

LYMM FESTIVAL CIO
Charity number 1154232

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

- a. The charity's name is LYMM FESTIVAL CIO ("Charitable Incorporated Organisation").
- b. Its registration number is 1154232.
- c. The address for correspondence is 39 Mill Lane, Lymm Cheshire WA13 9SD
- d. The following were Trustees at the date of this report:
 1. Adrian Bull
 2. Carol Devine
 3. Ann Dobson
 4. Ian Marks
 5. Christine Hamlin

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- a. The CIO is governed by a Constitution, last amended on 19th September 2013. The Trustees delegate some of their powers to the Lymm Festival Committee in accordance with a document setting out the Terms and Conditions of Delegation, last amended 18th January 2014.
- b. There have been no changes to the Trustees during the year. If a vacancy for a Trustee occurs, then the existing Trustees will make that known and will approve any applicants before their appointment to the Board. The conditions of eligibility for trusteeship are set out in the Constitution.
- c. The CIO's committee meets monthly and has also established a number of sub-committees to facilitate the work of the full committee.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- a. The financial position of the CIO at the year-end is set out in the accompanying accounts, which have been scrutinised by an Independent Examiner. The financial result for 2025 was a small deficit of £2,435 largely due to a number of collaborative community events at the Lymm Rugby Club. Nevertheless, the overall position of the CIO remains healthy.
- b. The Reserves Policy, as amended in November 2020, remains as follows:
 - General Reserve - at the financial year end, the reserve will be maintained at a level approximately equivalent to the loss of ticket and related income from a summer festival. In this way, all financial commitments could be met should this situation occur.
 - Restricted Reserve - there are no Restricted Reserves at present; a policy to govern any such reserves that may be created in the future will be drawn up at the appropriate time and with terms appropriate to the conditions attaching to the purpose of this reserve.
 - It is recognised that the level of the General Reserve will vary from time to time and so it will be reviewed periodically to reflect changes in the relevant income over the years.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The charity's Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their power and duties.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are

:

- a. To advance the arts for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of an arts festival and workshops
- b. To advance the education of the public in the heritage of Lymm

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees are pleased to report that in 2025 we were able to put on a very successful Festival and celebrated our 27th event. We received funding from 27 sponsors and had the support of Cheshire's Mix56 radio station based in Lymm.

For eleven days in June, we put on a wide range of events that appeal to all ages and all sections of the community. One of the original aims of the Festival was to promote local talent and this remains true today. However, performers of regional, national and international note supplement this local emphasis. We also put on a few events at other times in the year.

We are proud to have received an award from Lux Life for the 'Best Community and Entertainment Festival in the North of England in 2025'.

Our events individually have a variety of financial outcomes. There is strict control over costs and our objective is to break even or make a small profit overall. This year, however, there was a small deficit of £2,435. Our bank balance though remains healthy.

In addition to the Festival Committee, we are fortunate to have a team of Volunteers who assist with stewarding, car park duty, the box office and ticket sales. Their commitment typifies the spirit of the Festival and how it has become an essential part of the life of Lymm village.

The Festival itself is not allowed to donate money to other charities but we positively encourage other organisations who organise events under the Festival banner to raise money for a variety of causes. Local businesses, hotels, restaurants, pubs, church halls, sports clubs, schools and community organisations all benefit from Festival events.

Plans are well in hand for our 2026 Festival.

