



British Universities Tenpin Bowling Association

Treasurer's Report for the season 2015/16



TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE SEASON 2015/2016.

1. Comments on the season

- 1.1** We have seen a distinct change on the tour this year. The realities of losing the BUCS sanction has started to bite in terms of student numbers which are significantly down on the previous year.
- 1.2** The Ex-student numbers have declined but not as sharply as the student numbers we have seen some additions to the tour who have not previously bowled before. This is a good sign and it is hoped that with increasing the awareness of the ex-student tour by holding events such as the Airport BTBA Ranking Doubles; more ex-students who have not previously bowled will join the tour.
- 1.3** It is a concern however that the falling student numbers will eventually have a knock-on effect on the Ex-student tour and there steps need to be taken to assist student clubs where necessary

2. Plans for the future

- 2.1** BUTBA aims to continue to provide outstanding opportunities for students and ex-students to engage in the tenpin bowling through higher education.
- 2.2** The End of Season Meeting established a significant change to the tour to provide distinctly separate events for students and ex-students which will hopefully mean that some events on the calendar will cater specifically to the differing priorities of each group.
- 2.3** A change on eligibility means that for some events in the 16/17 season will see students and ex-student bowling in the same teams which it is hoped it will increase relations between students and ex-students which has not always been apparent.
- 2.4** The introduction of a midlands based tour for the students around our existing clubs with the provision for satellite events at newer or returning clubs is a good one. It is hoped that with the locations being closer to clubs and with the cost of these events set to drop to around £20, this will encourage more participation.
- 2.5** In addition, the facility for ex-students to have longer, more expensive events with higher prize funds and more difficult oil patterns will hopefully appeal to those ex-students who are looking for something different.
- 2.6** The cup will also return in a Baker format where teams will bowl at their home centre and submit scores once per week to the treasurer with a final weekend for the top 6 teams. It is hoped that clubs who do not currently participate due to transport issues and location would participate in this event. It is not proposed to charge an entry fee for this competition.

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Year ended 30 August 2016

Income & Expenditure Account

<u>INCOME</u>	Notes	£	£
Tournament Fees			12,240.60
Membership Fees			
- Student			86.00
- Ex-student			108.00
Total Income			12,434.60

EXPENDITURE

Tournament Costs	1	12,604.23
Levy Payments	2	(409.70)
Total Expenditure		12,194.60

Net Profit **240.00**

P & L Notes

1. Tournament Fees	
- Lineage	8,199.40
- Prize fund	2,729.60
- Host Contributions	161.00
- Event Expenses	360.70
- Master Levy	252.00
- Development Levy	265.50
- Rankings Levy	168.00
- Team England Levy	<u>468.00</u>
	12,604.23
2. Levy Payments	
- Masters	283.30
- Rankings	(169.00)
- Club Development	(58.00)
- BTBA	<u>(466.00)</u>
	(409.70)

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Balance Sheet

<u>FUNDS</u>	NOTES	2016		2015	
		£	£	£	£
- Ex-Student	1	753.05		301.35	
- Student	1	704.99		275.29	
- Rankings	2	0.63		1.63	
- Masters	3	-		31.30	
- Club Development	4	541.50		478.00	
- BTBA Team England	5	-		(2.00)	
- Rep Squad	1	-		687.39	
- Ball	6	17.37		17.37	
- Tournament Account	7	30.95		39.28	
			2048.48		1829.61

Represented by:

Assets

Cash at Bank and on Hand:		2,702.38		1829.61	
Prepayments:	8	<u>81.10</u>			
<u>Total Assets</u>			2,783.48		1829.61

Liabilities

Refunds	7	(100.00)			
BTBA		(466.00)			
Rankings Trophies		(169.00)			
<u>Total Liabilities</u>			(735.00)		
Net Assets:			2048.48		1829.61

Notes accompanying the Balance Sheet

1. Ex-Student & Student Funds

1.1. Both funds have shown a decrease from last season; the students worryingly so:

1.1.1. Paid up Ex-student members for 2014/15 totalled 86 members.

1.1.2. Paid up Ex-student members for 2015/16 totalled 54 members.

1.1.3. Student membership for 2014/15 was 147 members.

1.1.4. Student membership for 2015/16 was 43 members.



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- 1.2. Both membership funds have benefitted however from the redistribution of the Rep Squad funds equally.
- 1.3. As a result, it has been determined that memberships for the 2016/17 year shall be reduced to £1 per person.

2. OOM Fund

- 2.1. The fund raised £168 this year. From next year there will be 10 ranking tables with awards available to each table. The treasurer is not satisfied that the current levy will be sufficient for its purpose and propose to increase this by £0.25 to £1 per person per event.

3. Masters Fund

- 3.1. The fund was used to lower the cost of entries by approximately £8 per bowler. This enabled us to run an event at £25 per head. The treasurer feels that the levy is sufficient for its purpose and propose no changes to its current level of £0.75 per bowler per event.

