

SOUTH EAST CROQUET FEDERATION

Treasurers Report for AGM November 2023

The accounts for the year ending 30 September 2023 show a deficit for the year of £232. (2022 Surplus £645)

Our membership for 2023 was 38 clubs, after Dogmersfield (based in Hampshire), left us.

Our major income and expenditure arises from our competitions, particularly our tournaments. All competitions are team events, not individual.

The income shows an increase this year, partly due to a small rise in some entry fees (in anticipation of increased lawn hire costs) and partly to entries in some tournaments getting back towards pre covid levels. We kept tournament entry dates open as long as possible to encourage late entries. It is encouraging that some clubs entered a competition for the first time, while others entered again after a break of several years. Please refer to the League & Tournament Report for more detail of entry levels

The event costs reflect a significant rise in our tournament lawn hire costs, plus additional lawns used where entry numbers had increased

A development grant for assistance towards Merton's irrigation system was paid out during the year, following their successful bid to the CA for support. Additionally this year, SECF agreed to support two other claims for irrigation projects, at Guildford & Godalming and Littlehampton. Although in both cases, the installations were mainly in place by our year end, there were a few outstanding issues remaining before the project completion, and thus a final claim, could be signed off. Note 3 to the accounts highlights the SECF commitment to these grants totalling £1,000, which effectively reduces our available carry forward balance to £5,168.

Enquiries about development support should be submitted through Mike Akester, our Development Officer. SECF is willing to consider requests for development grants from member clubs, normally as additional to their claims submitted to the CA.

SECF continues to offer support in the training of coaches and referees. This is by way of a subsidy, in addition to that offered by the CA, to SECF club members completing a CA Coaching or Referee qualification course. This year, 17 coaches and 2 referees benefitted from this subsidy. Further support came by SECF paying the CA entry fee for our clubs representing SECF in the CA Federation Cup and Secretary Shield competitions.

David King, Treasurer Nov 2023