



BRITISH DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

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Proposed Changes to the BDA Constitution

The constitution of The British Dragon Boat Racing Association is an important document. It sets out in a legally binding way how the association operates, its aims & objectives as well as how future decisions can be made such as making changes to the constitution itself.

At the moment the constitution places the sole responsibility for approving changes to the constitution with the club member representatives. All individual members have no say. We want to change that.

As part of the work we have been doing as an Exec over the past couple of years to implement a new membership platform and to reformulate our club & individual membership options, plus the work done by prior Execs to change from a Club Membership organisation into an Individual Membership Organisation, we have now got to a point where we have almost everything in place. The final step is to bring the Constitution & Bye Laws into line with reality so that moving forwards, the decision making responsibilities will lie solely with the Individual Members.

One of the first decisions to be taken at the upcoming AGM will be for the approval of the Constitution changes that have been proposed by the Exec. For this vote, each club that is a member of the association can nominate up to 4 representatives who will be the only persons eligible to vote in the initial process.

Hopefully we will have representation from all our clubs at the AGM. Prior to the AGM can all clubs please liaise with their members that are attending to choose their 4 representatives so those individual know who they are. This will save substantial time at the AGM itself.

A copy of the new proposed Constitution, along with the prior version for comparison, are included along with the Agenda & Voting Information circulated prior to the AGM.

As part of the work of updating the constitution, the Bye-Laws also require alteration to support the changes to the constitution. While Bye-Law changes are not required to be voted upon at the AGM, they are merely implemented by the Executive Committee, a copy of the amended Bye-Laws will be circulated prior to the AGM for your inspection.

I look forward to seeing you all virtually on 12 June at 10am.

Best Regards,

Neil Pickles

Chairman