

Hi Paul

It was agreed a few years ago to introduce a player levy of £5 per competitor at each event. This was agreed to and passed at our AGM at that time.

The levy is there to maintain the standard of our 7 events held annually, and in the unfortunate situation where a sponsor were to pull out at short notice we would still be able to run the event to the expected standard of the golf section members, which incidentally happened last year when KAC withdrew sponsorship after the section had paid out deposits for 2021 and 2022 (see accounts). It was agreed that the levy figure should be built up to cover the cost of running our flagship national events.

Our events do not make a profit for the section, all entry fees and sponsorship monies are spent on that specific event (exception of the £5 levy). The grant application in question is for the general running costs of the section. Unforeseen costs include: website, numerous banners and signage, embroidery set up costs, engraving set up costs. Then general yearly costs including gifts (mementos) from the section for golf clubs/sponsors along with some travel, fuel and hotel costs incurred by the committee to attend and oversee events.

The circumstances of the recent pandemic meant that all fixtures from last year had to be cancelled, meaning that typical funding and expenses for the section was not reflective of what would be a normal year. This gave us a surplus for the year however, this has helped us with propping up the 4 Nations competition following the withdrawal of KAC sponsorship and this year we will have to draw down funds from the account to fund this and the annual England v Scotland and Singles events in 2021.

Anticipating sponsor withdrawals, we are planning to review the annual 4 Nations and England v Scotland events for 2022.

Over the course of the year, we run 7 events which are attended by approximately 1000 people all promoting FSUK, something I believe is very impressive. These numbers come from competitors at local, regional and national levels along with sponsors, organisers and guests. The professional way the Golf Section is run is always highly commended by the golf clubs we play at, who always want the section to return in future years. This encourages our sponsors (two of which have been supporting the section for over 25 years) as well as the Aspiration Hotel Group, Nike, and other organisations we are connected with, to promote FSUK in a very positive way.

I hope this explains the current position the of Golf Section, please let me know if you need any further information.

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