**Oxfordshire Chess Association**

**Treasurer’s Report on 2017-18 Season**

(revision 1 dated 7 Sep 2018)

1. The enclosed spreadsheet makes alarming reading at first sight. However, this Report will, I hope, make clear the underlying problems.
2. The accounts are made up to 31 August 2018, and do not disclose transactions made since then. Thus they do not show a few last minute adjustments. On the **credit** side, I have banked £150.00 being the receipts for three Rose Hill county matches, plus £64.00 from the Cowley Chess Club in respect of its share of ECF charges for the use of unregistered players for the 2017-18 season. On the **debit** side, they do not show a cheque I have written to the ECF for £476.00 in respect of the total charges levied on the OCA for this season.
3. The first (and comparatively minor) problem concerns late payment by clubs of League affiliation fees, currently set at £10 per team entered. Only one club (Banbury) has paid so far for this season, and did so back in October. The other two payments related to the 2016-17 season. The OCA is thus owed the following amounts in regard to affiliation fees:

**For the season 2015-16:**

University £30.00

**For the season 2016-17:**

University £30.00

**For the season 2017-18:**

University £30.00

City £30.00

Witney £40.00

Didcot £40.00 (payment pending)

Wantage £20.00

Bicester £20.00

Cumnor £20.00

MCS £10.00

Abingdon £10.00

Cowley Workers £10.00

Total affiliation fees outstanding = **£290.00**

To a large extent, this has been my fault, as I have not chased club treasurers for the money. Unfortunately, while I have the time to keep a careful record of OCA income and expenditure, I do not have enough for this sort of fund-raising, and must rely on clubs to send the money!

1. The second (and more substantial) problem concerns OCA liability to the ECF for the use by clubs of unregistered players in graded matches. This creates a quite unnecessary accounting burden on the OCA treasurer, who again hasn’t got the time to dissect the blanket ECF request into separate club liabilities and chase the respective treasurers. Again, Banbury sets an example by not using unregistered players and so not incurring a charge. The OCA is currently owed the following amounts in this regard:

**For the season 2015-16:**

University £55.00

**For the season 2016-17:**

University £280.00

For the season 2017-18:

University £176.00

Abingdon School £57.00

Bicester £9.50

Cowley £64.00 (already paid)

Cowley Workers £32.00

Cumnor £16.00

Didcot £41.50 (payment pending)

MCS £32.00

City £32.00

Witney £16.00

Total arrears owed to OCA from University = **£395.00**

Total owed by OCA to ECF = **£476.00** (paid)

1. It is evident that if all affiliation and ECF arrears were paid, we would be £625.00 better off, clearing the deficit for 2017-18. If it could further happen that clubs could settle the coming season’s affiliation fees promptly, along with their liabilities for ECF charges for 2017-18, our finances would be back in balance.
2. I therefore see no reason to increase the affiliation fee of £10.00 per team, as the underlying balance of income and expenditure is satisfactory.

I will be on holiday for 14 days from Saturday 8 September, returning on 22 September. I will have no email connection, but can be reached by text on 07505 799021 to answer any questions.

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