Ian Marks
Chairman

September 2025

LYMM FESTIVAL

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Registered Charity 1154232

Lymm Festival 2025

Income and Expenditure Account

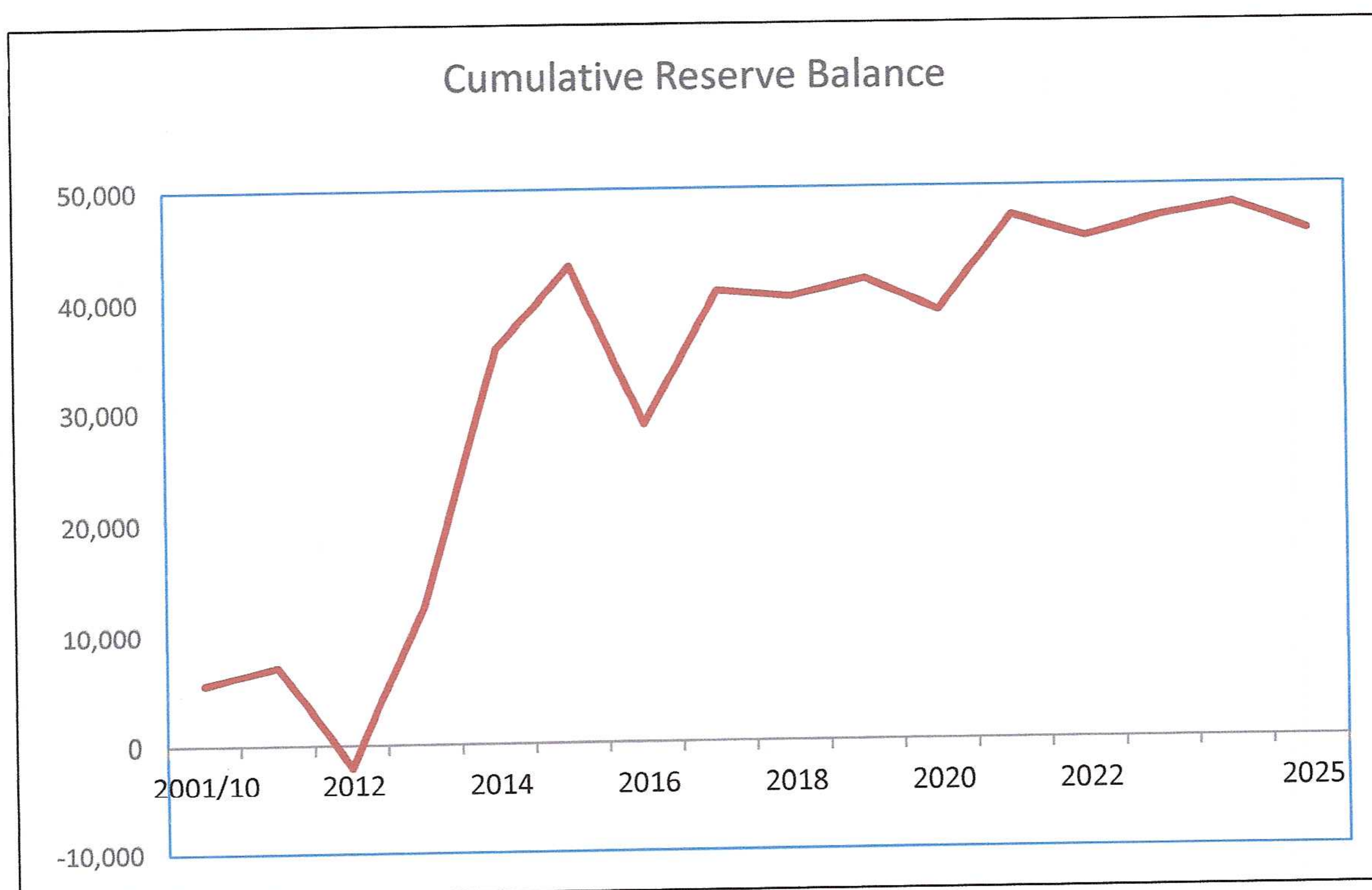
	Yr 2025	Yr2024
	£	£
Income		
Ticket sales - Festival	23,652	18,749
Ticket sales - Winter Warmers	2,446	1,828
Third Party Income	4,870	4,550
Lymm Parish Council Funding	0	0
Sponsorship	5,900	6,250
Registration Fees	500	500
Gift Aid	410	377
Event Participation Fees	2,100	2,100
Friends of Lymm Festival	1,075	1,045
Donations received	233	314
Other income	577	394
	<u>41,763</u>	<u>36,107</u>
Expenditure		
Professional Fees	2,527	2,085
Performers Fees	10,220	8,143
Ticket sales returned to performers	10,751	5,857
Venue Hire	738	579
Equipment Hire	3,382	937
Programme publication	3,681	3,350
Printing and Stationery	160	119
Postage	0	20
Publicity	2,779	2,827
Insurance	1,167	1,093
PRS Fees	498	101
Website costs	837	2,301
Purchase of Equipment	9	0
Travel expenses	0	97
Refreshments	583	506
Paypal RomanCart Fees	420	420
Paypal Processing Fee	622	475
Administrative expenses	0	260
General Expenses	844	1,118
Licence fees	0	20
Income returned to Third Parties	4,870	4,550
Competition Prizes	50	50
Bank and Card	60	30
	<u>44,198</u>	<u>34,938</u>
Deficit before Exceptional item	<u>(2,435)</u>	<u>1,169</u>
Loss on Event held from Legacy from Friend of the Festival	(967)	(597)
Surplus/(Deficit) - Other	(1,468)	1,766
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(2,435)</u>	<u>1,169</u>

