

Chair's Report 2023

This summary was tabled at the AGM.

Surf Lifesaving is unique in its intrinsic element of altruism, defined not as a sport but “A Social Movement”.

This is a direct result of the dynamic and dangerous environment in which we play. The sea is unforgiving and ever changing, however well we prepare there will always be times when the unexpected happens, forcing us to adapt or simply go with the flow. This can be daunting (particularly for our Year 1 micro groms – and their parents) and our goal is to create the environment where these challenges can inspire development of individual and teamwork skills as safely as possible.

You can't stop the waves but you can learn to Surf (Lifesave)

Membership & Governance

Approaching 900 members.

Comprising of diverse groups that use the club in different ways

⚠️ Lack of appointment to key roles on the committee. We need great governance to represent the needs of these groups and keep the club innovating.

Coaching & Training

In 2023 we delivered 680 hours of coaching:

- 16 weeks on the beach: 20 hours of coached sessions per week: 10 hours youth + 10 hours senior. 320 hours.
- 24 weeks in the pool: 10 hours youth + 5 hours senior.
- Delivered by: 10 L2 coaches, 40 L1 coaches, 40 Helpers.

24 new lifeguards, several have gone on to support our voluntary patrols and several have gone on to be offered employment by the RNLI as a professional lifeguard.

12 new L1 coaches.

⚠️ Lack of youth coordinator role risks lack of cohesion.

Competitions

New competition session for seniors & juniors on Tuesday evenings (thanks Steve Instance)

Twilight competition held at St Agnes for first time in 30 years.

Best results at pool competitions ever, including some GB record holders.

Our female surf team are English champions and the club won the club event overall.

4 of our club members have been in action at the ISA World Surfing Games helping team GB to an incredible 13th place (out of 55 teams).

⚠️ Still low participation from older juniors and seniors.

Finance & Fundraising

Huge thanks to Andy Carter for continuing to do an excellent job as club treasurer, surfing the waves of online banking and keeping us away from the rips of runaway energy bills.

Also thanks to Finisterre for funding a hardship fund for members.

46 hours of barbequing: Sunday Sessions, Dog Racing, Rioja, Bawden Rocks, Christmas Market.

⚠ Prices are going up, but we want to keep membership fees down.

Equipment

2 new 9ft longboards but neither are Roxy incarnate.

New vanquish competition boards.

New Junior and Baby QCPR resus mannekins from a Cornwall Council Grant.

⚠ Some stuff looking a bit tatty.

Patrols

Every day of the October and Easter hols with a full (Type 4) cover. Among a handful of clubs in the UK attempting to run full patrols. Easter 2024 had a record 37 participants.

⚠ we need to train additional Patrol Captains and First Responders but this has been blocked, in part, by lack of courses from SLSGB which are promised to come back on line in 2024.

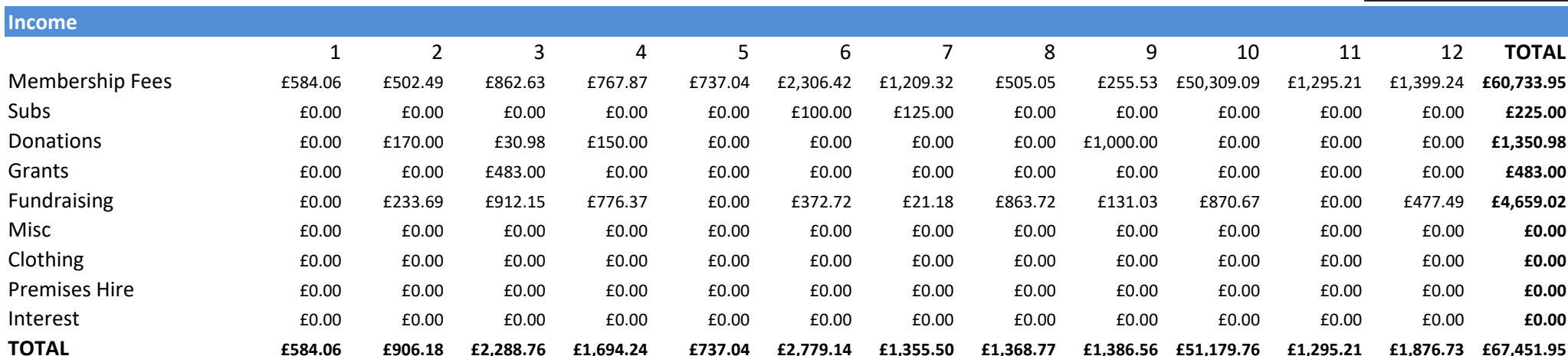
Looking Back

In Feb 2024 we attended the SLSGB Heroes of the Surf awards where Josh Ward was recognised for an outstanding rescue and Steve Instance was presented with life membership for his contribution to our club.

