



The Wanderers Squash Club



**Minutes
of an
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
in the Champions Room at the Wanderers Club
at 17:45 on Tuesday the 22nd of October 2019**

1. Welcome, apologies and signing of attendance register.

The Chairman, Chris Hughes, welcomed the squash members to the meeting.

- 1.1 Confirmation of a quorum.

12 members in good standing attended the meeting. (See attached attendance register).

Having given notice of the AGM at least 14 days prior to the meeting and having the minimum requirement for a quorum of ten members (in accordance with Sections 4 and 6 of the Constitution), the Chairman declared the meeting open.

- 1.2 Apologies.

Six members submitted their apologies.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 2018 AGM held on 2 November 2018 were proposed by Kevin Eborall and seconded by Martin Cowper.

Matters arising. No matters were raised at the meeting.

3. Financial report by the Treasurer.

3.1 The Report of the Treasurer was presented by Gavin Duffy, a graphical summary of which is attached.

3.2 Highlights of the financial report are:

- Operating Profit achieved FY19 of R18 517, following 2 years of losses
- Cash reserves at end FY19 at R48 703
- Income levels under strain – Levies and Sponsorship key
- Membership declining in FY20
- Expenses being well managed within budgets
- FY20 on course for break-even

4. Chairman's report – (Attached).

5. Annual levies - Motion to agree on fees for 2020:

- Squash club members' annual levy.
2019 fee of R450 increases to R480. Juniors, R220 to R240.
- Wanderers Club visitors' playing fees.
Retain at R45 per session, R60 in peak periods.
- Playing fees for other Wanderers sub-club members
R45 per session, R60 in peak periods with the benefit of using membership card to book and play.

Motions passed by a show of hands.

6. General – No new matters were raised.

7. Election of new committee

7.1 No nominations for the 2020 committee were submitted.

7.2 The current office holders were re-elected for 2020:

- Chris Hughes (Chairman)
- Phil Louw (League Rep)
- Gary Plumstead (Court manager)
- Martin Cowper
- Bruce Macmillan

Development Squash: Chris Hughes represents the “Thusong Development Squash” component of the Club.

8. Closure of meeting.

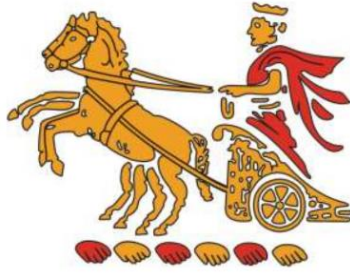
With no remaining matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 18:30.

CP Hughes, Chairman – Wanderers Squash Club.

REGISTER OF ATTENDEES

(Required quorum is TEN members present at the meeting)

	Membership number	Name	Signature
1	036138	Chris Hughes (Acting Chairman)	<i>Present</i>
2	035752	Tony Marks (Treasurer)	<i>Present</i>
3	035802	Phil Louw (League rep.)	<i>Present</i>
4	009876	Kevin Eborall	<i>Present</i>
5	041092	Gary Plumstead (Court Manager)	<i>Present</i>
6	005439	Keith Willows	<i>Present</i>
7	044180	Martin Cowper	<i>Present</i>
8	030408	Bruce Macmillan	<i>Present</i>
9	030772	Gavin Duffy (Treasurer)	<i>Present</i>
10	016638	Shamus Donoghue	<i>Present</i>
11	039319	Bruce Young	<i>Present</i>
12	035724	Francois v/d Merwe	<i>Present</i>
13			<i>Present</i>
14			
15			
		APOLOGIES	
1	027250	Mish Wentzel	Apology
2	025817	Ken Lyell	Apology
3	043215	Peter Hutchison	Apology
4	036855	David Bothwell	Apology
5	047861	Peter Fraser	Apology
6	001028	Veronica Goulding	Apology
7			Apology