4. Club Development Fund

- 4.1. The Club Development Fund has been used in two ways this year:
 - 4.1.1. Firstly to reduce entry to the Fresher's event by 50% for the first team. £72 was utilised this way
 - 4.1.2. Secondly, £130 was distributed to Birmingham, Nottingham and Loughborough. Worcester applied to the fund and was accepted but did not provide bank details to distribute the funds to.
- 4.2. In terms of part 2, the fund was distributed in January relating to expenditure incurred in October. This needs to be rectified and it is suggested that the new Vice-chair who is now responsible for club development should introduce a mechanism where clubs can get funds no later than 2 weeks after an application has been accepted.
- 4.3. The treasurer recommends that there should be a second element to the fund where clubs can get access throughout the year as and when required. This was mooted in the previous committee but no plans were finalised.
- 4.4. The treasurer also recommends an increase of £0.25 to £1 per bowler per event as if this fund is utilised more, then we should look to increase the amount of funds going into it. It also acts as a re-distribution of funds from those universities who enter more teams to newer and smaller universities who are developing and require assistance.

5. BTBA

- 5.1. The BTBA fund raised more money this year than in previous years due to the Airport BTBA ranking event where a £5 levy per bowler was in force.
- 5.2. The deficit from the previous year has been reversed in the payment to the BTBA which was £466 for the 2014/15 year.

6. Ball

- 6.1. No ball has been held this year but I understand that one is in the pipeline to be held to encompass an introductory event and the Start of Season meeting.

7. Tournament Account

- 7.1. The tournament account was tricky to balance this year as a lot of the events were not full and required a late change in format and/or lineage which affected costs on the day.



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- 7.2.** Birmingham and Chesterfield were particularly poorly attended with only 6 and 5 teams respectively. This was mainly because the events clashed with Midland and Southern Scratch leagues where BUTBA has 3 representative teams participating.
- 7.3.** It is recommended that the Tournament Co-ordinator either notifies Colin Laing of our dates well in advance of him finalising the MSL/SSL dates or alternatively, await until after his dates are finalised and ensure our weekends do not clash.
- 7.4.** Most events were dealt with by a reduction in prize fund and or lineage. However, due to Chesterfield being so under attended, the number of games to make it a viable event was dramatically reduced which resulted in a £100 refund of entry to participating teams.

8. Prepayments

- 8.1.** The challenge match medals were ordered at a price of £81.10 but did not arrive on time. Therefore substitute medals from personal collections were used instead.
- 8.2.** The original medals have now been delivered and because the engraving states '2016'; they can be used for the 16/17 season, perhaps with a small additional cost to alter the engraving.

9. State of Funds

- 9.1.** There stands three funds with a reasonable amount of money in it which makes up nearly the entire assets of BUTBA:

9.1.1. Student Fund: £753.05

9.1.2. Ex-Student Fund: £704.99

9.1.3. Club Development Fund: £541.50

- 9.2.** The treasurer recommends that these funds be used to try and stimulate participation in the events for 16/17 in the following ways:

9.2.1. First, the Club development fund of £541.50:

9.2.1.1. To subsidise the Fresher's event, but this time for 75% of each universities first team and perhaps 25% for each team thereafter;

9.2.1.2. To assist clubs with recruitment costs. This year there were 3 levels of assistance depending on what level of support was required. This was an excellent idea and we had 4 applications of which all were agreed but only 3 were paid due to the length of time required to pay it. As suggested at 4.2 above; this needs to be reduced a suggested time of no longer than 2 weeks after approval;

9.2.1.2.1. This scheme should also be publicised at the Start of Season meeting, if not before so potentially clubs can have the money prior to expenditure;

9.2.1.3. There should also be a secondary fund which can be applied for usage by universities throughout the year for other costs. I do not have any suggestions at the present time by will leave this for the vice-chair to come up with suggestions.

9.2.2. Second, the Student fund of £753.05

9.2.2.1. The treasurer is of the opinion that this should be used for a subsidy of some sort to larger events that require 4 or 5 people which bring with it increased transport costs (as more than one vehicle is used).



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9.2.2.2. There should be a facility that for one event per year, each university can apply for a subsidy to be used to attend these events to either cover transportation hire costs (either mini-bus or hire car) or to reduce their lineage.

9.2.3. Lastly the Ex-student fund of £704.99

9.2.3.1. The ex-students tend to struggle less with transportation due to most of them being in work. However, with the development this year of mixed teams of students and ex-student for at least two events; maybe some of this fund can be used to encourage mixed teams. Say for every team which involves a student and ex-student; the entry fee will be reduced by £5 per person.

9.2.3.2. Also, the Ex-students have asked for increased prize funds for cash events. The Treasurer recommends that for the ex-student only events this year, of which there will be at least 4; the treasurer recommends that £50 should be added to the prize fund of each event to boost participation and keep entry fees around the £35 mark.

9.2.3.3. Alternatively, there is a possibility that some of the ex-student events shall be open to adult teams. In these events as subsidising the prize fund could benefit non-members; perhaps the prize fund element of the ex-student teams could be subsidised instead so that ex-student only teams will pay less in entry than their adult counterparts.

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