

Report of the Honorary Treasurer 2004/2005

This last year has seen an interesting reversal in the fortunes of the IUAA accounts. We have gone from an annual deficit to a surplus. This has mainly been achieved by the revision of our timing at championships and basically who provides them. At Maynooth last year (2003) we spent €524 on timing alone, thanks to Ian O'Sullivan that figure was reduced to only €50 in 2004. Similarly with the Indoors we saved around the same amount on the previous years figure. Our current balance is a healthy €4000, up significantly on the same time last year. Attached is a brief break down of income/expenditure.

Frustratingly many colleges struggled to pay their annual dues on time, many leaving it until the XC or later to pay. The only institution to contact me regards problems with University finance was NUIG, why was this?

Currently UCD still, after repeated requests, have not paid their dues of €825, unless they are paid up by Maynooth I do not feel it would be fair on other Institution to allow them to compete.

As highlighted previously the Indoor championships are our main spend of the year, with very little money in the bank last December we struggled to cover the bills. As a result I suggest that this year the IUAA need to tighten up on rule 6.2, which states:

“All Members shall pay their subscription to the Hon. Treasurer before January 20th of any particular Academic Year. Failure to do so, without an acceptable explanation, shall render the Member suspended from all the Association's activities until all outstanding fees have been paid.”

While more money is obviously good, we must remember that we did not hold the Celtic XC this year, which would normally cost us over €3000. We now must also think of ways to use/invest any annual surplus for the benefit of the IUAA.

Antrim International

The Antrim International has traditionally always been a good competition in terms of standard and organisation. Disappointingly this year fewer IUAA athletes travelled. Some of our best performing institutions, such as DCU and UCC simply did not send athletes, why was this?

I see a lot of potential with this fixture and indeed so do the NIAF who are open to suggestions to improve it and are currently seeking another team to bulk numbers, however institutions must place more emphasis on this meet if it is to be a success. I have suggested that after the outdoor championships we could give a quick 10min information session to all race winners (and Captains) detailing the arrangements for Antrim. I also hope to seek some form of sponsorship in the middle distance races through the IMC and

perhaps leaving these races open (where possible) to guest entrants, would this be beneficial?

I realise that some institutions feel that the competition can be very costly to send athletes to, thinking in particular to those travelling from Cork. Taking this onboard I propose that we reduce the cost of those travelling from Institutions further afield than Dublin, from €25 to €10.

Yours In Sport

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