Report of the Treasurer

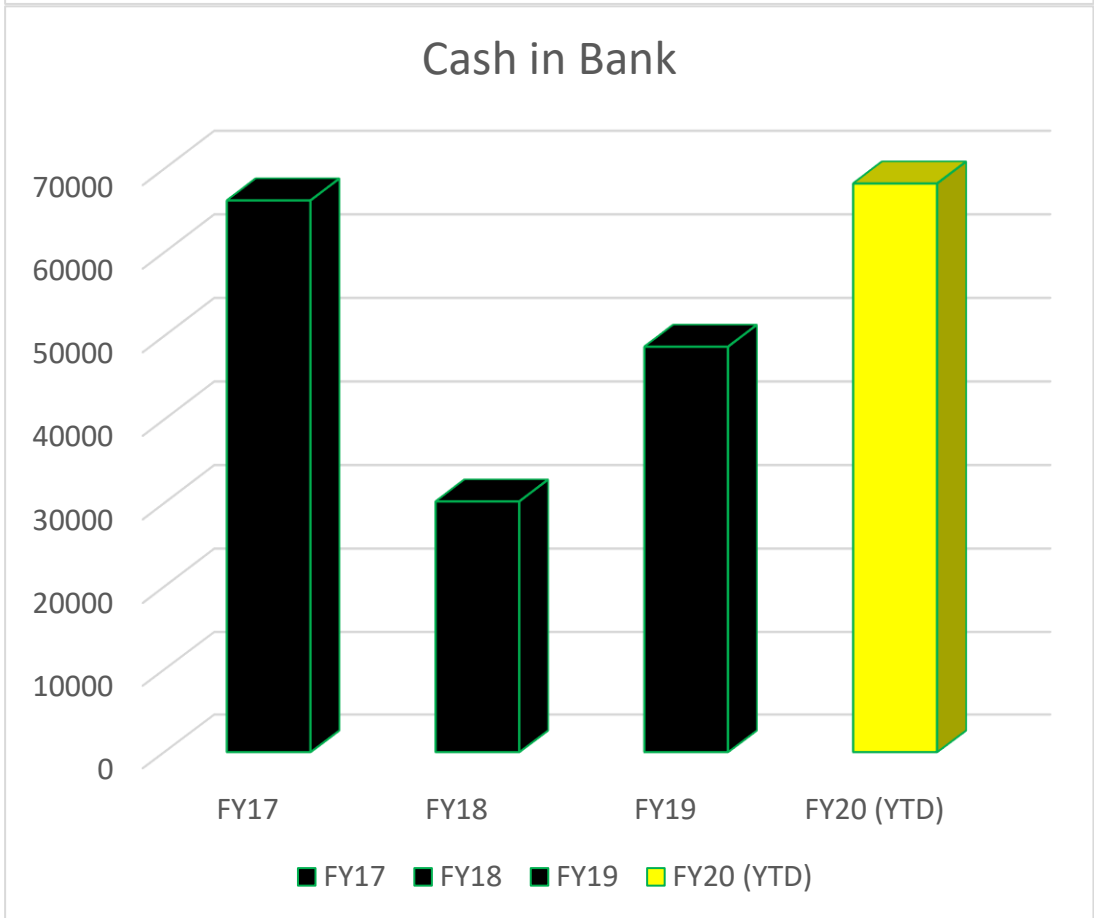
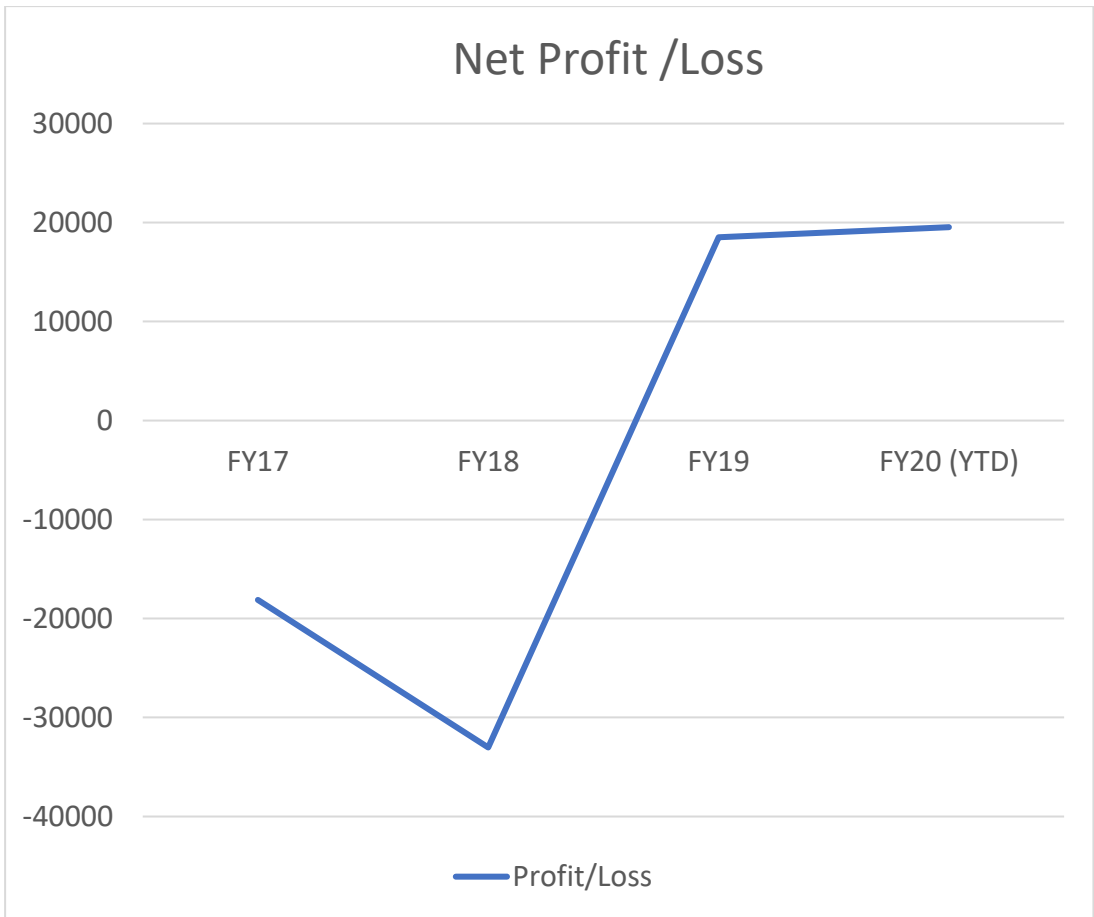
