

Action from OFEG 34

- **CD to write some wording around adding new equipment to the barter pool to be agreed by group and uploaded onto the OFEG website.**

Minute from meeting:

The group discussed what guidance should be given for Equipment/technicians outside the barter agreements that are needed to support a barter. It was agreed that these would/could be charged at cost.

It was agreed that all Members can propose new equipment which they want to add to the existing barter list along with corresponding barter points that they would like to charge. This 'charge' would be agreed by the OFEG partners before the equipment were added to the barter pool.

Proposed text:

General overview of equipment supply on barter cruises:

OFEG ship operators have different levels of standard equipment supply and on-board technical support for ship barter requests.

The standard level of equipment supply and technical support should be made clear between the ship operator and OFEG partners at the time of planning the ship barter.

Additional equipment can be requested for supply as part of the ship barter request, and this additional equipment supply comes in two categories;

1. Equipment already within the OFEG equipment barter arrangement but not standard with the ship barter offer.
2. Additional equipment not within the OFEG equipment barter arrangement.

These additional requests for equipment will be managed in the following way.

1. Equipment already within the OFEG equipment barter arrangement but not standard with the ship barter offer:
 - This equipment is able to be bartered between the OFEG partners and comes within the OFEG daily barter points system. If the equipment is available, it is allocated to a barter (or other cruise project) with the barter points then included in the overall OFEG accounting process; the equipment may also be specified to be accompanied with a technician(s) from the equipment owner.
2. Additional equipment not within the OFEG equipment barter arrangement:
 - This equipment is able to be requested but will not be managed under the agreed barter points system. The equipment will be supplied under an agreed financial cost arrangement between the partners in question; the equipment may need to be supported by a technician(s) from the equipment owner, which will also attract a financial cost.
 - It was agreed that the charge will be 'at cost' to the owner based on their existing equipment management process and staff rates. If partners choose to allocate barter points as opposed to a financial arrangements this is ok.

Proposals to add new equipment to the barter pool:

- Barter partners can propose additional equipment to be added to the OFEG equipment barter pool.
- The equipment owner should propose the barter points level for inclusion in the pool and this will be discussed and agreed/not agreed at the biannual OFEG meetings.

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