

Proposed SC&T RRC Policies regarding BRC Fees and Training

BRC Fees

BRC Annual Fees (which include NRC Annual Fees) will remain at \$7.50 per head for the coming year. For a SC&T total rover membership (including RAs) of say 90, this would come to \$675.

In order to encourage full participation in RRC across the Region it is proposed that these fees be paid by RRC for any crew that is always represented at RRC and provides a written report to the meeting (emailed to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes). Failure to attend/report will cause forfeiture of 10% of the crew's fee amount for each meeting missed. Any required invoicing to recoup for forfeited amounts to occur prior to the AGM by the RRC Treasurer. For the crews outside the Wollongong metropolitan area, just a written report will be required along with the name and phone number of a contact person in case we need involvement in a vote.

Any forfeiture should be understood as a withdrawal of a discretionary encouragement rather than a penalty.

Training

As a region we have a number of young and inexperienced crews. There is also a new requirement (NRC Policy) that (effective from 2013) all crew leaders must have completed the Rover e-Training parts 1 and 2. The third part (the residential BST course) is not mandatory but is most definitely recommended. (The Parts 1 and 2 are pre-requisites for the BST course)

It will be the responsibility of ALL CREWS to fulfill these requirements.

Costs for the courses are \$60 per head for access to the eLearning courses and \$125 for the BST course. We are hopeful that a cheaper outcome may be possible by conducting group sessions with an accredited trainer present (? maybe 50% reduction).

SC&T RRC is prepared to assist crews meet these requirements. We propose that the SC&T RRC pay for two rovers from each crew per year for e-learning and one per crew per year for BST. If no discount can be achieved, this will possibly cost RRC \$960 (assuming 8 crews) for the e-learning and \$1000 for the BST course.

The current financial position of RRC is quite strong and can sustain this expense for 2 years without supplementation. However, Weekend Widegame is an RRC activity and has recently run good operating profits. We must be mindful that Widegames do have capital expenses and that some in upcoming years may be substantial. Therefore we must not plunder their profits irresponsibly. However, it is suggested that where crews make a contribution to the planning and/or execution of Widegames through the year, their training as outlined above be paid by RRC. Where crews do not adequately participate, the RRC training supplement be withheld – the crew would be invoiced for any funds already outlaid. The determination of each crew's adequate involvement to be determined by a group of 3 nominated the WWG executive (must include RC-R or ARC-R). Crews must maintain a 'financial' status in order to qualify for the support. This means that they must never be in arrears to the branch for more than one quarter of fees.

Transfer of some funds from the Widegame account to the RRC working account should be assessed annually at the AGM.

Where crews are in receipt of other external funding for training this will not preclude their involvement in this scheme. Crews receiving such funding will be expected to use it all for the intended purpose. Whether in receipt of additional funding or not, all crews are encouraged/expected to train additional members whenever possible.

Hike 4 Hunger

The SC&T RRC has used some funds in each of the past two years to supplement collections for the Hike 4 Hunger campaign. These funds have essentially been funded by Widegame success.

It is proposed that the ability for such funding be reassessed each year in September.