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ACCSO Financial Review 2020 – Revised Budget 2020 and Draft Budget 2021

With this document is a revised 2020 budget approved by the ACCSO Committee on 29 June and a draft 2021 budget for debate at the ACCSO AGM in November.

In addition there is a document outlining notes on the proposed budget.

You should consider the two years (2020/2021) together given the Covid-19 crisis resulting in the lack of cricket in 2020.

As we move towards 2021 clubs and ACCSO alike are clearly facing challenging times, financially.

As you will see from the budget we are not certain of the continued kind sponsorship of Blevins Franks. Blevins Franks are interested in client referrals. They have not received many/any via the clubs in recent years. In addition a downturn in revenue due to Covid-19 has put increased pressure on their costs. If clubs are able to drum up any business for them it would certainly help to try and justify future sponsorship.

In 2022 if we receive no sponsorship we will face a budget deficit of over 2000€. We will clearly try and keep some level of sponsorship with BF or find alternative sponsorship but clearly there are no guarantees and in the post Covid-19 economy it may be difficult. I may be able to update you on this subject at the AGM.

The ACCSO Committee considers a loss of about 700€ over the two years, 2020 and 2021 to be acceptable given the issues relating to Covid-19. Although we will try to keep it nearer 500€. However clearly we can't sustain relatively large losses moving into 2022.

At the same time as potentially losing all or some of Blevins Franks sponsorship ACCSO are faced with increasing costs – on balls and umpiring.

Balls: The cost of balls has increased from 30€ per box in 2014 to 70€ a box in 2020/2021 - a 57% increase not reflected in the cost of entry fees.

In addition to providing clubs with balls ACCSO also provide balls for the T20 and the latter stages of the cup.

The cost of providing all the necessary balls in 2020/2021 will be around 1750€.

If we set this against competition entry fees receive from clubs of 750€ we have a 1000€ deficit on ball costs alone without allowing for any other competition costs. Given the potential loss of some or all of our sponsorship the cost of balls becomes the biggest cost exposure.

It is the view of the ACCSO Committee that clubs should at least cover the cost of the balls issued to them in their competition entry fee. We are therefore faced with a limited number of options.

1. An increase in the entry fee to 150€ from 75€. This would at the very least cover the cost of balls issued to clubs. But it would not however cover the additional balls provided by ACCSO for T20 etc.
2. Clubs to cover the cost of balls themselves at cost, organised via ACCSO in addition to the existing competition entry fee.
3. Clubs to cover the cost of balls themselves at cost, organised via ACCSO with a reduced competition entry fee.

I am afraid for 2022 onwards we must adopt one of these options (or an alternative) and depending upon the sponsorship situation we may have to go further.

Umpires: We also may face increased umpiring costs.

ACCSO will probably need more Pool umpires for season 2021 and these may ask (as they are entitled to) have their costs refunded in cash as opposed to most who at the moment donate their costs to ACCSO. This cannot yet be quantified but it might make a considerable difference to the cost of playing cricket across the region.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me. I am open to any comments or thoughts on the situation and look forward to receiving them in advance of the AGM.

Best Wishes,

Peter Brown
ACCSO Treasurer