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1: Message regarding fees

A message from the BHPA Chairman and Members of the Executive Council:

After eight years, during which careful financial control prevented the need for an increase in subscriptions, it has finally become necessary to raise BHPA subscriptions.

In reality the need has not arisen through rising costs, those have mostly remained well under control. This year we will experience two significant changes to our income stream. The first is the effect of the 2012 Olympics and the removal of UK Sport funding for non-olympic sports. In 2008 our grant has halved and we anticipate that it will disappear totally in 2009. The second change is that many years ago, when our insurance history was pretty poor, we entered into a profit sharing agreement with our underwriters. At the time there was no profit nor any prospect of any profit, only substantial losses for the underwriter. However, in the last two years, underwriters have finally seen modest profits from our business and our broker has invoked the long forgotten profit sharing deal. Unsurprisingly, having only just moved into profit and seen a substantial portion of that having to be returned to us, at the insurance renewal this year, underwriters declined to continue with the profit sharing arrangement. Changes in the law had also made the arrangement questionable in any event.

The results of these changes mean that it has become necessary to raise subscriptions to the levels set out below. The new fees will take effect on 1st April 2008.

New membership books are in production and will be sent out as soon as they are available. Schools are required to return all existing membership books immediately after 1 April.

2: New membership fees

New Annual Membership Fees from 1 April 2008:

Flying Member	£84.00
Flying Member Family Group	£75.00
Flying Member Under 16	£46.00
Flying Member Under 18	£64.00
Flying Member Full Time Education	£64.00
Flying Member Over 60	£64.00
Flying Member Over 75	£46.00
Non-Flying Member	£47.00

All the above have been increased by £7 on previous fees.

Reduction for 'Pilot' rating	£7.00
Skywings magazine subscription	£36.00

Other Fees

All other membership fees and charges including Introductory Membership, Training Membership and supplements for Dual Pilots and Instructors are unaffected.

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