

## Treasurer's Report

Our accounts this year are somewhat distorted by us having two league seasons in one financial year but as you can see we ended with a more than healthy surplus. We didn't buy any trophies this financial year either, and that is usually a large expense.

Accordingly, we don't intend to increase our membership fees again for next season, nor the team entry fees. However, news has just emerged that England Netball are increasing their fees to £37.50 (from £36) for Over 18s, £17.00 (from £16.30) for Under 18s, £8.90 (from £8.55) for U14s and £5.50 (£5.30) for U11s. Also, we are going to increase our deposits on a sliding scale to cover the games conceded by clubs. For up to 2 teams, the deposit will remain at £100 per club, for three to four teams the deposit will be £150, and five or more teams, it will be £200.00. As you know, you get the deposit back at the end of the season if it hasn't been used.

The County is in extreme need of more umpires and coaches. We realise that the cost of the courses is an impediment to many of you and would like to emphasise that the County has funds to assist you in gaining awards. Application forms can be found on the website; please encourage your members - it benefits your club and Essex Met.

There's not much more to say, but thank you to Club Secretaries and Treasurers for promptly paying invoices sent to you and for (mostly) giving me time to process new membership cards. Please understand that my view of the County membership in ENgage is updated about 24 hours after the payment so if you need a membership card swiftly, please send me a copy of the England Netball receipt.

I also thank my fellow Executive Committee members who continue to work hard on our behalf.

I have been on the Committee since 1983 and I very much enjoy supporting Essex Met. However, it would be nice if anyone were to express an interest in taking over the post of Treasurer or League Organiser. May be shadow for a season?

On the subject of League Organisation, we have been very fortunate that Horizon have not yet taken down their website so we have been able to upload our results in a timely fashion in a very detailed way. I wait, with trepidation, for the occasion on which 'the computer says, "No"' and we have to find a different way of publishing our schedules and results. The fixture dates for next season have proved very problematical with the unavailability of Redbridge Sports Centre on our 'usual' fixture dates. This is partly due to the fact that the Badminton Association changed its year from Sep - Aug to Jan - Dec and were able to increase their bookings, thus Redbridge are unable to accommodate us, even just on the outside courts. We were left with the decision of moving several dates to clash with the Regional League. We realise that this might well mean that teams the higher divisions won't be playing on the same day as the rest of the League and we ask that those teams advise us as soon as possible so that Redbridge can sort out their billing accordingly.

Very best wishes for the summer, and for the 2022-2023 Season.

Maggie