

As members know we are in the process of reorganising BAFF with a view to giving up its company registration, at least for the time being. The driver for this is that the future annual costs for a commercial company secretary and registered office have gone up to £700/year, which is unsustainable.

The reorganised association will be membership based like the present federation, and have the same aims. We are very aware of legal aspects and the need to avoid liabilities. Existing subscriptions will automatically transfer to the new BAFF, but every member has the right to cancel their membership if they prefer; this can be done on the website or by email request.

The former company will not leave a cash surplus, but arrangements are in hand for final costs of the company liquidation to be paid when the time comes. The main cost thereafter will be for the website, which will continue. The new association will start with a 'clean sheet' financially, but with existing members.

We'll continue to keep you informed while work on the reorg continues.

A report will follow on a proposal for a **temporary** reduction in the annual subscription from £7.50 to £5 until the reorg process is complete. (In other words, pay £5 for 12 months' membership.)

That would be an opportunity for new members, renewing members, and also those upgrading from 'BAFF military supporter' for the first time, to acquire full BAFF membership at a time of transition - which is just when we need maximum members!

(There are around 800 registered users at present but the majority are either free 'BAFF military supporters' or former members whose subscriptions have expired.)

**The membership signing-on/payment process on the website has been overhauled and is 'live' today.** Any serving or veteran thinking of joining is very welcome either to do so today for £7.50, or wait a few days for the temporary reduction to kick in — if members are happy with that proposal.

*This item has been posted in both the public and members' areas.*