

Coaching Account Report

The coaching programme is going well and the number of pupils has remained fairly constant (we have lost some older children but the number of children in the mini tennis has increased making Saturday mornings very busy!)

In the accounting year of 1st September 2008 to 31st August 2009 we had an excess of income over expenditure of £2,102.58. This is not a true reflection of the yearly accounts because the main club had not been paid the membership money owing and there were other outstanding bills that needed paying (if these had been paid the coaching account would have become overdrawn). Money was due to the coaching account from the LTA and this, together with late coaching fees, enabled the bills to be paid. As noted in the accounts audit the coaching account has a cash flow problem due to no longer having a large enough 'float'. If all late income and expenditure were to be taken into account, the coaching account would have made a profit of £242.08. It must be further noted that we also benefited from a one-off LTA payment of £1,000 to assist with paying the coaching retainer.

There are many large expenses, other than just the coaching wages, that need to be paid using the coaching fees including the retainer, running the performance programme, the school links programme and tournaments. Some help towards the funding of these is given by the LTA as well as the main club (see accounts) but the programme does really need further assistance.

It is hopefully appreciated that the coaching programme is an extremely important asset to the club and can be used by both junior and adult members.

The coaching fees have recently been increased (bringing them in line with other fees in the area) and it is probable that any further immediate increases would be counter-productive. The wages for the coaches have been increased (they hadn't been increased for 8 years and were well below the current market rate)

The collecting and registering of fees has been improved over the last year and has made my life a little easier.

The junior members of the coaching programme contribute some £5,000 to the main club in membership fees (some juniors pay directly to the main club and some parents join to enable their children to have free membership)

Susan Mansfield