

Fee Increase Proposal for 2006-08

In order to balance the budget for fiscal year 2005-06 we have cut operating costs as much as possible without adversely affecting services. However, this is only a temporary fix, as it places too heavy a work burden on several Board members and our current office staff. We cannot go on this way for very long and continue to provide the kind of services and support – and more – that you have become accustomed to from us.

Board stipends and payment for BOD phone and internet service and participation at conferences have been drastically cut. We no longer have an executive director, and a part-time office position has also been eliminated. While we have contracted with Varsity Communications and essentially “outsourced” some of the work previously done by the executive director, we clearly will need additional help in our state office to provide additional services that you clearly expressed a desire for in your survey responses.

We finished the 2004-05 fiscal year with a deficit of \$37,000. Our per player national affiliation fees are up \$0.25 this year, and insurance, taxes, utilities and gasoline costs all continue to increase.

To keep up with these increases and provide some additional help in the office, we need to ask you to support a \$0.50 increase in the player registration fee for fiscal year 2006-07 and another \$0.50 increase for 2007-08. A proposal to this effect will be entertained at the AGM on November 13.