

Report of the Honorary Treasurer 2003/2004

There are a few points relating to the accounts that I wish to raise. Starting with the indoors – the expenses stand at a higher amount than last year due to track hire at 900euro was not being paid last year and so has been included in this years expenses, there was also a 600euro rise in the cost of timing, which we have queried, although it appears that this will be the norm for following years. Regarding the Road Relays, the rise is again due to a rise in timing costs. The Outdoors rise can be attributed to the hosting grant given in the previous year being given in a slightly different format, while the extra cost at Antrim was the purchasing of extra vests, which should see us through this year.

Regarding money coming in. The only income the IUAA has is from affiliation fees and Antrim international dues (as well as some negligible fees from guests at championships). This year saw two colleges not paying their affiliation fees and four not paying the previous years Antrim dues, totalling 925euro unpaid for the year. I feel frustrated with this, as I have sent various reminder letters throughout the course of the year & have only heard back from two of the 5 colleges.

To finish I wish to look at the coming years expenses. I have two main concerns - timing and the International Cross Country. At present one quarter of our expenditure in a year is directly towards timing, with a portion of the Cross Country and Track and Field grants also being paid towards this expense. The executive committee is aware of this and are looking into possible alternatives, however if any of the member colleges have any suggestions on this issue, please feel free to contribute.

The International Cross Country is hosted by ourselves every second year. The competition is made up of IUAA vs Presidents Select vs NIAF vs Scottish Uni`s. In 2003 the men`s race contained 26 athletes, with 19 in the women`s, the Scottish Uni`s only sent 6 athletes, while the NIAF only sent 6. The positive from this is that costs were kept to a minimum and if the same numbers were involved this year I am confident that we would be just be able to cover expenditure. Unfortunately I do not feel that it is of benefit to either the IUAA as an association, or indeed the athletes themselves to participate in such an event. There is undoubted potential for this event to become a high calibre prestigious fixture, with many teams being invited, however for this we will need considerable amounts of extra funding. Long term the event needs sponsorship and the executive committee is currently working hard to secure some, I do not feel that the necessary funding will be in place for this years event and so the only way I can see the event being held this year at a sufficiently competitive level is if an individual institution were to host it.

In brief summation, I recommend that the affiliation fees remain the same for the forthcoming year, however, with the continued increase in outgoings, unless income can be sourced from elsewhere they will undoubtedly have to be raised in the near future. I feel that unless a member college is able to host the event and provide some financial

backing, the International Cross Country is no longer financially viable and the plug should be pulled on it until such times as extra funding can be sourced.

Yours In Sport

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