



Attention All Member Clubs

In 2017, Rowing NZ offered to subsidise the fees for Associations to have their constitutions reviewed by lawyers from Simpson Grierson. Rowing NZ recommended the review due to the impending amendments to the Incorporated Societies Act.

The Review compared the Constitution against the following:

- The existing Act
- Current best practice
- Draft Incorporated Societies Bill

The outcome of the legal review was that:

- 4 clauses required amendment
- 5-6 clauses should be added to the constitution
- 2-3 clauses required our consideration

The Committee has taken on board the feedback from the legal review and updated the Constitution. Due to the nature and extent of the recommendations, the Committee have used this as an opportunity to review the general wording of the constitution so that it is easy to interpret for most people (i.e. remove the legal speak).

The review report is being shared with all Member Clubs as this could help highlight clauses in the Club's constitutions that need attention.

When updating the constitution the Committee took guidance from the constitutions of other rowing associations, world rowing policies, Rowing NZ and Sport NZ.

Where changes have been made to the Clauses we have added an explanation below to briefly explain the reasons for the changes.

The 2020 WRA AGM

We don't want to get into any lengthy debates at the AGM. Instead we ask that Clubs and their committees review the attachments and provide feedback or suggested changes prior to the AGM. Ideally feedback should be received before we are due to send the AGM agenda and confirm delegates. We will do this on Wednesday, 12 August.

At the upcoming AGM, we intend to submit the changes by each clause for voting. This provides Member Clubs to raise any remits and questions as they relate to that clause. Alternatively, should there be mostly positive feedback and no remits received the Chair may decide to submit the full proposed constitution to a vote.

The AGM starts at 7.30pm. It is in everyone's best interests that we ensure the meeting runs effectively and we make the best use of our time.

Submission of feedback and further amendments

We ask that your feedback and remits are submitted in advance of the AGM before **12 August** to hello@rowingwaikato.co.nz

Feedback and remits shall be shared with all Member Clubs when the Agenda is sent out.

Attachments

1. Current Constitution as it is available on the Incorporated Societies register (in word)
2. Proposed Constitution with tracked changes (in word and PDF)
3. Proposed Constitution without tracked changes (in Word)
4. Legal review report conducted by Simpson Grierson in 2017

The documents provided to you as MS Word files have been done so to assist with you submitting feedback or any further amendments. Please ensure when making changes that you bring attention to these by using a different colour or using the highlighter tool.

For further discussion and more information

You are welcome to approach anyone on the WRA Committee to discuss these proposed changes, or email the WRA on hello@rowingwaikato.co.nz

FOR ATTENTION