



South Central Hockey Ltd

Finance Report Season 2024/25
For the period ended 30 April 2025

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Company Information

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Miss Hatty Wood

Mr James Mitchell

Mr Mark Cummings

Mr Stephen Smyth

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Report of the Directors

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the period 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025. Unaudited, as per the scrutineer's report.

INCORPORATION

The company was incorporated on 2 June 2021

PRINCIPLE ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the period under review was the management of hockey activities in the South Central region of England

DIRECTORS

Mrs Jacqueline Barlow - Chair

Mrs Hatty Wood - Vice Chair

Mr James Mitchell - Finance

Mr Mark Cummings - Governance

Mr Stephen Smyth - Operations

In accordance with the Articles of Association, 2 directors offer themselves for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mr James Mitchell – Director

12th June 2025

Scrutineers Report

14/07/25

South Central Hockey Ltd

Scrutineer's Report for May 2024 - April 2025

This year's accounts are now much more comparable with the previous year. This allows us to spot trends and/or anomalies fairly easily. The Finance Director has explained some in his report. I have asked him to check a couple of others. I checked the bank balances and a few random transactions and was happy that I could understand/trace the details - although some of the descriptions could be clearer for my understanding.

The HUA and Charity Trust accounts are in the "Donations" which adds £30k to the Income line but I don't think the real position should include this money. Especially as it is "ring-fenced" and so cannot be used for any other costs. It would be useful to identify costs paid from these accounts rather than tracking the bank statements.

Thus costs are running ahead of income which I suspect means having to raise League Fees and/or Umpire Income. Obviously you could also reduce costs but it is not so easy to identify where. I don't think there is enough money in the bank to run at this loss for the next two years.

I also again looked into the GMS data you receive and found that four of the clubs I identified last year are now in the invoice list, and three other clubs have been added. I would like to have a discussion with GMS to try to resolve this i.e. to get a definitive list of South Central Clubs along with their status for invoicing.

Conclusion The accounts appear to be under control and make sense. Main concern is the running costs.

Lindsay McNish

Finance Directors Commentary

SUMMARY OF YEAR

The fiscal year has been another busy one for the South Central Hockey Finance. The Budget in 2024/25 was set with the intention of being break-even. SCH concluded the year with cash in the bank of £62,366 (PY £54,021). Revenue for the year was £129,297 (PY £106,519). Expenses for the year £126,290 (PY £87,009). Total Capital & Reserves for the year for SCH £62,069 (PY £59,062). QuickBooks again has proven invaluable. GMS has not moved on at all in terms of assisting regions manage their financial administration any better. SC continues to work with the GMS team to ensure better features in this vital tool for all of hockey's administration tasks. 4 years in the finances are stabilising, however, SCH has invested in Umpires, Junior hockey & paying more people to manage hockey (outside of the committee). It should be noted that the allocation of Umpires from across the region to matches not close to their home has meant that the Umpire Expense has dramatically risen by £25,578 year on year, and the subsidising of Umpiring of Schools has meant an increase of expenses by £4,901.

Activity occurred in the year:

- Complying with HMRC and Companies House filing for SCH Ltd
- Working with the scrutineer on the accounts audit
- Raising invoices to clubs for Membership, League fees, and Appointed Umpire fees
- Managing Fines to clubs through the QuickBooks tool
- Managing Debtors through the QuickBooks tool
- Paying umpires' expenses (842 expense claims)
- Fiscally administrating schools for competitions & masters competitions
- Paying expenses for pitch hire and other SC hockey-related invoices

Payments have been OK (ish) – some clubs should be quicker and not be chased – you know who you are!

To date, the Finance Director and Finance Admin role has been carried out by me with no extra cost of admin staff – hence keeping SCH cost base low. My plea to all clubs / SCH leaders wishing to use the finance team is :

Clubs

- o Make sure your correct treasurer email address is in GMS and also the details also communicated to finance@southcentral.hockey
- o Please pay your bills on time or contact us to discuss. Please do not *just NOT pay*
- o Ignoring bills until you are chased is not acceptable. Fines can be levied for late payment.

Umpires

- o Ensure the SCH treasurer has your BACS details
- o Claim your expenses on time and certainly by the end of April
- o Join the EH Umpire membership program

Other Stakeholders

- o For any projects that you undertake (School tournament, Masters tournament etc) please complete one of the 'Fiscal Control' forms that have been published. i.e. a list of What, how much, when, etc
- This report discusses the P&L for the year and the balance sheet, and the proposed rate card for next season.

- Cash Situation in Bank being held for other organisations:

- Claire Wilkinson & Pete Atkins Charitable Trust £18,764
- HUA Account £10,190

EXCEPTIONAL COMMENTS:

INCOME

- ü £29,937 Funds transfer from closed hockey sporting management bodies to be ring-fenced in the SC accounts for Umpire Development (see above comment)
- ü Fines £5,917 (PY £4,560) higher owing to the team using QB to execute fines immediately as per league rules - some clubs paying more as not paying fines on time.
- ü Umpire Income minus Umpire expense has been subsidised £-16,216 (PY £11,192). Greater mileage covered by fewer umpires, fewer umpires living close to the game are appointed. The right level umpire for the right game.
- ü Junior & Senior Indoor fees (invoice low as a timing issue, they were invoiced after year end) and School Hockey subsidising by SC Hockey (Umpires costs and waived entry fees)