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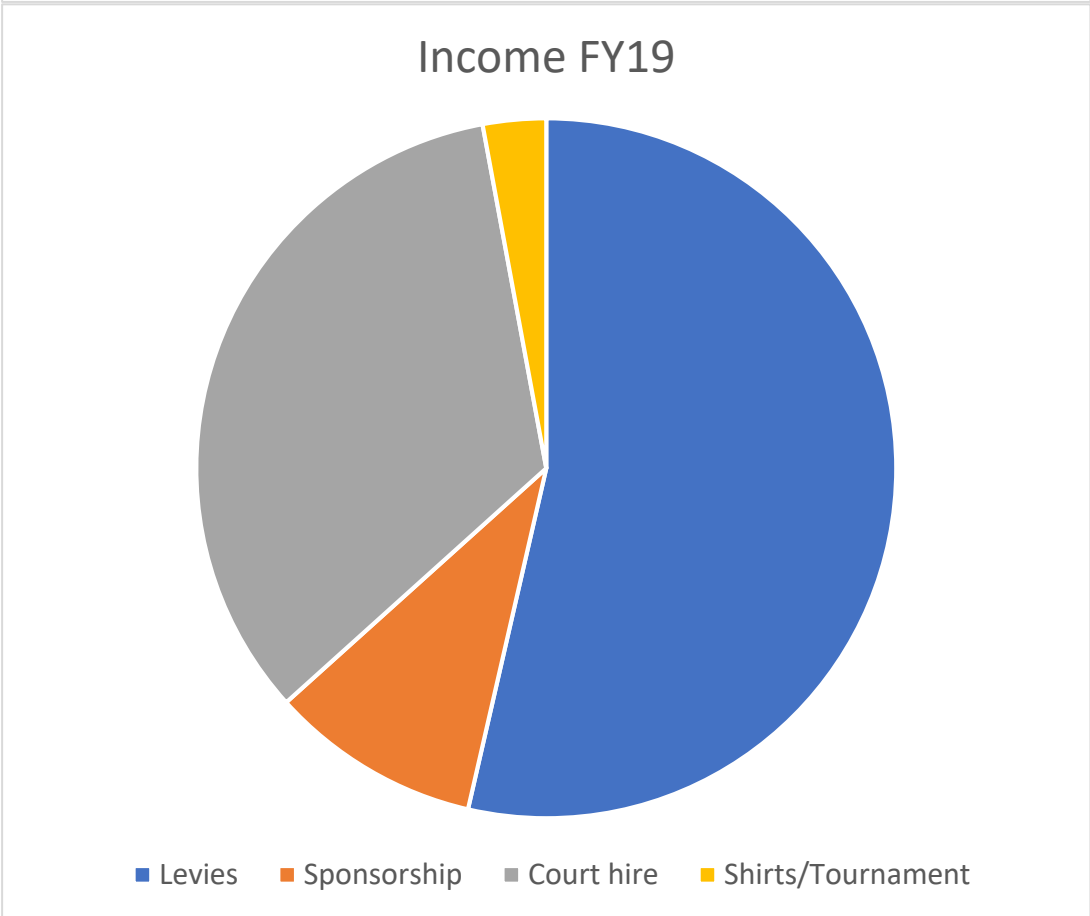
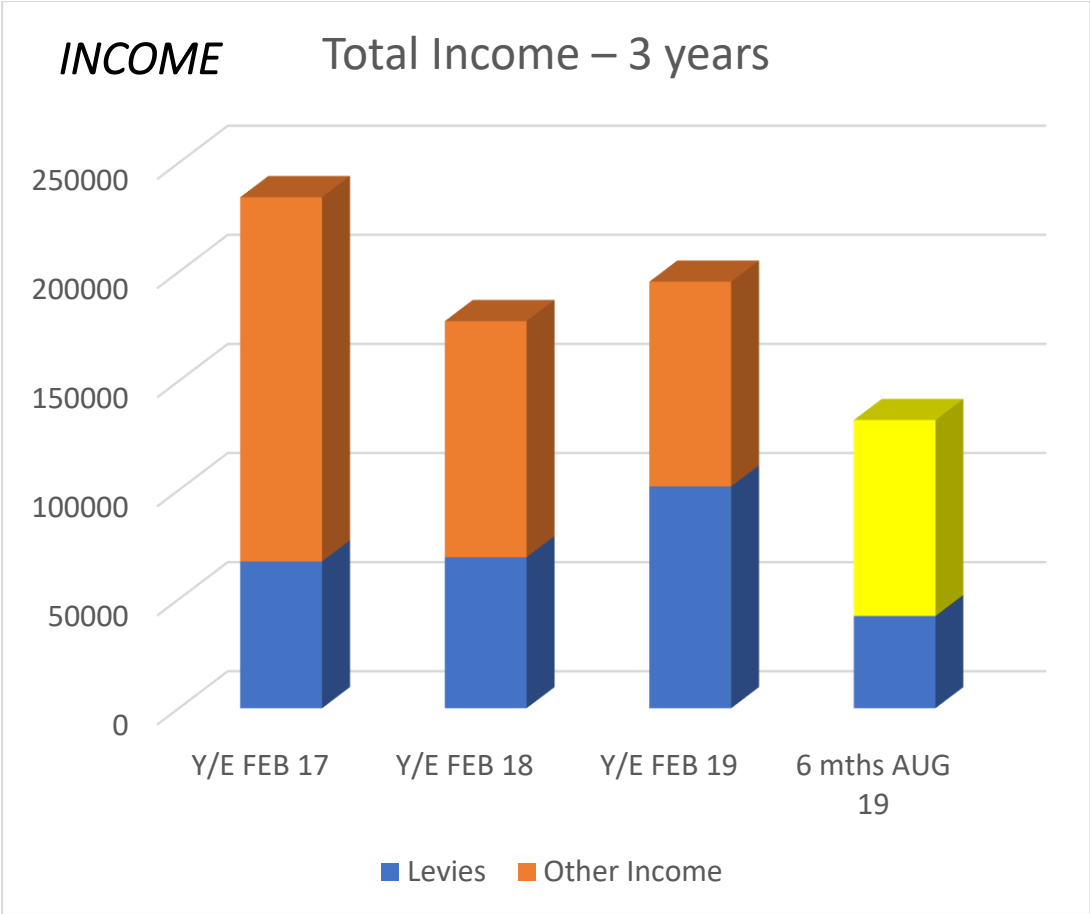
