



ECCLES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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2020/21 SEASON AGM

TREASURER'S REPORT

The last season must be one of the most difficult seasons the club has had to endure during its history.

There was no proper rugby played and the club was closed for large parts of the year. This meant many of our income streams came under pressure, particularly bar sales, but thanks to support from the government, RFU and Lancashire RFC together with our own sponsors and members the club has survived and is now in a good position to move forward.

It was thought appropriate this year not to add to the astro turf accrual as this is currently well over funded and as a result we have achieved a small profit at the end of the year.

BAR:- As the club was closed with very little notice in March 2020 we had to dispose of stock which had become un-saleable and although we did receive some support from Heineken it did not cover the whole cost. However, the club was able to claim furlough allowances from the government to enable us to retain our staff throughout the close down. This amounted to just over £15,000.

PLAYING:- Most members continued to pay their subscriptions throughout the year which helped the finances enormously. We were also able to use grant funding to bring forward the preparation of our playing pitches, the benefits of which are now visible to all.

FUNDRAISING ETC:- With no international matches being played the income we generated through ticket sales and sponsorship disappeared but a superb Crowdfunding programme raised over £40,000 which will enable a number of projects to go ahead that will benefit the club going forward.

OTHER INCOME:- Despite losing the income from Sale Sharks for hiring the conference room we offset this with much higher income from the astro pitch and the fact that many of our programme and pitch side advertisers still continued their support.

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CLUB HOUSE, MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS:- Costs have been closely monitored during the period and you would expect to see a reduction due to the fall in activity. However, this reduction has been aided by the utilisation of support monies which has allowed us to purchase a new tiling system, provide adequate Covid protection and install a new defibrillator without any impact upon the bottom line.

The club starts the 2021/22 season in a reasonably healthy position, grants and fundraising will allow a number of projects to go ahead which will improve what the club has to offer. There are also reserves available which might be needed if either lockdowns are extended or brought back or we struggle with numbers when we return to rugby.

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