

Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2013.

The attached balance sheet shows the income for the year to be £1000.56, whilst expenditure was £1440.00, generating a deficit for the year of £439.44. The bank balance at the end of the year stood at £2537.99

The largest element of both income and outgoings relate to insurance policy at £746.59. This amount is funded by the City Council, and should appear as both an income and an expenditure. However repayment by the Council had not happened by the end of year, and caused the overall accounts to be in deficit rather than a profit for the year.

The allotment competition cost £479.83 with bar sales generating £72.20, showing an expense of £407.63. Reimbursement for drinks worth £158 from OCC was still due at 31 Dec. Cost of the event ran close to the anticipated budget. As noted below the committee would like to explore an increase in prize money in the future.

Many will have seen the newly established website which became operative during Autumn 2013, at the small cost of £101.65. This will become an extremely effective way of advertising allotments to Oxford, hopefully with the assistance of all associations.

There have been administrative expenses including refreshments for these meetings, postage and other assorted clerical issues. Having come new to the committee and this treasury post, I expect that the officers are able to be reimbursed for their clerical costs of operating ODFAA for the associations. A change to catering contracts operated in the Town Hall has dictated a change in refreshments we are able to provide for these meetings, sorry that we are not able to provide a warm cup of tea or coffee.

Insurance/Membership

Associations are covered by insurance policies only whilst they are paid up members of this Federation. Membership fees for 2014 were due by tonight's meeting [22nd April 2014]. It has been custom to allow a 15 day period of grace after the AGM for any associations who have not paid, to be contacted. That means that any association who have failed to pay by 7th May 2014 cease to be covered by the block insurance.

The committee recommends that these membership fees remain at 40p for 2015 per allottee belonging to each association. We now have a healthy balance being held but the associations have discussed this and recommended we continue with this sum.

Now we are working to develop our programme to involve training for associations and to tackle development issues we will need reserves for development costs to cover expenses for speakers and hire of meeting venues if necessary. The committee are still keen to raise the prize level in the competition. It would be good to be able to celebrate working together to ensure allotments are used and valued for ODFAA's centenary in 2019 with some special event.

Independent Examination.

The accounts have been examined by Dave Sutton, allottee at Eden Drive formerly Finance Manager at Headington Middle School. Please note that there was a change of Treasurer mid-year, Caroline Duffy was in post until health issues caused her to resign in September 2013.

John P Lardner

