



Finance Report for 2025 YDL AGM

The final examined accounts are included with this report and show that we made a small surplus last year. Last year we received a £28,000 grant from England Athletics. Without the grant we would have operated at a large loss. However, we do have good reserves in the savings account and could continue to operate for some time. We have applied for a grant from England Athletics and this if awarded will cover a 3 year period providing more stability in planning.

This year we held the final at Wavertree Athletics Centre in Liverpool, and this saved the league several thousand pounds over using Sport City.

Team Fees/membership

I am proposing for next year that we keep the current membership fees frozen to help clubs, we feel that with large reserves we could start to use these for the benefit of the clubs in the league.

Over the past year I have performed a review of hosting costs (report attached) and the main takeaway from that review was that clubs in the majority of cases were paying more to host than we were paying out. I am therefore purposing that hosting fees we pay to host clubs changes to the following:

Fixed amount of £750 per match up to matches of 8 teams.

Fixed amount of £1000 per match for double headers and for matches with up to 14 teams.

Any matches with 15 or more teams to also receive an extra £250.

Photo finish to increase to £300.

EDM support to remain at £80.

Wind gauge support to remain at £40 for track and £40 for field.

An example of a hosting claim is below:

Last year 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



From next year if agreed a host of a 6 team match could claim:

Fixed amount of £750

£460 (maximum claim for precision measurement)

£1210 Total claim Possible

This will lead to an increase paid out to the club of an extra £235 in the above example. We hope that this increase will help to cover more hosting costs and encourage clubs to come forward and offer to host.

Last year we paid a total out of £99,205 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 increase 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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