

## Financial Report 2004

I would like to think many members will be at the AGM, especially as I shall attend this time! Past experience suggest numbers will be modest and with this in mind I am giving a précis of some matters which will be included for discussion when I report.

You will see from the agenda and proposals that our constitution and standing orders are subject to several proposed changes to tighten up our financial affairs.

I shall be recommending approval of the annual accounts. These currently are subject to audit and show a small loss.

### Brief picture

Memberships		Running costs	
Events Income		Event Costs	
	200		300
Bank: £2000 Deposit Account £6000 Other Assets £1000.			

I will be recommending no change to the membership fees for the coming year but the committee has agreed new event charges of C4 £4.00 for Seniors and Age related competitions £7. These will be reviewed again in 2005.

Your committee has been trying to address the matter of expenses and anomalies in how volunteer helpers, mappers, officials and Club Officers are both recompensed and acknowledged for their efforts. We have looked at several options.

I hope the new Committee will make a decision at an early meeting. Before this we would like to throw the issue open to allow all members to have their say and make their thoughts known to the new committee.

We have an anomaly that if a member helps at an event by helping at registration for an hour or so they get a free run whereas your officers and members of committee put in many hours of work for the club receive nothing other than out of pocket expenses and many do not even claim those. The same can be said of mappers, who spend days on site and only claim travelling costs.

The Club agreed some years ago to pay a flat rate attendance allowance of £10 in lieu of expenses to a POC officer to manage and organise our permanent courses. Again we have an anomaly at that if she went to a nearby courses for half an hour she would receive this sum but if she went to the same area to do a days mapping she would only receive a small mileage allowance.

As manpower is the biggest problem in our sport, as a club we wish to be fair to all these volunteers and at the same time encourage members to assist in many ways. An alternative would be for us to buy in labour which would be far more expensive. As a last choice we could also significantly reduce the events which we offer.

The suggestion that your present committee is looking at is to award free BOF membership to those members who serve the club on committee. Officers feel the new committee should decide this after listening to the views of the membership. They are obviously concerned not to appear to be favouring themselves unreasonably. Several of the Committee have intimated that whilst they agree with the concept they would themselves probably donate the equivalent amount back to the club.

This of course will still leave your committee having to decide how properly to encourage and recognise the efforts of the club mappers, where we have a severe shortage of volunteers.

Please come to the AGM if at all possible, but if you have strong views and are unable to attend speak to any member of the committee.

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**Treasurer**

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