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Review of BICTSF Discipline Income and Expenditure

At the most recent BICTSF Directors meeting 16 Nov 2011, as Chairman, I raised the subject of the current downward spiral of income over expenditure over the past three (3) seasons.

I tasked the discipline representatives of all the BICTSF disciplines to carry out a review of their spend profiles with a view of implementing changes before the current selection season commences 2012 in a timely manner, so that any Board agreed changes can be incorporated into the 2012 entry forms due for release Jan 2012.

Over the past three years event costs have continued to increase; those increases in cost have largely been absorbed by BICTSF this now requires addressing as the longer this is ignored the harder it will be to convince our customers that changes need to be made.

To that end, listed are a number of options that I recommend the discipline representatives and where appropriate their Sub Committees discuss and then use as supportive argument for or not for change.

Options

1. Do nothing
2. Increase the entry fee
3. Reduce or remove the prize money
4. Leave the entry fee as is and make the prize fund optional
5. Make all events targets only with no reduction in entry fee
6. Find a sponsor that will cash fund the discipline(s)
7. Remove funding from the teams other than team entry and competition fees

It does not follow that what suits one discipline suits another. However, something needs to be accomplished now to stop the downward spiral of income.

The FITASC Sporting Sub-Committee led by Nick Woodward have spent some time deliberating this issue and reported back to BICTSF requesting acceptance of the following:

1. Option 1 was not acceptable
2. Option 2 was deliberated and it was agreed that although this was an easy win, long term it would more than likely, given the current global recession, have a negative effect on entries to the FSP selection events.
3. Options 3, 4 & 5 have been combined with the following decisions put to the BICTSF Board of Directors.

It was agreed the best way forward and also avoiding a dramatic increase in entry fee, the following changes for 2012 would apply to FSP.

Juniors (the future of most disciplines) entry will be lowered to £25 for 150 target events and £35 for 200 target events; designed to alleviate the cost burden to the parents and lower income Juniors in part or full time employment. This change hopefully will increase the Junior entry uptake giving a more competitive edge to selection coupled with expectations of an increased uptake of Junior entry.

For all other categories, the entry fee for 150 targets will be £99 for 2012 with the exception of the English Open that carries a CPSA Levy of £2 as it is a CPSA title; the 200 target BGP will be £129.

The entry fee is in effect 'Birds & Trophy' only. However, an option has been introduced similar to the US method, if you wish to enter the 'Cash Prize' fund option then there will be an additional charge of £10:00 per Class and/or Category with the entire prize fund going to those who enter this option. Competitors who wish to enter the 'Cash Prize Option' can enter in their Class and/or Category; therefore, if a Lady wishes to enter in Class and Category it will cost £20.00. Payment to enter the prize fund option will be made at the shooting ground on the day of competition, but must be before competition commences.

You may think that this only goes part way to increase the income over FSP expenditure and you would be correct in that assumption.

The teeth of the changes for 2012 lies with Option 7 and GB team funding. For 2012, those who make the GB FSP team will have their entry paid and team registration paid, there will not be any contribution to personal expenses in 2012.

You may conclude that the above will dissuade competitors accepting their team place, I would argue, the honour of representing Great Britain far out ways the £200 contribution to personal expenses received in the past. This measure alone will save £6,400 annually.

BICTSF FITASC sporting events regularly top the attendance list for all BICTSF disciplines each year but equally, it is the most expensive discipline to fund. The Majority of the competitors are there to enjoy the challenge this is why the two tier entry fee has been introduced.

All the above changes have been approved by the BICTSF Ltd Board of Directors and will become effective as of 1 Jan 2012.

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