

Formal Notices of the AGMs of Bedford Rowing Club and Bedford Rowing Social Club, to be held at **8:00 pm on Thursday 17 September** by Zoom video conference, have been posted in the Clubhouse and on the BRC FaceBook page together with the Agenda for each meeting. The Agenda includes reports from the main Officers, approval of the Clubs' accounts, and the election of Officers and Committee members for the coming year. They also include resolutions necessary for the proposed conversion of each Club from an unincorporated association to a limited company. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend and support these important proposals for re-structuring the governance of the Clubs, which have the full support of the Committee.

Copies of the Agenda and associated documentation are available to members on request from president@bedfordrowing.co.uk. They are private documents, confidential to members, and should not be shared with anyone else.

In view of social distancing guidelines, the AGMs will not be held in the usual way at the Clubhouse. Instead they will be held by Zoom video conference. Provided attendance is approximately in line with previous years the AGMs will be interactive, enabling members to speak and to vote. If numbers render this impracticable, the meetings may need to be adjourned to enable alternative arrangements to be made.

Members wishing to attend will need to register in advance. Instructions on how to do so are contained within the Notices and Agenda. Again, these are not to be shared with anyone else.

Elections

The BRC Officer posts open for election this year are Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer and Welfare Officer. John Mingay (Deputy President), Will Everitt (Secretary), Sandra Perry (Treasurer) and Paul Brown (Welfare) have all indicated their intention to stand down at this year's AGM. Their posts are currently shadowed by Hugh Maltby, Claire Sivills, Shane Roberts and (with a joint Welfare brief) Sam Deane and Shirley Hall respectively. They have been co-opted to the Committee for the purpose. Elected Officers Mike Biggs (Safety), Sara Reay (Membership) and the shadow post-holders are eligible for election at this year's AGM and all have indicated their willingness to stand.

The BRSC Officer posts open for election this year are Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary. Simon Thomas (Chairman) has indicated his intention to stand down. The posts of Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary are currently held by the corresponding BRC Officers and shadow Officers who are all eligible and willing to stand for election.

Any member wishing to stand for election must deliver a nomination paper signed by his/her proposer and seconder and by the candidate (confirming willingness to serve). **This must be received no later than 3 September 2020.** In addition, each candidate must have been a fully paid up member of BRC (in the case of BRC Officers and Committee) or BRSC (for BRSC Officers and Committee) for 12 months preceding the AGM. Members of BRC are automatically members of BRSC. There is no prescribed form of nomination paper but a suitable form is available from president@bedfordrowing.co.uk.