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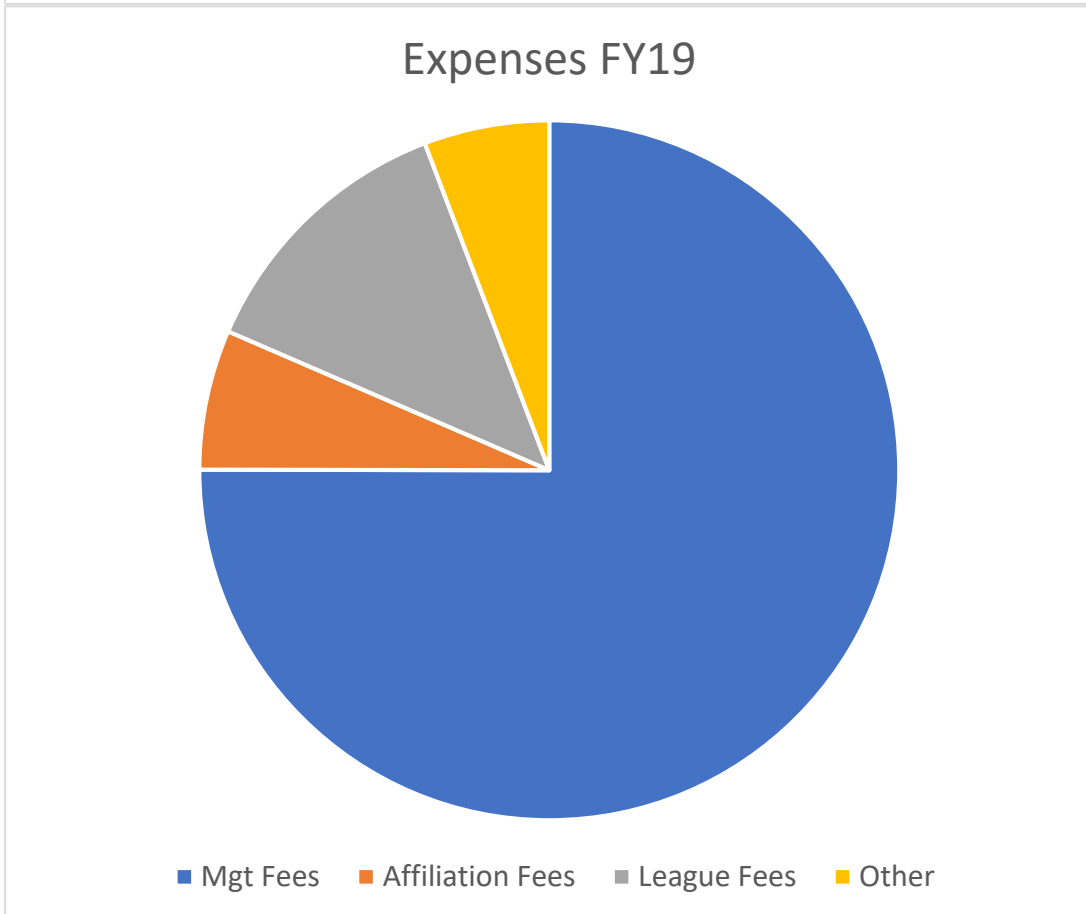
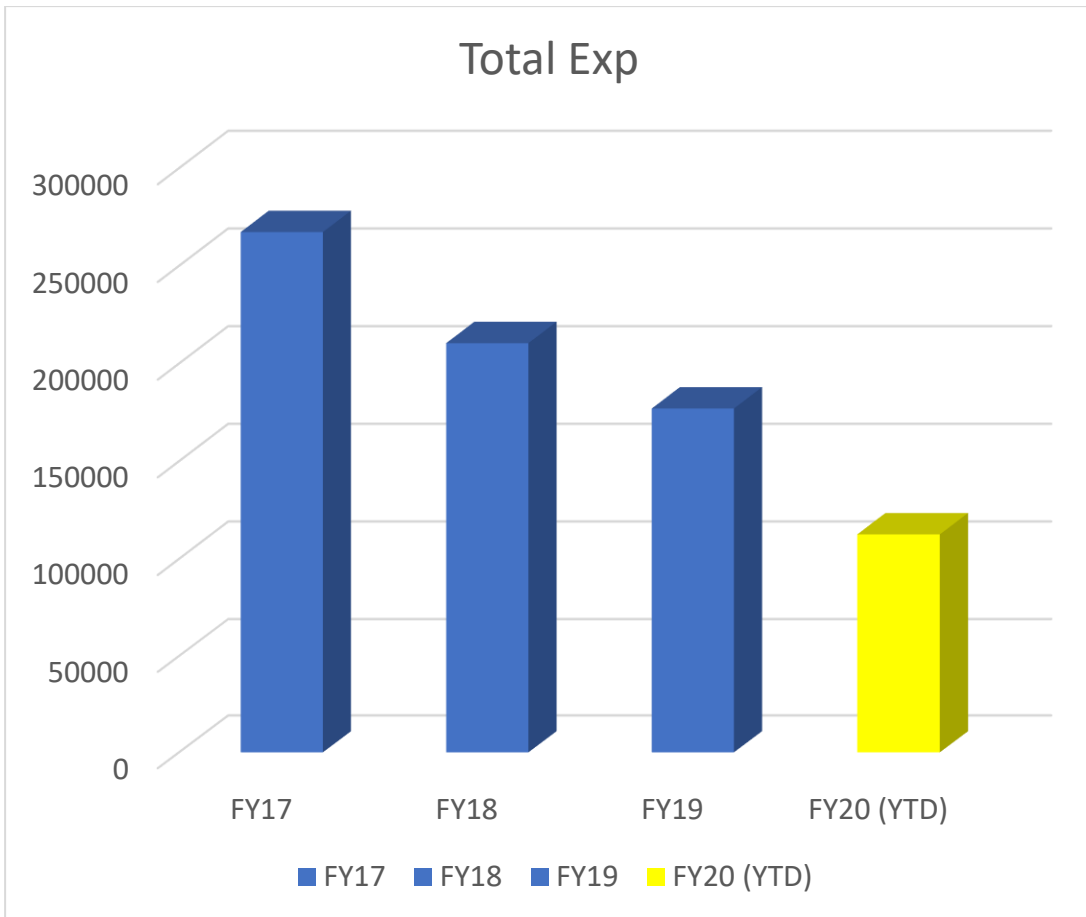
