

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2015-6 by Steve Wright

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is my final report to you as Treasurer of the Conference.

Most people writing reports like to comment on "dramatic changes" and "challenging times" and in my few years of office I can certainly claim those two phrases and several more along similar lines.

In my first year the buttress of the Conference finances was the income from members and the thriving fixture bureau both of which which provided a steady stream of income. Over the last few years, however membership has declined (and with it subscription income) , Sunday cricket in its present form seems to be in terminal decline and and with it much of our fixture bureau income and last year we suspended The Conference Cup because of lack of support .

Not all is doom and gloom and what we are witnessing is the "Nationalisation" of the Conference if I can say that without upsetting Conservative members of the Conference. There are plenty of positives. We have been instrumental in forming The National Cricket Conference, a combination of The Club Cricket Conference, the Midlands Cricket Conference and The League Cricket Conference and the NCC has a contract with the English Cricket Board to manage some of its activities. We now also have Gulfraz Riaz as our Cricket Development Director and he has been largely responsible for the formation of the NACC which is the umbrella organisation for South Asian cricket in this country and whose administration we look after.

The annual lunch has become much more important to us in terms of income generation and I would like to thank Charlie Puckett, Stuart Whitehead and an extremely efficient lunch committee for the work that they put into this.

We know that new income producing activities need to come to fruition and this cannot happen soon enough.

I would like to thank all my colleagues for their assistance in what are tricky times and particularly Stan and Donna.

I wish you all well on the future.

Steve Wright, February 2016