



Finance Report for 2024 YDL AGM

I have been in the role of financial officer since January and the transition has seemed pretty straightforward. One of the first actions I took on beginning the role was to move the accounting to a software package (Sage Cloud) this was to help keep all transactions accurate and easy to understand for anyone else wanting to view them. The software is linked to the YDL bank account so no transactions can be missed now from the accounts, and it is much easier to check that what we have on file matches the bank account.

The final examined accounts are included with this report and show that we made a very small loss last year. Last year we received a £25,000 grant from England Athletics, without this we would have operated at a much larger loss. However, we do have good reserves in the savings account and could continue to operate for several years without the grant, but we have been assured the grant will also be awarded to us for this coming year.

Team Fees/membership

I am proposing for next year that we keep the current level of support for clubs hosting and keep the membership fees at the same price as this year. We do have a reserve in the savings account so that would cover any increases in clubs claiming more for the extra technological elements of hosting.

With the age group changes coming in to force in 2026 we do not feel like we should really start making too many changes financially until we know what 2026 will look like.

While the cost of hosting is higher than we can help cover we do feel that as a league this is still more than many other athletic leagues offer with most not offering any support with hosting at all.

An example of a hosting claim is below:

A host of a 6-team match could claim:

£375 (Fixed)

£240 (Variable – supporting officials, £40 per team)

£360 (maximum claim for Precision Measurement)

£975 Total Claim Possible

Last year we paid a total out of £95.060 in hosting support.





The one area I would like to offer more help with is the travelling expense incurred with attending matches especially for clubs that have to travel far for all their matches, this is something I will spend the year looking at and speaking to clubs about and next year hopefully we will be in a position to put forward a plan of support.

In summary the finance proposal is:

- 1- To maintain the current level of hosting support.
- 2- To keep the membership fees the same as last year.
- 3- To investigate the travel expenses involved in travelling to matches and look to put forward a plan of support.

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