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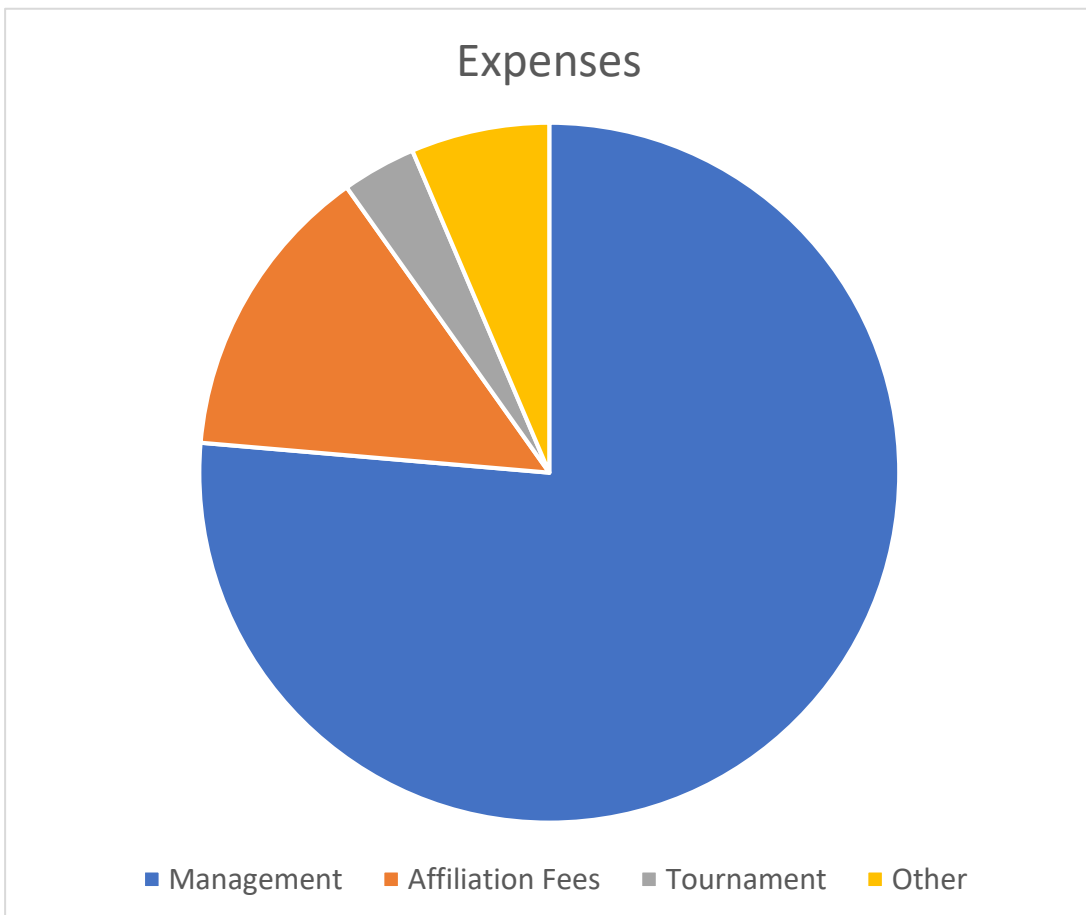
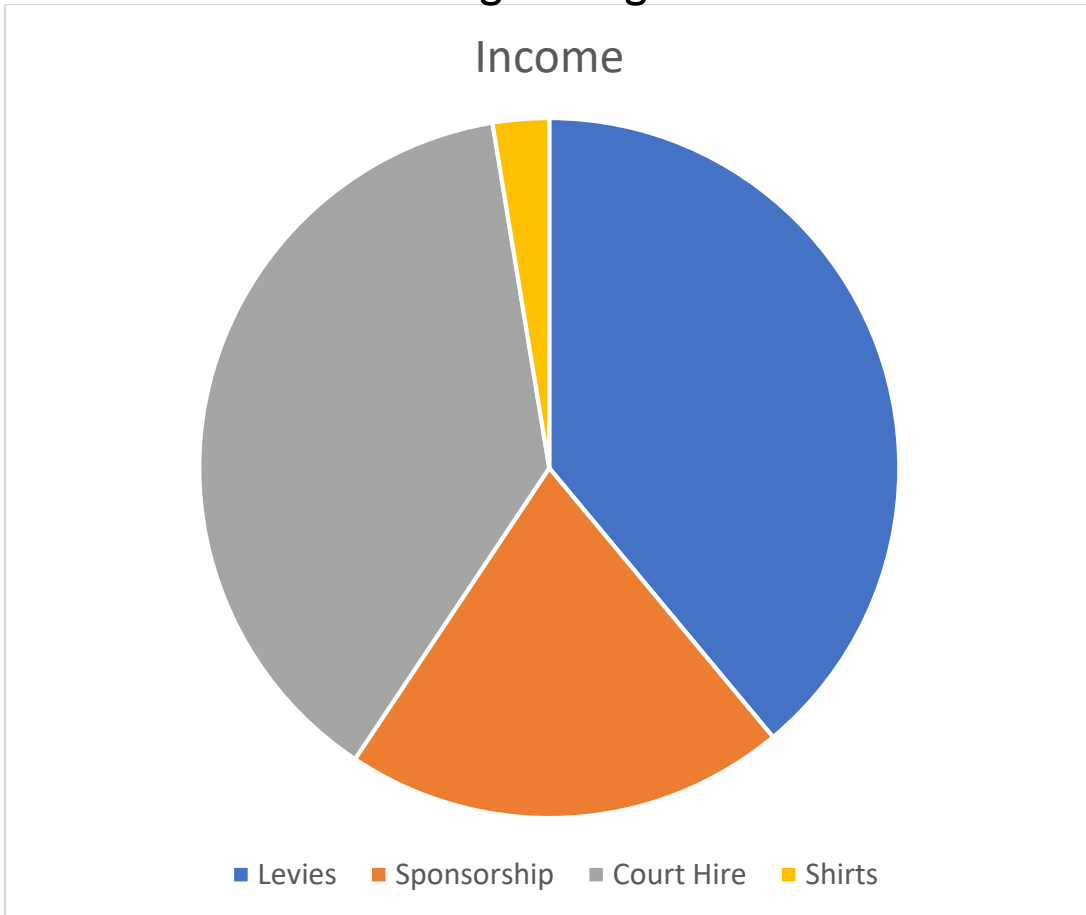




