

Northern Regional Rowing Council

AGM - 16 November 2020

Report: New Constitution for the Regional Rowing Council

Background

Early in 2019 British Rowing asked that Regional Rowing Councils such as the NRRC should update their constitutions, generally in line with a model provided by them. We missed the boat to take it to our AGM in November 2019, so need to progress it urgently now.

A copy of our current 2012 constitution and the recommended new one based very largely on the new British Rowing model are being circulated with this report and are on the Council's website at www.nerowing.com/nrcminutes.html.

Changes compared with existing

There are not huge differences between the old and new but the principle changes are:

- more on responsibilities of the Regional Rowing Council to implement policies and decisions by British Rowing taken centrally, as suggested in the 2019 BR model;
- our new version now matches how this region works in terms of having a wide range of officers with specific titles and not having chairs of committees that the old version talked about, but which we have rarely used;
- new post of Student Representative to be on the Executive Committee included;
- the new version recognises that the Chair of the Regional Umpiring Committee is appointed elsewhere in British Rowing and is then ex-officio on our Executive *;
- there is an increased quorum for general meetings (AGMs and EGMs), up from 4 to 20; total possible attendance is about 70 reps, one each from affiliated clubs and competitions - precise number varies depending who is paid up;
- meetings are now explicitly allowed to be online.

* *Note:* The issue of just how the Chairs of RUCs are appointed and are then 'imposed' on the Regional Rowing Councils is the subject of ongoing discussion at national level.

Recommendation

The Council's Executive Committee has discussed the new version of the constitution in detail on a number of occasions and is now satisfied that it is acceptable.

It is therefore recommended that Annual General Meeting agrees that the Northern Regional Rowing Council adopt the new constitution, to take effect from 1 January 2021.

A two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote is needed for a decision to adopt changes to or a new constitution to take effect.

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