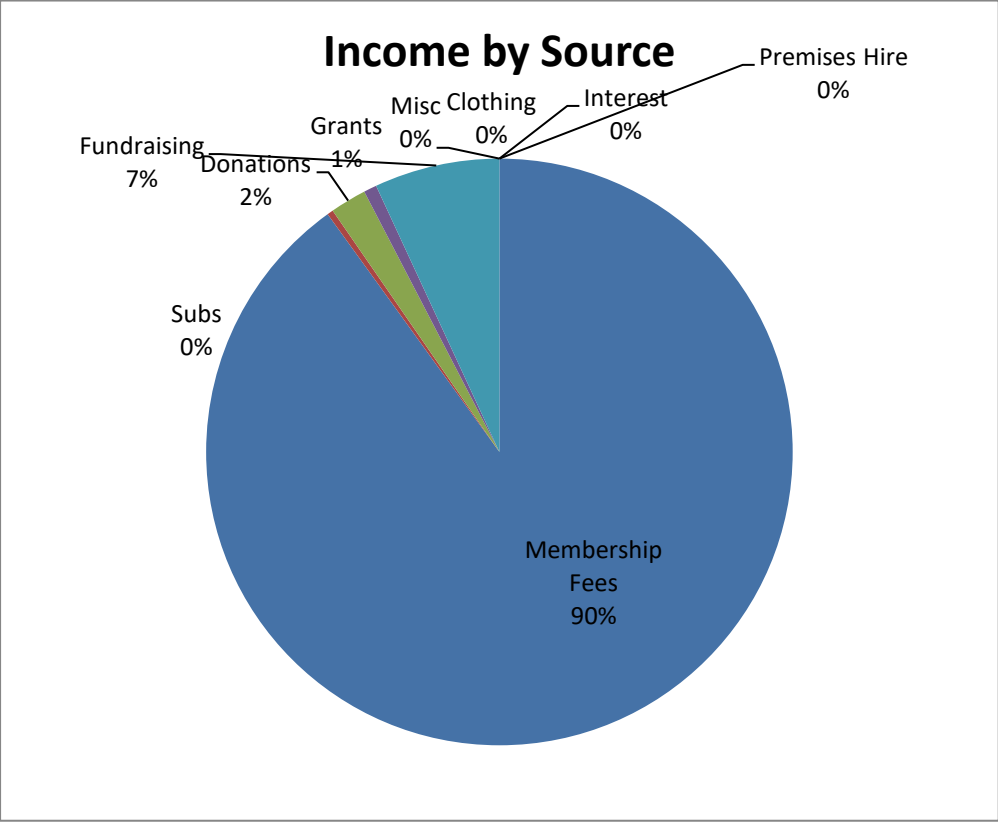
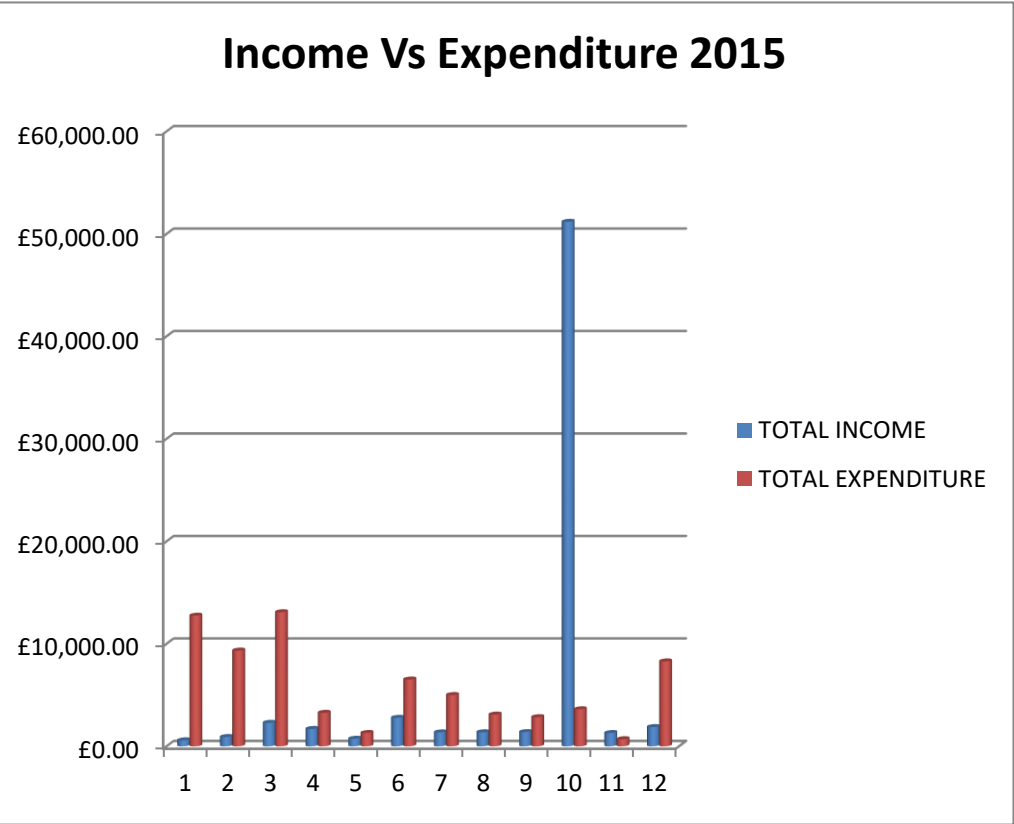
Coming Up