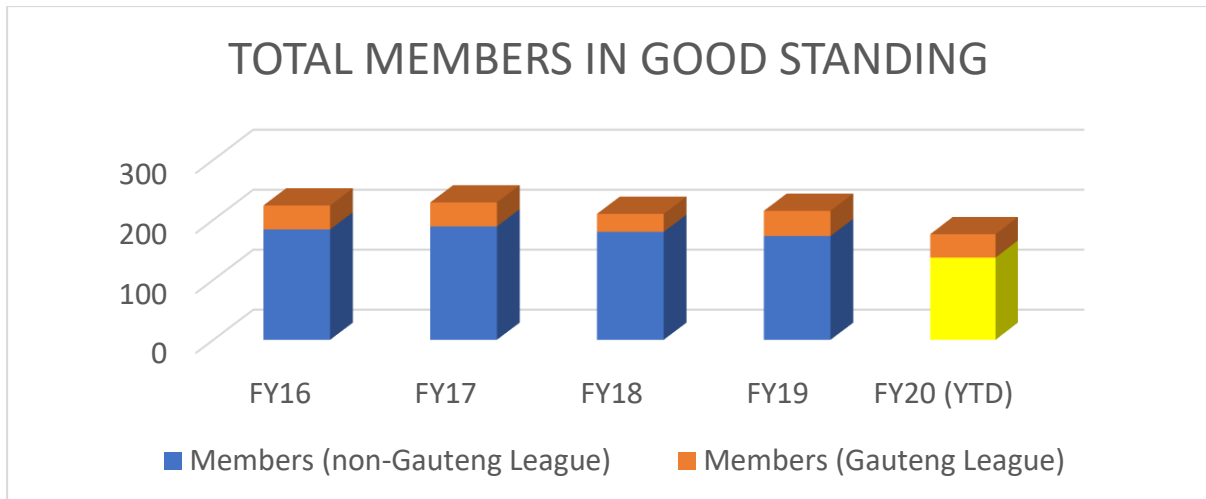
EXPENDITURE



FY 20 – 6 Months ending 31 August 2019



MEMBERSHIP





The Wanderers Squash Club Chairman's Report for 2019 Presented at the Wanderers Squash Club AGM on Tuesday 22 October 2019

I am pleased to report that 2019 has been a moderately successful year for The Wanderers Squash Club. Despite a challenging economy, the squash club fared exceptionally well in a recent analysis by the main club of the sub-club finances and sustainable viability.

Having said that, membership continues to fall with our current membership standing at 187 compared with over 220 two years ago (see attached membership demographics). On the bright side, our Treasurer, Gavin Duffy, has successfully managed our finances and through prudent control of expenditure has ensured that we finish the year in a strong financial position.

There is a fine balance between expenditure necessary to generate income and the actual income received. Although our management expenses are shown as over 75% of our expenditure our club would not be able to operate in the vibrant and effective way that it does without the invaluable input of Gary Plumstead, our resident Court Manager and coach.

Income from court hire almost exactly matches the income from membership fees, amounting to over 80% of total income. Without Gary's attendance at the club's office it would be close to impossible to control the hire of courts for visitors and school groups, thus risking the loss of this substantial income. Combined with Gary's organizational skills in arranging tournaments, this is an asset that the club cannot afford to lose.

The remaining 40 odd percent of income comes from sponsorship and for this reason I would like to express my utmost appreciation to our sponsors for coming to the party this year and supporting us.



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Recognition of Individuals

Club Awards

In recognition of club members who have made an impact on the playing scene this year, I would like to announce the following awards.

Team of the Year - Wanderers WN05 8th League team, comprising Kyaran Pillay, Allan Lai, Ben Janse van Rensburg, Clive Lacy and Lionel Slowe, for coming first in the league by a massive margin of 29 points.

Their total of 246 points was within 10 points of the maximum achievable of 256, winning full points in 75% of their matches.

Credit also goes to the WN02 4th League team who also came first in their league with 194 points, 28 points ahead of their nearest rivals.

