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Dear Members

It gives us the greatest of pleasure to bring to you the new plan for the BDO BICC devised and finalised by the new board of the BDO.

This was sent to your County Officials on May 1st, 2020

The New Board were voted on by the county delegates on 19th April 2020.

The Directors were voted on to sort out the issues with BDOE (the company that ran the World Championship, The World Masters and The World Trophy) to this end we have appointed an administrator. and then come up with a plan for the way forward for the BICC (County and Super League).

It was clear that drastic action was needed to both protect and take forward the BDO BICC and after no less than 7 Directors meetings later we believe we have, and are able to demonstrate to you all a clear way forward. The BDO is an organisation that was set up to take Darts from local league to the next level, it created the BICC with a structure and a set of rules that allowed the formation of County and Super league teams.

When you join the BDO/BICC you join an organisation that has an immensely proud history the BICC allows you to display your talents and skill in a proven structured way from Super League through County and finally Country, this system can even provide a steppingstone into the Professional game.

For most of you it means so much more than that. BICC or simply "County" (as we have all affectionately come to know it) plays a huge part in our lives, where else do we travel the "Length and Breadth" of the Country for a game that might last only 15 minutes? where your elected county and super league officials put in hundreds of hours per season to make things run as smoothly as possible, we do this through the love of the game and it's our job to ensure it continues.

We asked Steve Gittus (a new director who is also an Accountant) to create a projection, to create something on paper that we all understand that tells us where we are now, where we will be at the start of the coming season and where we will be financially at the end of 2022, Steve is on hand at any time to go through the figures with any County Official.



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BDO-L/ BICC is a non-profit making Company, the events we will still be providing and running under the BICC umbrella are The BDO Gold Cup, The BDO Champions Cup, the Youth festival including the 18-25 and the British Teenage Championship there will also be a Youth BDO Gold Cup next season (and when finances allow and in the original format British Open & British Classic as these events hold a wealth of history and are synonymous with the BDO Brand), apart from being well loved and fun events for everyone.

Our aim is to revamp the BDO name and apply a new way of working within the BICC whilst retaining the History, feel and charm of "County" and whilst rules need updating we have absolutely no intentions of trying to alter formats or structure in the system we all understand.

Our next County season may not start until January 2021 (the exact date will be announced no later than October 31st) however, we will be fully prepared to start earlier if the government allows that.

We are suggesting a lead time of just 6 weeks to prepare for the following season, in simple terms, although we are planning to start our first BICC match January 2021, if for example it is announced by the Government and we are given the "green light" to hold public gatherings on 1st October 2020, we will announce the first BICC game to start mid-way through November 2020 giving Counties with that first away game 6 weeks to book transport, hotels etc. then individual counties can plan to start their super leagues to fall in line with this.

This is our proposal for your consideration and although the "back bone" of the plan must remain in place in order to succeed, we are open to suggestion and change within areas of the plan that will allow, these proposals will be discussed at the BDO AGM when we are allowed to gather in one place.

As part of the new way forward the BDO Board will not pay any Prize monies to the Counties for the 2019/2020 season. Therefore, there will be no entrance fees payable by the counties for the 2020/2021 season.

The reasons for this decision are as follows: -



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1, The administration situation with BDO-E (for legal reasons we cannot explain at this time, but we fully intend to in the future).

2, As there were no clear winners from the 2019/2020 season and no one knows who would have won what amount, to pay out in a structured way on positions after 7 games would be unfair.

3, With no entry fees for the 2020/2021 in effect it gives the counties two seasons for one entry fee giving each County 8 home matches from which to prosper.

4, It remains a simple, clean, and easy way of moving forward.

Counties that have not been able to make or earn any funds during the summer season need not worry about finding next seasons entry fees, easing the financial burden. (With venues being closed for several months sponsorship will not be as easy to find for the coming season)

The BICC Insurance Premium £100 and BICC membership fee £10 will still be payable by every County.

The BDO Board have also made the decision that they will no longer enforce the Counties having to pay the 50p contribution to their national Organisations that has historically come from the sales of the County Programme, this will now be the choice of individual Counties to either continue to pay or retain the Money, making a seasons saving to each County of between £200 and a possible £450 depending on attendance at home fixtures.

Moving forward the BDO have increased the membership payment for each registered super league player from £1.00 per person to £5.00 per person for a full year's membership.

The main reason for this the £1 registration fee has not changed for many years it is the simple fact that you cannot buy anything worthwhile in this day and age for £1.00 and we need to make this increase to cover our administration costs and put more money back into your county systems.



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The BDO think it is an honour to be selected to play for your county so there will not be any fees for signing a county registration form.

We are looking at brighter future in BDO Darts and retaining its trademark and long-standing history, this is what we are all striving for and was the overwhelming position of the majority of the Counties that attended the Delegates meeting on the 19th April 2020.

Regards

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