Note 2. Children's Theatre Event held which was funded by the Legacy from Friend of the Festival

Lymm Festival 2025

Analysis of Reserve account

	Unrestricted Reserve £	Restricted Reserve £	TOTAL £
Surplus 2001 - 2010	5,421		5,421
Surplus 2011	1,644		1,644
Deficit 2012	(9,000)		(9,000)
Surplus 2013	14,536		14,536
Surplus 2014	10,452	12,600	23,052
Surplus 2015	3,061	4,391	7,452
Surplus 2016 less Payment of Reserve to LHTG	2,544	(16,991)	(14,447)
Surplus 2017	12,112	0	12,112
Deficit 2018	(556)		(556)
Surplus 2019	1,534		1,534
Deficit 2020	(2,837)		(2,837)
Surplus 2021	8,408		8,408
Deficit 2022	(1,949)		(1,949)
Surplus 2023	1,734		1,734
Surplus 2024	1,169		1,169
Deficit 2025	(2,435)		(2,435)
	<u>45,838</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,838</u>



Notes to the Accounts

Basis of The Accounts

Income is recognised on each event by the receipts per the event

Lymm Festival 2025

Balance Sheet 31 August 2025

	Yr 2025	Yr 2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors	699	700
Payments In Advance	50	0
Cash at bank, PayPal and Zettle	51,885	49,306
Cash at bank - Reserve Account	12	12
Current assets	52,646	50,018
Less Current liabilities		
Creditors and accrued expenses	(6,808)	(1,745)
Income in advance	0	0
	45,838	48,273
Reserve Account		
Balance brought forward	48,273	47,104
(Defici)/Surplus for the year	(2,435)	1,169
	45,838	48,273

Note 1. Includes PayPal balance of £5 (2024 £5) and an iZettle balance of £163 (2024 £163)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025
	Reserve	Reserve	
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	38,870	0	38,870
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(1,468)	0	(1,468)
Legacy from Friend of the Festival Balance	8,436	0	8,436
	45,838	0	45,838

Cash Flow Statement

	Yr 2025	Yr 2024
	£	£
Operating surplus	(1,468)	1,766
(Increase) / Decrease in Debtors	1	(262)
(Increase) / Decrease in Payments in Advance	(50)	0
(Increase) / Decrease in Tangible Asset	0	1,542
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	5,063	(874)
Increase / (Decrease) in Income in advance	0	(47)
Operating cash flow	3,546	2,125
Movement in Legacy	(967)	(597)
Opening cash and bank balances	49,318	47,790
Closing cash and bank balances	51,897	49,318

The accounts were approved by the Committee on 11th March 2026

Signed on behalf of the Committee:

Honorary Chairman: Ian George Marks.....

Honorary Treasurer: Christine Margaret Hamlin

Lymm Festival 2025

Independent Examiner's Summary Report

In accordance with the examiner's independent report attached , I confirm that, in my opinion, the above accounts are in agreement with the records presented to me.