Most Improved - Allan Lai for moving up from 4th position in 2018 to 2nd position in 2019 with an improvement in win rate from 69% to 88%. Allan played 15 of the 16 matches in the season. He also made the Plate Final in the Ironman Grand Prix tournament at Parkview in August.

Recognition must also go to Kyaran Pillay for maintaining his no. 1 position in the team this year, playing all 16 matches with a win rate of 85%.

Member of the Year - For the second year running, Shamus Donoghue is recognized for his commitment to the Club activities, attendance at the Sunday Social events, perseverance at training, support of local tournaments and captaincy of the WN07 9th League.

Club Champion - At the time of writing, the club championships have still to be completed with four contestants competing for the top four positions: Bruce Young, Nikki Louw, Mo Rahman and Phil Louw, who needs to win tonight's game against Mo to stand a chance to retain his title from last year.

Long Serving Members

I would like to take this opportunity of recognizing the achievements and contribution that Sheena Worwood has made to this club and to squash generally. Sheena is in her 50th year as a member of The Wanderers Club and in 2020 she will qualify as an Honorary Member of the club. She has represented the club and the country internationally and in 2018 she represented South Africa in the over 70s category at the World Masters Squash Championships in Virginia, USA. After losing her first two games in the Consolation Plate Finals, she came back after a gruelling match to win 3-2.

Sheena is still a very active member of the club but unfortunately she recently suffered a serious illness after attending the funeral of her sister overseas. On behalf of the club I would like to wish her a speedy recovery and we all look forward to seeing her once again joining the doubles group on Court 7, followed by a hearty beer afterwards.

Gauteng League Results 2019

Wanderers had a generally successful league season, fielding seven teams in the Gauteng League and five teams in the Masters League.

Well done to WN02 & WN05 for winning the 4th & 8th leagues respectively.

Gauteng League

Res League WN01 finished 7th
4th League WN02 finished 1st
5th League WN03 finished 4th
8th League WN05 finished 1st
8th League WN04 finished 3rd
9th League WN06 finished 4th
9th League WN07 finished 6th

Masters League

2nd League Wanderers A finished 5th
3rd League Wanderers B finished 4th
3rd League Wanderers C finished 5th
6th League Wanderers D finished 3rd
6th League Wanderers E finished 4th

I'd like to thank Phil Louw and Keith Willows for continuing to manage the Gauteng League teams Masters teams respectively.

Gauteng League 2020

Obviously we would like to be able to enter strong teams from Wanderers again next year. To do this we need support and commitment from the members and this includes disciplined adherence to the rules of Gauteng Squash and SquashSA. If our teams lose points because of individuals not registering with SquashSA, not paying their fees on time and not complying with the substitution rules then the whole team, and the club, suffers.

Would all players intending on playing league in 2020 and participating in open tournaments please ensure you pay your R120 annual fee by the end of March. Only paid-up members will be considered for inclusion in The Wanderers league teams. The League Representative will then notify you of the annual league fee prior to commencement of the season. In order for clubs to get the discounted entrance fee, all league fees need to be paid before the 31st of March 2020.

I am excited to announce that our intention is to enter five players from the Thusong Squash Development group into the Gauteng League next year. They will probably play in a 9th League team and this will be a big challenge for them. They already proved their mettle at the recent Chamber Challenge tournament, winning four of their matches for Wanderers.

I would ask our league players to support the Thusong players in any way they can. Transport logistics is a major challenge and assistance with refreshments at the league matches would be a great help.

Tournaments

The following tournaments were held at The Wanderers Squash Club in 2019:

- A Blitz League in February, consisting of seven teams of three players.
- A Pre-Season tournament and Open Day in March.

- The annual Wanderers / Chamber Challenge on World Squash Day, Saturday 12 October, in which Wanderers successfully retrieved the cup back from Chamber Exiles club.
- The Wanderers Masters Championships in October.
Over 55s: won by Marios Conidaris after Dino Petrarola had to pull out.
Over 35s: won by Phil Louw.

Tournaments still on the calendar for this year are:

- Finals of the Club Championships on Tuesday 29 October 2019
- The Planet Fitness Fourways challenge on Wednesday 6 November
- The Dave Grant Doubles tournament on 15/16 November, including a "Century" section
- The annual Movember tournament at the end of November

Members of all standards are encouraged to take part in these events. Not only are they a great social event, they bring in much needed income to support the club.

South African Masters Interprovincial Tournament

The annual Masters IPT took place in Pretoria this year from 6-10 September. There were six teams entered from Gauteng in the 55+ category with four players from The Wanderers Club participating in three of them. Keith Willows' team finished in a respectable third position in his group.

Squash Promotion and Accessibility

Advertising

We are continually striving to advertise the facilities of the club and our activities to increase much needed membership. Earlier this year all sub-clubs had to present an overview of their financial viability and utilization of facilities. The squash club fared well compared to many other sub-clubs but, having said that, the calculated utilization of the seven plaster courts was only 35%; and that excluded the glass court! In order to justify such a large area of real estate we need to improve on our usage of the facilities.

Gary has been doing a sterling job broadcasting news on WhatsApp groups, Facebook, Web pages and emails (and occasionally SMS for those still using bricks for communication). He has also extended the weekly social Sunday afternoon sessions to include visitors on the last day of the month. This is to encourage new members and introduce novices to the game of squash.

Court Accessibility

In order to assist members and visitors playing together, we have implemented an online system for topping up the credit on your court booking account. This means that a member does not have to rely on Gary being at the courts to make a payment for a visitor. Outside visitors playing alone, however, still need to arrange with Gary for payment and access to the courts.

