

Hi All

I'd be interested running for the NFO role, however I don't see a conflict of interests with me running the NAGM or Hoburne, as any monies that would be transferred would need to be countersigned.

I think now it's more a matter of do you trust this person with the National finances. I think I've proved I can be trusted in how I run the Hoburne and AGM and latterly 80ish Birthday accounts as at one stage all three accounts had about £10,000 in them (total over the three accounts)

To help with this, my thinking would be for the four signatories to be Chair (Steve), Vice Chair, (Martin) NFO (Ben) and VP (Adrian). Names for examples which you see shortly. Therefore say Adrian and I were asking for monies for Hoburne this would be discussed, but then processed by Steve and Martin. Centre Parcs would be say Adrian and Martin. AGM would be someone and Martin. The second person having no connection to the event being the countersign for the request. A kind of sanity checker for the request.

One of my ideas is using the redundant 80ish account as the levies account so we can easily and finally justify what the £5.00 per person from areas actually goes towards. The National account would be mainly used as expenses such as the GPC attendance to AGM or National Chair yearly expenses.

I'd also like to see national events thrive and have options, if the GPC and NEC think it viable, giving out loans to events that deserve them on the understanding that as well as we would like the loan to be paid back that, as long as the accounts are presented in an audited form to that Area's Treasurer, we understand losses could be made but would be avoided if can be.

My first event to get something would be £2000.00 for SA Center Parcs weekend as unlike other venues they have to pay full accommodation costs up front and not a deposit and balance. In looking at the website for Elveden next year the 6 berth (all rooms en-suites) are £849.00 with £67.00 (£916.00 total per accommodation) to have them in a more central area. The £2000.00 would allow SA to secure two villas for a weekend break, which in past years they have easily filled as a minimum. My suggestion to SA would be that a separate account is set up for the event so it's not going through the main Southern Accounts. I know how hard Nicky and Steve run this event and to give them some financial support to release some of the burden, due to the uniqueness of how Center Parcs is paid, can only assist.

I personally disagree with the centralised member data base and would trust the four Treasurers/ membership officers to advise on this. Simply put anyone coming to a National event with no membership is charged £20.00, if post event it's been proved that person is a member the £20.00 is refunded. Appreciate again there are partial National open events like WASH where non members are present. However in saying this if the database still exists, I will stand by the decision made by the wider Plus delegation.

To clarify if I get the NFO role, I will not be standing for NAO, but am still planning to assist in running of AGM (If one is still required and its not reduced to a NEC) and Hoburne.

Lol you might hear majority of this again in the Holiday Inn Reading in February

Cheers

Ben