

ASSOCIATION DES CLUBS DE CRICKET DU SUD OUEST

Siège social : Hôtel des Associations - 47160 DAMAZAN



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Treasurer's Report 2011

The profit and loss statement and the balance sheet for the 12 month period from 1st November 2010 to 31st October 2011 have been published via the ACCSO website. The figures have been reconciled with our bank statements to include cheques written but not yet presented to the bank.

Income

The direct support of €2000 from Siddalls (as well as their funding of the costs of the Siddalls Cup Final) is the mainstay of our income and we will continue to work closely with them to develop cricket within the region. France Cricket have made a significant contribution by refunding expenses associated with youth teams which has greatly benefited development and have refunded some of the costs of the National and Super Leagues that ACCSO incurs as well as agreeing to contribute € 400 towards the costs of the Junior Coach training to be held in Toulouse and St Aulaye in Nov/Dec this year.

Following advice from the bank our deposit account has been changed to a Livret A giving slightly better interest in the future as well as avoiding any possibility of a tax claim.

Fortunately a significant majority of umpires either make no claim or donate their travel costs saving the Association around € 4000 in cash costs. This donation system, applicable only to charities and sports associations, has been successfully defended by the Minister of Sport Chantal Jouanno, as it was part of the review of "niches fiscales" identified by the Gov't for elimination.

Total income excluding donations of € 2950 is significantly below budget due to the lack of female and reduction in junior and NL costs refundable by FC. It closely matches cash expenses.

The association is holding € 1850 on behalf of Tarn CC intended for future club support.

Expenses

Income exceeds expenditure by € 3 against a budgeted deficit of € 290. Administration costs are almost zero due to the use of e-mail for communication and the generosity of Bureau members in supplying stamps, paper, web-site fees and other items free of charge. We have a balance of 10 red balls for use in 2012 – 2 boxes of indoor yellow balls were bought for the indoor events.

75% of the regular umpires have elected not to claim any expenses or have decided to receive a donation certificate to use with their 2012 tax return. There has been a significant increase in the level of donations + 66% and in cash payments + 77% - probably due to umpires travelling longer distances to meet the 2 neutral umpire policy. This may need review together with the use of umpires from outside the ACCSO region.

Balance Sheet

Cash in hand of € 3833 at 31st October 2011 (excluding Tarn CC funds) is similar to levels over the past few years.

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Budget 2012

A budget will be prepared for the 2012 season at the AGM. Siddalls advise that they have budgeted € 2000 as in 2011 but their budget is yet to be approved. If members remain within France Cricket then refunding of junior events and NL final rounds, if played, is likely to continue. Membership dues for 2012 have already been paid by the 10 ACCSO member clubs.

It is highly unlikely that FC will supply balls for a competition unless it is part of an agreed national programme. Balls were obtained for the Siddalls Cup from Sports HQ UK at a very attractive rate this year – this might not be the case in 2012. Some small saving may be possible on the local distribution costs.

It is suggested that up to € 450 is allocated in the junior development costs to cover the expenses not covered by the FC subvention but the clubs and individuals involved must make an effort to reduce this by seeking other subventions or taking payment by the donation certificate method.

Other matters

On the assumption that cash costs continue to be in the region of € 3000 - 3500p.a. as in the past and that FC continues to reimburse some of the expenses we have sufficient reserves to continue our traditional activities during 2012 – 2015.

Despite the continuing Eurozone crisis and the increasing level of expenditure reduction needed in France it is also assumed that the system for donating umpiring travel costs will remain part of the Gov't policy and will continue to be used by most SW umpires.

If any of these assumptions is incorrect we will need to review the situation.

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