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## Front cover: *Thelocactus lausseri*

This species was only described in 1986 and named for its discoverer, Alfons Lausser. It makes a relatively small globular stem covered in red and yellow spines of various lengths. It grows and flowers happily in a 9cm pot. In my UK greenhouse it is always the first to flower, often showing buds as early as February. The striped flowers appear in very early April and it will produce further flowers occasionally through the season. A further point in its favour is that it does not have the extrafloral nectaries that can cause sooty mould issues with some of its relations in the genus. Plants and seed are often available commercially and are strongly recommended.

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## Notes on the 2020 Mammillaria Society accounts by Al Laius

The accounts for 2020 are shown. A few explanatory notes follow.

### INCOME:

Subscription income shows a slight increase over the previous year. DVD sales continue with the occasional one still being sold. Seed postage income (banked in 2020) was higher than 2019 as more people took up the offer of free seeds. Seed postage now been discontinued and from 2021 there will be no payment required either for the seeds or postage, though donations to cover postage costs are always welcome.

### EXPENDITURE:

Journal printing is lower (by £23.00) than the previous year (2019) as there were fewer pages in the journal (an average of 28 pages per issue, compared to the current 40 pages in 2021). Postage is higher, as Royal Mail increased their international rates twice during the year. Miscellaneous stationery/postage shows a slight increase as stocks had to be replenished as any existing stock could not be collected from the previous Editor's home because of COVID-19 restrictions. Seed purchase costs are higher, and this figure also includes re-stocking of seed envelopes as well as postage of seed to counters and distributors, a cost which does not normally occur as seeds are handed over manually at meetings. There was no AGM, so no costs. Bank charges (which consist entirely of PayPal fees) are higher than the previous year. Sundries represent £5.00 for the Scottish Zone booklet advert, and the RHS affiliation fees of £35.00 plus membership postage and stationery (£20.60).

### COMMENTS:

The end result is a surplus of income over expenditure of £165.86. The bank balance is currently healthy as a result of previous legacies, and no increase in subscription rates is required. However, as international postage rates have increased three times since the start of 2020, subscriptions may have to increase in the near future to cover these costs. We are also looking at offering a digital subscription for overseas members who do not require a printed journal, though these will of course still be available for those who want them.

If any member has any questions or comments on the accounts then please address them to the Treasurer, who will be pleased to answer them.

### **Our next Zoom talk**

The next Society Zoom talk for members only, will be on **Wednesday 22 September at 6.30pm (BST)**.

Our speaker will be Daniel Beck from Germany, talking about 'Small Mammillarias in Habitat'.

Joining details will be available on the website nearer the time, and will also be emailed to members.

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