

Summary accounts: LX (2009) – supplied by John Dowd

Income		Expenditure	
Memberships	£30,542.00	Programme	£4,484.92
Pass-along	£12,000.00	Guests	£10,676.50
Dealers' room	£940.00	Finance expenses	£806.50
Art show	£947.28	Insurance	£461.75
Miscellaneous	£551.65	General publications	£2,347.50
Auction	£393.45	Progress reports	£1,368.70
Sponsorship	£2,500.00	Website	£56.28
Launches	£503.70	Logistics	£1,141.47
		Music	£4,350.00
		Registration	£1,180.72
		Membership refund	£615.00
		Stationery	£705.88
		Pass-along	£500.00
		Miscellaneous expenses	£456.67
		T-shirts	£402.18
		Tech/ops	£5,647.71
		Bank & PayPal charges	£567.40
		Postage	£3,513.21
		Coach services	£3,340.00
		Souvenir book	£5,752.00
		Remaining funds	£3.69
Total Income	£48,378.08	Total Expenditure	£48,378.08

John Dowd, LX treasurer, adds: Finance Reports for LX2009 and Illustrious: As Treasurer for two previous conventions and involved in publications for several others, I had published account balance sheets for them. I had also tried to get accounts from other conventions but without success. Now the lovely Claire puts me on the other end and asks me to add to the record. I understand now the lack of enthusiasm I found nearly a decade ago. Since these conventions I am on my third desktop and my fourth laptop. I have moved house and any paperwork is now in boxes amongst our library awaiting finishing the home improvements. The box pile is about 3-4 m³. It is also amazing how much I relied on memory. However, here is the best I can produce from the files I can find.

The headings are generally ones used in my spreadsheet to indicate what income and expenditure is directly related to. However, it can be that a single payment could cover many different headings, so some things might not show clearly, particularly green room and groats.

LX was a convention with ambitions. Launched in time to win the bid two years before the actual con, it introduced Eastercon to Bradford. We had a very good hotel deal but, lacking nearby overflow, we needed a coach service to ferry members between the various hotels. We had a good selection of guests including transatlantic fares. The addition of a full size orchestra (Loncon's was bigger) added a serious amount to a budget that kept creeping up. Sponsorship helped cover the unusual costs and the souvenir book. The souvenir book took the form of an A4 'Ace Double', with Orbital's book taking the back half.