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Right from the start this Presidium has strived to lower the annual fees for membership, however this within the boundaries of the Naviga statutes. These statutes also stipulate that the membership fee consists of a basic membership fee plus a given amount per class in which that member country wants to be represented. On top of that the number of votes at the Assembly General Meeting are based upon the number of classes occupied by that member country. So in theory without any class(es) there is no voting number for that country. I do however fully understand that with the current situation in regard to the war people are worried and/or reluctant to travel so yet again, the situation we do find ourselves in at this moment can be considered as extra-ordinary. Obviously the planned European Championship in class M and NS have been cancelled since we suspended the membership of Russia and Belarus for now, but this does not mean that those events have been cancelled all together. At this very moment we are working on a solution for both classes, and off course we will try to offer an alternative in a safe environment.

As you mentioned yourself, this Presidium did not inherit a sound financial basis when it took over and 2020 and 2021 did not bring large expenses either (i am sure Mr Stolarek can provide you with the financial balance from the moment this Presidium took over) but again according to the Naviga statutes, we are bound to certain financial obligations when official Championships are held. In such the membership fees are only used to cover the expenses the Presidium is obliged to make, for example the cost of the Section leaders expenses to attend such a Championship. With a total of 7 World Championships every 2 years, i do think you will understand what kind of cost is involved here. So far those expenses did not have to be payed because due to the pandemic no such Championships were held, but for 2022 several of such are in the planning. By not having a fysical AGM, we managed to save costs there too but in 2023 we will have to make a fysical AGM because at that time there will be Presidium elections.

Best regards,
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