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1. Result of Mandate

Following Bulletin 7/ 2004 in which SAS member clubs were asked to vote on whether to retain the existing levy system or to support an investigation into an alternative method of financing SAS the result was very close. On direct votes there were 16 votes of NO and 16 votes of YES, but once these were weighted there were 28 votes for investigating a change with 24 to maintain the status quo.

In view of this result, SAS will undertake an investigation into an alternative method of financing with the objective of completing it by the end of December.

2. Investigation through FINCOMs

The investigation is to be undertaken by Finance Committees (FINCOMs) in each Region. Each Region has been given a summary of previous investigations but are at liberty to initiate new ideas. All alternatives will be coordinated into a single alternative for consideration across all Regions and then by Council. The resulting alternative will be presented to the SAS membership for approval or rejection at a Special General Meeting.

In order to change the financial system for the next financial year an SGM must approve the change by the end of January 2005. The present levy system will continue until the end of the current financial year and beyond that if the alternative proposal is rejected.

3. Club Actions

The FINCOMs need the cooperation of the Clubs and members to be able to carry out the investigation and in this regard full details of Club member numbers by category are a first step. This includes all non-sailing members and those members contributing to other associations. Typically the information will include categories such as Social, Family (see below), Ordinary, Country, Youth, Junior, Absentee and any others **plus their names**. If it is possible for the information to be sent in Microsoft Excel format it would be appreciated.

The need for family details is to allow each family member to have a SAS membership card.

It is requested that such information be sent to SAS regional offices by the 30th September 2004.

The FINCOMs would welcome any constructive ideas from Clubs and individual members and should direct these ideas through the regional offices in the first instance.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

SAS Council
15 September 2004