out around £9400 to umpires on behalf of the Board. This year, at the same point, I have made payments of just under £7000. A much higher payout has been made this season to scorers but this is due to the increase in the use of out of county scorers and travel allowances, used by both the Board and the WCCC Academy, which I was asked to include in the MEO scheme this year.

As ever, my heartfelt thanks go to Geoff Gilbert for his supreme help with the MEO scheme and to Mike Greenfield for scrutinising the accounts so promptly and efficiently.