Other Wanderers Club members have pointed out that they receive no benefit compared to outside visitors if they want to play a casual game of squash. This is going to be resolved by allowing them to use their cards to book and play provided they they have credit on the booking system. They will be charged at the same rate as visitors but will have the benefit of freedom of access to the courts.

As part of our attempts to make the squash facilities more visible, a glass door has been installed at Court 2. This has generally received positive feedback from the members. It presents a bit more activity when walking down the corridor and provides players with a bit of entertainment while taking a drink between games.

Court Maintenance

The loose floorboards on courts 5 and 6 have been repaired, the floors sanded and re-sealed. The cracked plaster on courts 1 and 3 was also repaired earlier in the year. The blue floor on the glass court was starting to fade and this was re-coated with blue-gel stain.

Gary has commenced a programme of cleaning the walls of all the courts, having completed courts 1 to 3 and working through the rest at one per month. Overall, the courts are in good condition and thanks go to Gary and the maintenance team at the Wanderers Club for their work.

Squash Development Programme

The Thusong Squash Development coaching continues to take place every Tuesday afternoon with a weekly average of 10 trainees from Alexandra township. Over the past five years we have had peaks of up to 16 players taking part and overall at least 30 kids have spent some time learning the basics of the game of squash.

Five of the trainees regularly compete in the Central Gauteng Junior tournaments throughout the year and in occasional competitions with Egoli Squash players. As a result of their dedication to training and skills improvement the five players have been awarded Honorary Temporary Membership of The Wanderers Club and given full access for use of the squash courts. This enables them to book and play at any time and to receive additional coaching on a Saturday afternoon in preparation for representing The Wanderers Club in the Gauteng League next year.

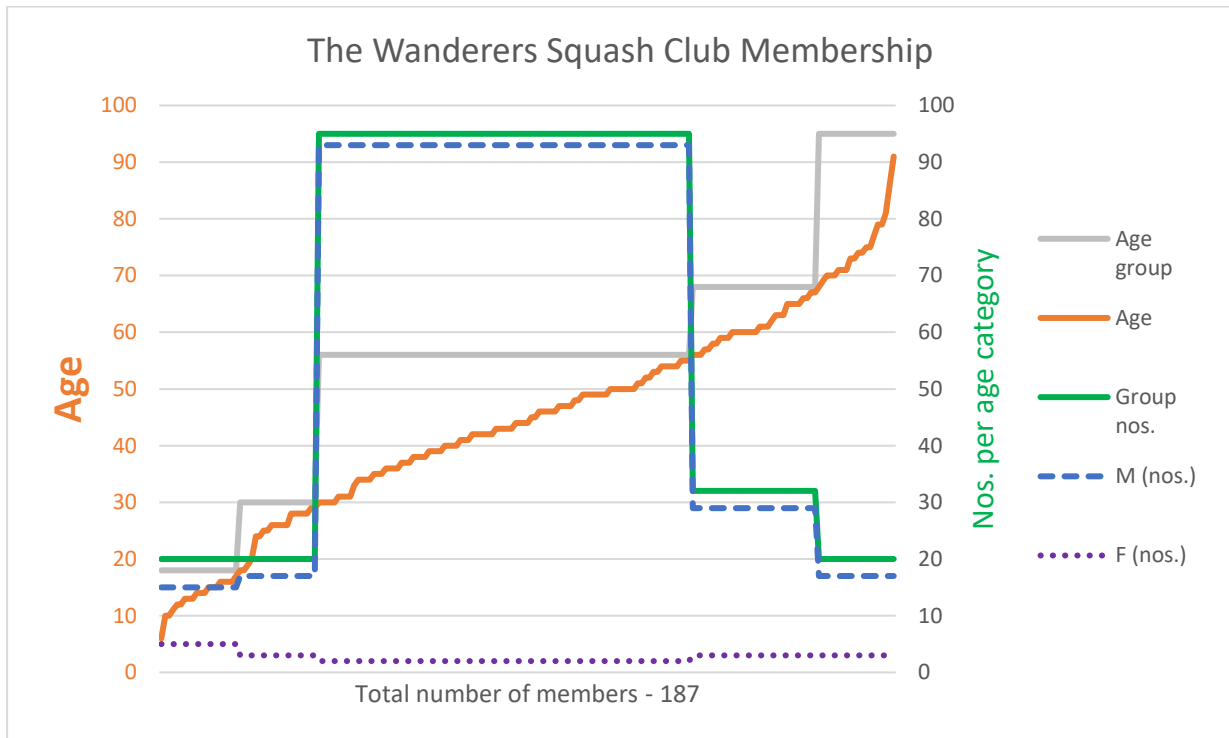
This programme would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors and the support of the members of the squash club. Transport is a major issue (without the R15 taxi fare from Alexandra to Illovo it is a one hour walk for the trainees) and this will need to be addressed for the league players in the new year.

Conclusion

On behalf of the committee I wish to thank all the members for their support and I wish the committee and the club the best of success in 2020.

Chris Hughes,
Chairman, Wanderers Squash Club.

Demographics of The Wanderers Squash Club members



The “Age Group” category relates to The Wanderers Club’s categories for membership fees, below.

2019 MEMBERSHIP RATES

THE WANDERERS CLUB

Ordinary Member 0 – 17 Years old	R 650.00
Ordinary Member 18 – 29 Years old	R2 120.00
Ordinary Member 30 - 55 Years old	R2 950.00
Ordinary Member 56 Years and older	R1 800.00
Social Member	R1 440.00
Family Member (incl. spouse/children)	R4 240.00
Corporate Member (minimum 10 per Corporate)	R2 580.00
Road Runners	R1 270.00

Members over the age of 68 with 50 years of unbroken membership automatically become Honorary Members and the annual fee is waived.