



ECCLES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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2019/20 SEASON AGM

Treasurer's Report

Despite the fact that the season ended 6 weeks prematurely there was an excess of income over expenditure of £507. This resulted from the following:-

BAR:- Sales were marginally below last year, however, at the end of February we were 6% up on the previous year. We also managed to increase the gross margin by almost four points

PLAYING:- Playing subscriptions increased substantially following the introduction of the new system of collection instigated by Heather and Mark B. We also received a number of payments from the RFU which have been included here as they were not specifically identified when they appeared in our bank account.

FUND RAISING, SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS:- Sponsorship has fallen this year due to a number of reasons, one sponsor dropped out, the Autumn internationals in 2019 were not as successful as usual and there were only two home six nation matches in Spring 2020, this also had an impact on the profit on International Tickets.

OTHER INCOME:- The income from pitch hire is down on last year, partially due to the fact we closed the facility in March but primarily the installation of the new surface meant the closure of the pitch for some time throughout the summer. The hire of the clubhouse has also fallen due to Sale Sharks cancelling their use of our facilities for their HITZ programme.

CLUB HOUSE, MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS:- Costs have been closely monitored and savings made where possible.

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During the year the new astro pitch surface was installed. The RFU contributed towards the cost and after meeting the balance we are still left with a considerable balance on the accrual. We also accepted a £35,000 interest free loan from the RFU and are, therefore, fortunate to have substantial reserves in hand to meet the challenges going forward.

There are a number of issues facing the club as we move into the year 2020/21 as it is not clear when we will be able to start playing competitive rugby again, November is currently the projected date. Fortunately the club has been successful in obtaining two significant grants totalling just over £30,000, £25,000 from the government via Salford Council and £5190 from Sport England lottery funding which will cover the fixed running costs for some time, however, we are mindful that the club will be unlikely to receive any income from the Autumn internationals and this will impact on our sponsorship income. The finance committee are mindful of the challenges ahead and will be planning accordingly.

Mike Bateman, Eccles RFC Hon. Treasurer

Monday 27th July 2020

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