Oxfordshire Chess Association Treasurer's Report to 2025 AGM

Historically we have had a very big balance, which we have been slowly spending down, as our outgoings exceeded our income. We allocated £1800 for development, of which we have now spent £1225 on clocks, leaving £575 available.

I suggest that once that development fund has been spent, we should aim for a balance of approximately £1000 at the start of each season. This consists of £500 for cash flow purposes (money paid out by the OCA during the season and only reimbursed to it later), plus £500 for any emergency/unanticipated expenses. This tallies well with our current balance.

Following our decision to spend money on development, the recent authorisation of a few additional regular expenses, and the inevitable upward creep in all costs, we have now reached the point where our expected outgoings are considerably greater than our income, and it is time to make adjustments. Affiliation fees have remained at their current level for many years and could now be increased.

Our sole **net income** is £10 per team affiliation fees, so £260 in 2024-25.

Expected regular **net expenses** are £140 trophies, £75 Oxfordfusion website, £60 hall hire, £40 miscellaneous. Total **£315**. (There had been a significant additional item, namely £200 previously allocated by the OCA to a new county tournament website. However, at the spring 2025 committee meeting, John Carter explained that he did not anticipate that this money would be required after all.)

I recommend increasing affiliation fees to £15 per six-person team and £10 per four-person team to bring our income and expenses in line.

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