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### SAEF Budget 2020

We have been rather fortunate in being able to turn the fortunes of the SAEF around and place it on a sound financial footing. The combination of a fee structure more in line with meeting our needs and tight management of resources through the year has enabled us to achieve our objective of allocating R400 000- of our surplus to reserves as agreed at the AGM, and over and above this to generate a surplus that will be re-invested in "Special Projects" provisions in 2020. We are mindful of the pressure that SASCOC are under and have budgeted to support our potential Olympic Athletes in the event that SASCOC is not in a position to do so in getting our athletes and horses to Tokyo should they be eligible.

A meaningful amount has also been allocated to the support and success of International Events related to Polocrosse, Saddle Set, Tent Pegging and Polo. This will be on an application basis as and when appropriate.

We have also recognized the importance of ensuring that our Provincial Structures are given some support in carrying out their responsibilities with regard to administering the Clubs and Districts falling under them. This is being done firstly as support for their admin with funds per Province as specified, and over and above this, we have budgeted for Development Bursaries to be applied for by the various Provinces for projects they identify and utilize to drive development in their regions. This latter amount is part of our annual expenditure budget while the administration allocation is derived from part of the 2019 surplus.

Furthermore, we are hosting the FEI 2020 General Assembly and have allocated an amount to cover any SAEF unforeseen necessities that may arise in the build up to and the duration of that very important event. We have also supported the concept of re-introducing the annual President's Dinner and Awards Function for which, even though the costs should mostly be recovered from ticket sales, we feel we should be in a position to assist should there be a shortfall.

We have been mindful of the many comments regarding the SAEF value proposition and have revised the policy regarding recovery of Events Liability and Personal Accident Insurance – the SAEF will now cover this. This will allow the Disciplines to revisit their budgets or fees as they desire.

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Membership fees contribute roughly 80% of our annual income. We would obviously like to achieve total compliance in getting all participants to register and pay their dues – this will ultimately eliminate the current scenario of members in good standing effectively subsidizing those undermining the system! The administrative burden that ensues from this is rather large and resources better employed productively would be more beneficial.

Even so, we have revised the membership fees in various ways – we have taken the decision to differentiate only between Senior and Junior members – all our members fall under the SAEF. The fees have been reduced compared with 2019; we have extended the 10% early payment discount concept, but, along with this, have suggested a 10% penalty for registration after 31 January deadline. A family discount benefiting 4th and subsequent Junior immediate family members has been set at 15%.

Along with the unitary Senior and Junior annual membership fee, where previously only the FEI annual subscriptions were covered, the SAEF will also cover the payment of international affiliation fees for all the relevant Disciplines, the exception being Polo which has a disproportionately high International affiliation fee in relation to the number of members and the contribution to this will be limited to R25000- of their total R93000- fee.

There have already been and will continue to be many benefits derived by the so-called non-FEI Disciplines from the various FEI initiatives and this contributes to the thinking that we should consider our members SAEF members rather than perpetuating the divisive allocations of the past.

I have to express gratitude to the Office team as well as our Bookkeeper in the conceptualizing and preparation of this budget – be assured that they have the interests of the SAEF and its members at heart and have been very innovative in coming up with the suggested changes and ideas that are evident in what we hope will be a well-structured and progressive budget.

The Treasury wishes you a happy budget debate in my absence!

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