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ACCSO Treasurer's Report 2025

Dear ACCSO Club Officials and Members,

Please find attached the financial statements for the past year and the projected budget for the coming season, presented here for your review before the Annual General Meeting. I must express my regrets once again for the delay in distributing these documents. Significant demands from my professional life unfortunately overlapped with the preparation period, preventing an earlier submission (more on that below).

While our fiscal health remained robust over the last period, we are facing a significant financial turning point. We must now exercise prudence as the long-standing financial backing from Blevins-Franks has come to an end. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for the stability that their generous sponsorship provided our association for so many years.

The quality of our league relies heavily on the dedication of our volunteers. We offer wholehearted thanks and sincere appreciation to the dedicated 'ACCSO Pool' Umpires who travel to officiate competition matches but waive their claims to expenses they incur, effectively donating them to the club. Further, I am delighted to highlight a positive shift this season. We have seen a rise in the number of home teams providing non-playing umpires and scorers. The scheme was originally meant to cover only the ACCSO League Competition. However, further encourage participation, we have also decided *post hoc* to offer these incentives for the Cup and T20 (per day) competitions when non-playing match officials were provided by clubs. We propose to continue these financial incentives for the coming 2026 season. The goal remains to assist clubs to offset costs associated with participation in the competitions while fostering a group of qualified officials.

As you know, my term as the ACCSO Treasurer comes to an end this year. Increasing demands on my time due to professional and family commitments mean that I find it more and more difficult to devote the time needed to fulfil this important function fully and on time. I am afraid that I can no longer commit to another full two-year term as ACCSO Treasurer but can continue for one more year if required as a temporary measure until a more permanent arrangement is found. Irrespective of these arrangements, I would like to assure you of my commitment to an orderly hand over to the next Treasurer-elect and share any knowledge I have that may help them to fulfil their responsibilities to the fullest.

I'd like to add a note of thanks to Peter Townsend for his diligent maintenance of the ACCSO website and for the donation of the related costs. Finally, I wish to acknowledge my colleagues on the ACCSO Bureau for their support and guidance throughout the year, not to mention stimulating discussions on cricket and other matters besides.

Sincerely,

Mehul Dhorda

Treasurer

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