

Treasurers Report Final quarter 2017

It is not an auspicious beginning as a Treasurer to report a loss on the account with a corresponding diminution of Group Funds. However since our primary aim is to hold meets, hopefully enjoyably, I will start with the situation there. Such has been the pricing expertise of Alan and John that, despite dropping the £1pp levy an overall profit of £550 was made on meets. This has amply covered minor expenditures such as marking flags, replacement lights etc. which cover future meets as well. It did not however cover the cost of storage and transport of equipment for the Festival and Exhibition meets of £500 this despite being £200 cheaper than previously.

From the accounts you will see that a loss of nearly £1300 has been recorded, explained largely as follows:

The major expenditure within the loss is for the purchase of a new lap-top which is being used to produce the revamped 'Photocamper'.

Expenditure on magazines of £3241 was in fact for 5 issues, from Winter 2016 to winter 2017. Offsetting this is £300 for the Camping Care Adverts of 2016 received in 2017.

The 2017 accounts also bear the cost of a Council meeting which took place in October 2016.

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I inherited a stand-off with Santander Bank such that during the year the Photogroup changed its banker to the National Westminster Bank.

I have committed the Group to a Public Liability insurance with the PAGB as an extra to that already granted by the C&C. This should give us cover off-site. Your Chairman negotiated a deal which allies the cost to us with the number of campers we have at meets rather than the full membership.

My thanks to Dave Tawn who audited the figures for Photo Group and whose report has been submitted to HQ.

For 2018 I would recommend no change to charging but rather use the Groups financial resources as a cushion thereby giving us a further 12 months to assess our current policies.

Pat Mitchell
Treasurer