

## **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEEETING OF TEES ROWING CLUB TO BE HELD AT RTWC ON 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER AT 8 PM**

This is called to consider and, if the meeting agrees, approve, the items detailed below: -

### **1. Adoption of Anti-Bullying Policy.**

This is a requirement of the new ARA Safeguarding and Protecting Children policy. The policy has been adapted from the ARA Model. Copies are available on the Club website and noticeboard for inspection.

### **2. Rule Changes required by the ARA Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy.**

Affiliation to the ARA, enabling the club to run and compete in events and gain the benefits of ARA membership such as insurance, requires us to adopt and follow this ARA policy. Furthermore, the Club insurance provides liability cover for claims in the area of child protection providing that we can demonstrate we are adhering to the policy. The Rules need to be changed to reflect the recent update of the ARA policy.

**RULE 5** – All members, and parents of junior members, must sign to indicate they will follow the Rules, Policy and other documents. New members will sign on their application form, and existing members will return a declaration with their subscription renewal.

**RULE 14** – This states categorically that the Club will follow the ARA Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy. This requires the Club to appoint a Club Welfare Officer, replacing the “Person in Charge” in the earlier rules.

**RULE 26** – This is a new rule listing the documents referred to in the Rules.

### **3. Rule Changes to define Powers and Financial Controls**

A recent application for grant funding was returned as key clauses in the Rules were missing or inadequate. These changes specify the activities the Club can engage in, such as organise rowing, training, buying boats, seeking funding, employing people and many more.

**RULE 13** – This is renamed “Powers and Duties of the Committee of Management”. Two paragraphs are added in front of the existing Rule. The first lists the Powers that the Committee has. The second states the duties of the Committee to maintain the club property and equipment (moved from later in this rule) and to indemnify the Committee and members against liability claims.

**RULE 16** – A third paragraph has been added, which requires the Club to run a Bank Account, and that two of three named officers will sign each cheque (as now).

### **4. Rule Change to amend the Treasurer’s Duties**

Since 1983 or earlier, the Rules have had some (unknown) text omitted, and an attempt has been made to complete the Treasurer’s duties. Some existing clauses have been moved to Rule 16 (see above).

**RULE 11** – The requirements to maintain financial records, submit them to the accountant, present the accounts at the AGM, issue cheques under the direction of the Committee, inform the Committee on the financial health of the Club, and keep the Club insurance up to date have been added.

### **5. Rule Change to amend the Swimming Requirement**

The existing rules are inconsistent with how we operate, so the rule has been changed to reflect current thinking and practice.

**RULE 5** – This is changed to allow children and adults to use Club boating equipment using a buoyancy aid until swimming ability has been demonstrated.