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To: All Zone/DC Presidents:

It seems that there are a number of associations who feel that they were not informed about all of the costs associated with the new funding formula presented at our AGM last June. The spreadsheets were provided to every Association, and as the discussions moved along, it was made clear to all that each spreadsheet showed what amount would be invoiced to each Association, based on membership numbers from the previous season. This new funding formula was approved by the delegates at Convention.

What seems to be missing is the fact that everyone did not read the entire document to see what amounts would be invoiced to their Association. It is also apparent, from the comments we have been receiving, that many do not realize that you are charging more for each tournament than what you are being asked to send in to the office. If your membership and/or tournament entries remain the same, you will be profiting from the event, and this will help to offset some of the other costs required to be submitted.

We provided all of that information at Convention last year so that you would have the summer to review it and to draft up budgets of your own. All of the figures were there. This would have been a great benefit to many organizations.

Remember that it was voted and passed a few years ago that all events are to be self-sustaining, and as such, these changes have become necessary. Further, as there is no fundraising assessment, your fundraising is to be used to run your organization and to pay other costs such as SAGM, AGM and the Hall of Fame.

Although the proposed budget has not yet been sent out, it will be emailed out to all Presidents and it will be posted on the O5PBA website. We're working on a few minor adjustments, and as this is the first year for me doing this, it has taken me a bit longer than anticipated. That being said, the proposed budget will be out before the end of the month. Further, when you get to Convention, there will be a spreadsheet made available to every Association that itemizes again exactly what your financial obligations will be for the upcoming season. Use this to prepare a budget for your organization! There will be no surprises and everyone must understand. Please, if you don't understand, please ask and we can provide any answers necessary. Everyone needs to leave Convention this year with a clearer understanding, and this will only be achieved by asking questions and clarifying any concerns.

Thank you and see you all very soon.

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