Name: F Minaeian

Date: 7 / April / 2026

Signature: 

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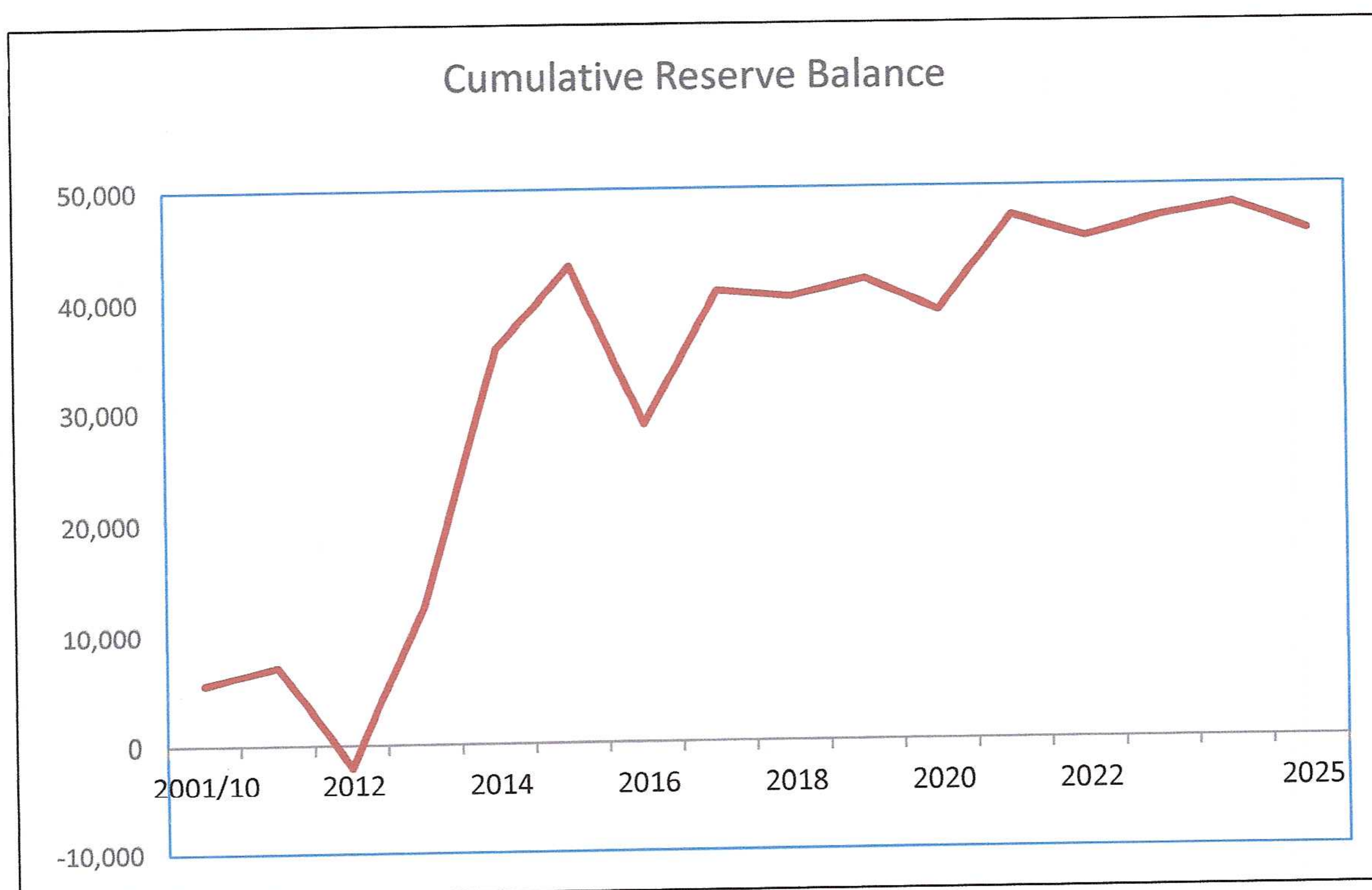
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