EXPENSE

- ü £2,239 was spent on the Umpire training website & content
- ü Umpire Equipment £3,494 was clothing bought for umpires
- ü Consultancy £9,322 (PY £6,940) was associated with non-committee members being paid a consultancy fee for administration undertaken to manage hockey activities – a significant change was the purchasing service to manage junior and school hockey
- ü SCH again chose to pay the SCH Master Tournament fees this year and sponsor hockey for masters, some new kit was purchased this year £377
- ü SCH also subsidises junior hockey with lower league fees and zero umpire fees, and also SC sends umpires to all junior & school events
- ü Office Supplies were £1,081 (PY £1,387) last year one-off of a printer
- ü Trophies variation is a timing issue
- ü Pitch Hire higher in charges from suppliers
- ü Tournament fees is a year-end timing issue of the invoice from last year; Master's kit was reduced as not repurchased every year
- ü Technology was GMS, OMS, Otter.ai, and IT systems annual charges

Hardship Fund

Reminder, there is a modest hardship fund available to clubs from EH for financial support to be able to continue to play hockey.

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2025

	Total	
	As of Apr 30, 2025	As of Apr 30, 2024 (PY)
FIXED ASSET		
Total Fixed Asset		
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Claire Wilkinson & Pete Atkins Charitable Trust	18,764.21	
HUA Account	10,190.70	
Nat West Current Account	7,358.58	53,201.37
Nat West Saving Account	25,867.38	634.68
PayPal Bank	185.30	185.30
Total Cash at bank and in hand	62,366.17	54,021.35
DEBTORS		
Debtors	9,122.70	7,302.00
Total Debtors	9,122.70	7,302.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	71,488.87	61,323.35
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade Creditors		
Creditors	9,649.53	2,261.31
Total Trade Creditors	9,649.53	2,261.31
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9,649.53	2,261.31
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	61,839.34	59,062.04
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	61,839.34	59,062.04
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£61,839.34	£59,062.04
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Retained Earnings	59,062.04	39,552.19
Profit for the year	2,777.30	19,509.85
Total Capital and Reserves	£61,839.34	£59,062.04

Profit and Loss

May 2024 - April 2025

		Total
	May 2024 - Apr 2025	May 2023 - Apr 2024 (PY)
INCOME		
Donations	29,937.03	13,753.33
Fines	5,917.70	4,560.00
Interest income	262.88	
Junior Indoor Fees		840.00
Junior Tournament	270.00	
League Fees	15,690.00	12,420.00
Masters Match Fees	6,188.50	6,245.75
Membership	4,750.00	4,570.00
Senior Indoor Fees		895.00
Umpire Income	64,600.63	61,816.40
Umpire Membership	1,426.07	1,418.92
Total Income	129,042.81	106,519.40
GROSS PROFIT	129,042.81	106,519.40
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	233.80	136.94
Consultancy	9,322.88	6,940.00
Donation		1,000.00
Fines Returned	775.00	
Hardship Fund		500.00
Indoor Pitch Hire	1,519.00	
Insurance Expense	437.00	350.00
Masters Kit	377.50	3,145.14
Masters Tournament Expenses	917.00	2,015.84
Masters Tournament Fees	6,369.75	1,910.00
Meals and entertainment	1,719.40	1,869.12
Office Supplies	1,081.63	1,387.63
Pitch Hire	11,094.00	10,389.57
Professional Fees	119.99	100.00
Tax Return Fine	-200.00	200.00
Technology	4,082.93	3,777.27
Trophies	1,635.07	2,663.60
Umpire Equipment	3,494.22	
Umpire Expenses	75,394.22	49,871.85
Umpire Expenses Schools	5,653.12	752.59
Umpire Training	2,239.00	
Total Expenses	126,265.51	87,009.55
NET OPERATING INCOME	2,777.30	19,509.85

	Total	
	May 2024 - Apr 2025	May 2023 - Apr 2024 (PY)
NET INCOME	£2,777.30	£19,509.85

Statement of Cash Flows

May 2024 - April 2025

	Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	2,777.30
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Debtors	-1,820.70
Creditors	7,388.22
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	5,567.52
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,344.82
NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD	8,344.82
Cash at beginning of period	54,021.35
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	£62,366.17

Budget Next FY & Outlook

Budget will be set as break-even.

RateCard 2024/25

Area membership and league fee no inflationary change.

Umpire mileage expense unchanged at £0.35 per mile.

Area Membership Adult Fee £10 per team

Adult League Fee £20 per team

Area Membership Junior Fee £0 per team

Junior League Fees 11 a side £20 per team

Junior League Fees 7 a side £10 per team

Adult Indoor Fee £60 per team

Junior Indoor Fee £60 per team

Masters Competition Fee £50 per team

Schools Competition Fee (11-a-side) £0 per team - Free now 2025/26

Schools Competition Fee (7-a-side) £0 per team - Free 2025/26

EHO Umpire Membership Gold £30 Per umpire

EHO Umpire Membership Silver £20 Per umpire

Umpire Appointment Prem 1 & 2 (Per Umpire) £26 per umpire

Umpire Appointment EH Competitions (Per Umpire) £27.50 per umpire

Umpire Appointment General* (Per Umpire) £21 per umpire

Umpire Appointment BUCS (Per Umpire) £26 per umpire

Umpire Coaches and Advisors £0 per person

Junior Games £15 per umpire

Masters Representative Entry Fee £100 per team

Voting Areas Membership Fee £50 per entity

IN2Hockey Junior Finals £30 per team