

Ebor Morris - Treasurer's Report 2021.

Overview.

Another strange year for Ebor's finances. The continuation of covid restrictions into 2021 brought us some unexpected financial benefits and costs. Overall, we incurred a net **deficit** of **£17.12** over the year, but despite this, Ebor's finances are still in a very healthy position.

	2020	2021	
Cash on hand	5.09	54.13	
Current Account	1888.07	1830.50	
Deposit Account	<u>1508.74</u>	<u>1500.15</u>	
Total	<u>3401.90</u>	<u>3384.78</u>	Net deficit £17.12

On the "*benefits*" side, we did not have to pay for a ROTB at the AGM as that was done by email. The Xmas Curry, The New Year Danceout, Leicester Feast, Darlington, The Walls Tour and Bacup were all cancelled resulting in us not having to pay anything out for those either. The Morris Federation waived their subs for 2021-22, and despite several reminders, we have still not had any request for rent for the scout hut. As we haven't actually used it at all since Feb 2020, we *could* argue that maybe they should waive that too.

On the cost side however, despite having no planned income from either collections or paid bookings, we did still have to pay for the website and the Personal Accident Insurance. We also took the decision to provide and pay for one '*Ebor baldrick*' style face mask for each member of the team. Additional masks, including the alternative '*Bile Beans*' style mask were also made available at cost price. Ebor took no profit from the sale of any masks. The net cost to the bag was **£78.00**, although *at the time of writing*, the bag was still owed £3 for one mask which one member has had but has not yet paid for. *I know who you are and where you live !*

With the relaxation of covid restrictions, we were able to restart practices in May, albeit outdoors in a car park at The University, and we were eventually able to restart the Monday evening danceouts (..and collections..) in early August - ironically, at about the same time of year that in previous years we would have been considering ending them !

Income.

a) Collections.

Due to covid restrictions having prevented all danceouts over the last two years, it makes little sense to try to directly compare this years collections with previous years. That being said however, it is worth noting that despite covid, the town was busy and we collected virtually the same amount over the three nights in Aug. and the Walls Festival on Sun 15th [**£265.74**] as we collected over the same three Monday nights in Aug 2019 [**£264.56**] We also collected £33.30 at Bishopthorpe, though this was agreed in lieu of payment.

The collection on Mon 2nd Aug was however very low - only **£19.15** compared to **£87.77** & **£100.58** on the two following Mondays. So, why was it so low ? Was it due to the lack of a crowd or to a lack of collecting ? In a sense, it was the latter - it was due to the lack of the hats themselves, because someone had forgotten to bring them ! Despite this, we still got an unexpected £19.15 as opposed to getting absolutely nothing at all, thanks to Gareth using his head... and his own hat to collect ! What this does show is the importance of *someone* actually going round with the hat, or at the very least having the hats present. This was graphically demonstrated at Bishopthorpe when we had only six dancers. No one was able to go round with a hat, but by just having them there, we still '*collected*' over £33.

It is worth reiterating to everyone that it is the collections we take that pay for everything that the team provides for the men... The Xmas Curry, attendance at feasts & festivals, payment of transport costs, food at events, rounds on the bag, kit etc... There does appear to be relatively few men prepared to go round with a hat - the two notable exceptions being Paul and Gareth, although there are a few others. Now that Paul has retired from the team, anyone who is NOT performing should be making an effort to go round with the hat themselves, or at the very least, ensuring that someone else not performing goes round with the hat.

b) Other income.

The only other income we received was bank interest of 15p on the £1500 in the Deposit account - representing an annual interest rate of 0.01%. It is worth noting that The Federation has warned sides about the issue of some banks now starting to charge for this type of small business account. Some banks have withdrawn this type of account to new customers, and some no longer even offer this type of account at all. This has resulted in some sides having had to change banks - with all the hassle that now entails. The danger is that more banks may follow suit. Despite the very low return, I suggest that we continue with what we have unless or until Santander decide to change the terms and conditions on our accounts.

Costs.

a) Food.

Ebor has not run any events with food this year. Despite this, I am still holding £5 food deposits for eight men. These deposits were collected between late 2019 & early 2020 for the food expected to be provided on The Walls Tour in May 2020, which was subsequently cancelled. I know who has paid, and it will count it towards their next deposit for food - The Xmas Curry or The Walls Tour 2022 - whichever comes first. Equally, if any man specifically needs it back, I will refund it. To this end, I suggest that we continue with the policy of the £5 deposit *towards* the cost of any food which Ebor supplies, even though that food may cost us more than the £5 per head actually collected. Any guests pay the full price per head of any food provided.

b) Other costs.

The only other costs incurred this year were £121.81 for the running of the website, and £61 for the Tankard for Cheng.

Pete Walker

Treasurer.