

INFO ON THE 2ND NATIONAL 2011

This information brief was prompted after the SAPSA AGM of 26 Feb 2011. During the meeting I found it hard to comprehend why **South African Males** will argue a point with emotions ruling and not with hard facts. (Hans Lourens you are excluded from this statement).

At this meeting NGPSA table a motion to **increase** the Entry Fee, for a Two Day Nat to **R600**. This motion was defeated by a vote of 19 to 6, with the following provinces the stronger proponents to keep it at R450-R 500:

- Central Gauteng
- Limpopo
- North West
- Free State
- KZN
- SAIRO&I

Just some background before I come to the reason for this brief.

It was always held the entry fee expenditure must be as follow:

- 60% Back to the shooter
- 20% to the host Province
- 20% to SAPSA.

This was change in the wake of the financial success of WS XIII to:

- 60% Back to the shooter
- 40% to the host Province

The argument being that the Nat body is financially secure and that its 20% allocation can be diverted to the host Province.

For the last three Nat that NGPSA has presented this figure was more like 70-80% to the shooter and the rest to NGPSA, this was never an allocation after the fees was collected, but the reality after all the Match expenses was paid for. This money was never paid to any individual but used by NGPSA to improve equipment and ranges.

I am of the opinion that the Eeu Fees Range has got the best stage props and equipment than any other club/range.

This diminishing percentage that NGPSA is receiving is no longer acceptable to me, as more and more money is needed for maintenance and equipment improvement and the cost of hosting the match is always on the increase.

For those who are unsure of the big cost drivers for a match:

- Officials
- Prize Giving Function
- Toilet facilities
- Medals
- Targets and patches
- Score sheets

Now to ensure that after 2nd round Nat 2011 hosted by NGPSA, the split is closer to the 60/40 mark a number of cost saving options must be explored:

- The structure of the Match. Comply with the minimum IPSC requirements for a Level 3 Match:
 - 12 Stages
 - 150 rounds
 - This would mean:
 - 6 Speeds
 - 4 Medium
 - 2 Assault
 - This will save a lot of money on various fronts, but not my preferred option, what about you?
- Officials. Before a shooter hears the words: "Are you Ready" the followings 9 officials are needed:
 - Match Director
 - Range Master
 - Assistance Range Master. Request from SAIRO&I, for training
 - 3 stats
 - 2 Maintenance
 - 1 Grounds man
 - I will not entertain this avenue for cost saving.
- Prize Giving Function. Any fresh ideas??. NGPSA see this as an important activity that must take place, the current venue that we make use of is already cut to the bone. Apart from a braai at the range or "Steer wacky Wednesday burgers" no cost saving here.
- Toilet Facilities. To make life easier for all a number of Portable and a VIP unit for ladies are brought in for Matches at Eeu Fees. The cost of these are in the region of R5 000. This can be a real cost saver.
- Medals. The awarding of stage winner medals require about 144 medals (If 16 stages and all categories are met) at a cost of R 2 000. This will help saving.

- Targets and patches. Not much can be done about patches. But targets can only be change on condition and not as a set rule of after every 4th squad. This will save about R 1000.
- Score sheet. By supplying only one copy for scoring. You will have to make your own notes for verification purposes and will increase the irritation factor of the RO's. There can be a saving of R 2 500. I will have to study IPSC rules 9.7.7 and 9.8.1.

The last four options are real and the R 10 500 saved will do a lot to rectify the 60/40 split.

Sensing the mood at the meeting, where emotions were stronger than facts, I didn't even tried to debate this issue with you representative, as facts would not have persuaded them, and apparently their mandate from you was to not approve the motion.

These costs saving measures are the result.

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