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Proposition - Proposed Increase of Affiliation Fees 2017/18

Proposed by the Board

Proposition: 'that this meeting agrees to the increase of affiliation fees from:-

- " £12 p/a to £14 p/a for senior player members
- " £6 p/a to £7 p/a for cadet/junior player members
- " Associate membership remains £0 p/a.

Rationale:

The Board are keen that any increase in affiliation fees is recognised as a contribution towards the growth and development of table tennis, from grass roots to performance. Last year the Board was transparent in its strategy that affiliation fees would need to increase over the next few years to (a) reduce reliance on Sport England funding and to plug any shortfall and (b) meet the requirements from Sport England that the membership contribute to the core function of the National Governing Body. Affiliation income current contributes just 7% to the income of Table Tennis England. Last year's £2 increase was used secure free access to League Manager and to provide personal accident insurance.

Sport England funding has reduced by c 13% and despite making great strides in international success UK Sport and Sport England are not funding table tennis at Olympic or World level. Increased funding totalling c £5m is being targeted at the core of the sport through initiatives such as the clubs and volunteering support programme, competitions and coach education over the next 4 years. However this funding is restricted and our own income is required to support further developments e.g. schools delivery and continued performance success. In respect of members, new club and tournament software solutions are being delivered this year and this is being funded through a special grant from Sport England which we secured.

By utilising the Benefits Club package, the cost of senior player membership can be recovered by e.g. just 3 visits to the cinema or using a discount code on many everyday items. By the beginning of the next membership year we hope to be able to announce some more exciting discount offers for members.