

Match Secretary's Report to the AGM October 2021

Despite the cancellation of the early matches because of the Covid Pandemic I believe we had a successful season with the remainder of the matches being played in a very friendly atmosphere. The dates for the men's friendlies and Presidential matches for 2022 are now in place though some have not been confirmed. There were 59 men's applications to play for the 2021 season which was up by 9 on last year. With some expressing disappointment at not being selected, there was two no shows leaving us to pay for their meals and therefore loosing valuable revenue. Jill also has all her matches sorted for 2022 and reports that she had sufficient players for all of the ladies matches that took place though some did drop out because of Covid. The men only used one coach this was shared with the ladies. One or two of the men said that they enjoyed travelling by coach but no one complained about driving to the other venues. Most clubs report that food costs could not be covered by the amount offered so it has been agreed to put it up to £7.50 but I expect that inflation will soon eat into that. The Board has reluctantly agreed that all matches (Ladies/Men's Friendly's and Executive) be put to the same amount £12. There is a problem with a clash of dates in September 2022 with two of the men's friendlies and Leamington and I have tried to change the fixtures but the opposition find they cannot accommodate us. This being my first season as match secretary I would like to thank those of you that came forward to offer help and advice, it was very much appreciated.

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