We enter our 70th year with the largest membership ever and some great achievements in both surfing and surf-lifesaving. These present opportunities for the club but we need to recruit to ensure that we are not asking too much of key volunteers and to bring new ideas to the club.

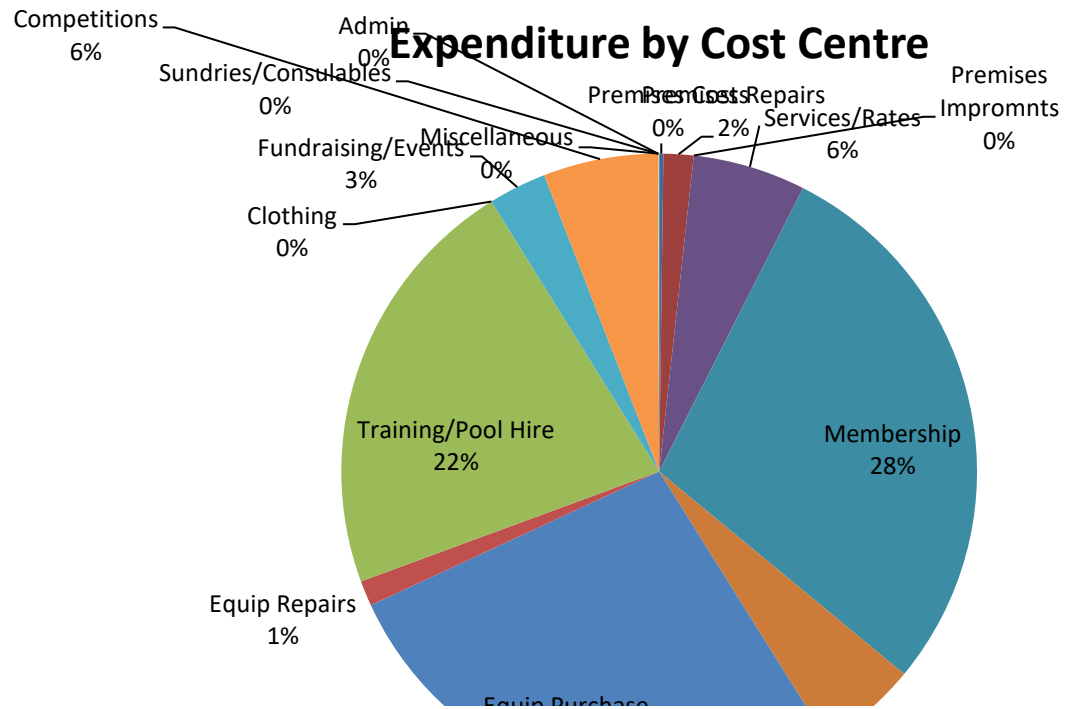
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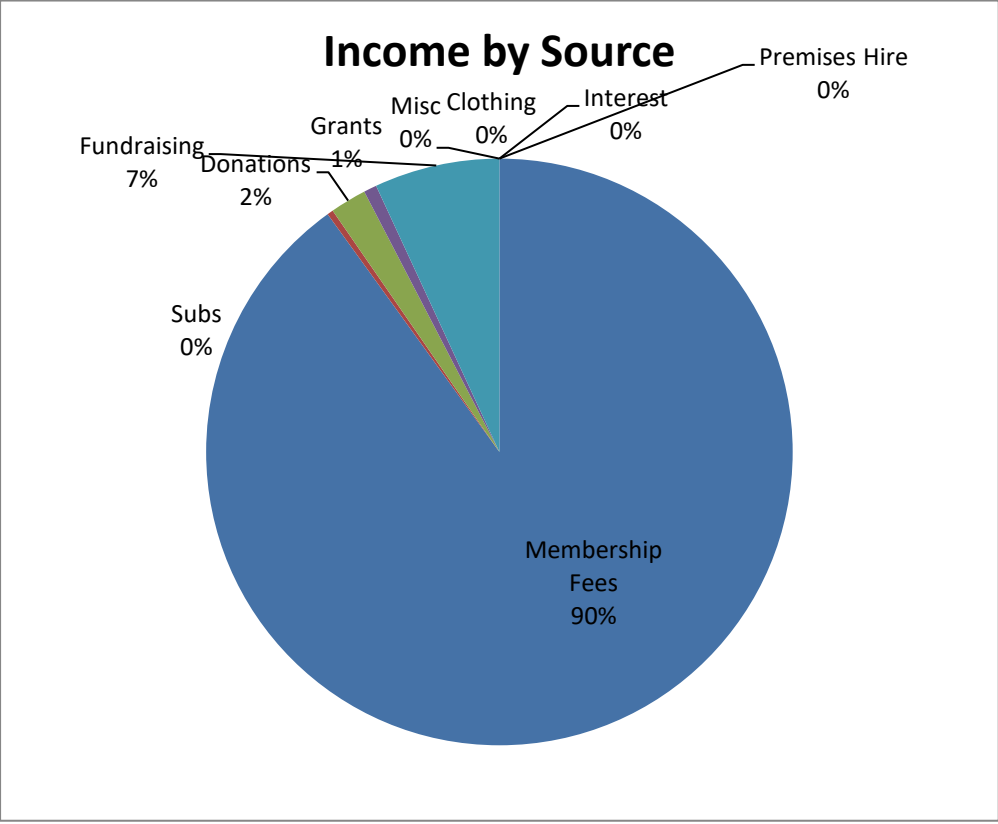
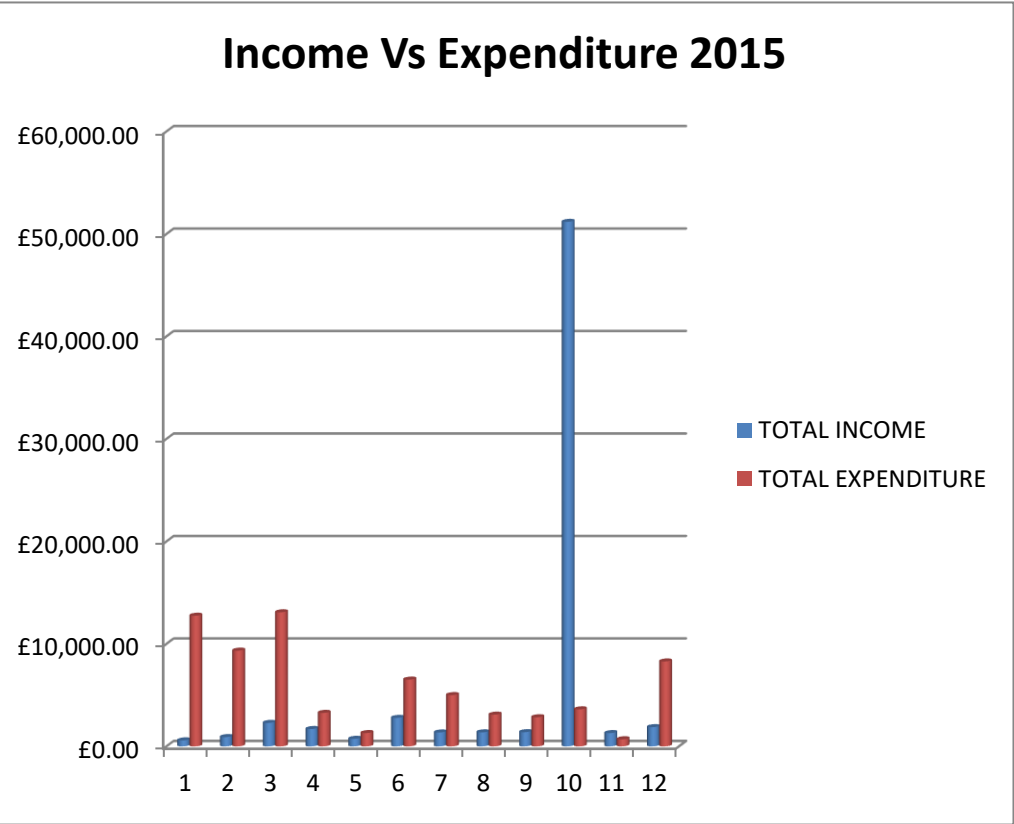
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