

## **Treasurer's Report 2023**

In May last year I took over the Treasurers position from Chris Sheldon. I knew I had some big shoes to fill after 10 years in the role. I would like to thank Chris for all her help and support during the transition period.

### **Membership.**

Over the past 10 years the club has seen a gradual reduction in its membership. This is of concern to the committee, as this is the principal source of income enabling the club to provide its members with its successful yearbook and its annual newsletter.

In 2023 the club saw a decline in membership of 87 members. This brings the clubs membership for 2023 to 484 UK members and 42 Overseas members.

### **Championship and Open Shows.**

In April the club ran its Championship Show in conjunction with the Kate O'Callaghan Memorial Show at a new venue the Royal Kennel Building at Stoneleigh, moving away from its traditional Newark Showground site. This move was made on cost grounds and it's more central location, with good motorway access,

The Championship Show drew an entry of 54 dogs and 73 bitches making a profit of £802.00. The Kate O Callaghan show drew an entry of 82 dogs making a profit of £182.00. These two-show brought in a good profit especially considering everyone was just coming out of the COVID pandemic.

Unfortunately, the Sybil Lennox Memorial Show had to be cancelled as the new owners of the venue increased the cost of hiring the hall from £186.00 to £450.00. For a single breed show this was felt not to be feasible, together with the other cost involved in the running the show,. The committee felt they had no option but cancel the show. By cancelling the Club. Incurred some expenditure, which could not be reclaimed resulting in a small loss of £118.10.

### **The Yearbook/Newsletter.**

This year the Club changed from its traditional wire bound yearbook to a new PUR (poly urethan reactive) bound version. The main reason for making the change was the cost of printing. If we kept to the traditional spiral bound version it would have cost £1,000 more than the PUR version. The new PUR version of the yearbook has another advantage. Without the metal spine it is not as heavy as the old-style yearbook saving money on the distribution cost.

Following feedback from members, the new design and layout has been very well accepted.

Postage is one our largest expenses when it comes to the distribution of the Yearbook and Newsletter.

In 2023 it cost more to distribute the newsletter than it did to produce. The Newsletter cost £575.00 to produce and £681.92 to distribute.

### **The Calendar**

The Calendar remains as popular as ever. supporting the Irish Setter Rescue and Rehome. This year the committee increased the number of calendars produced to 350 up from 300 the previous year. The calendar more than pays for itself. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the calendar raised £986.68 for the ISRR.

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I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our forthcoming events during 2024. We greatly appreciate your support of the Irish Setter Breeders Club.

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