



North West Fencing Extraordinary General Meeting 2020

To be held at 10 am on 7th March 2020
At Manchester Fencing Centre
Unit 26, Osborne Mill, Waddington Street, Chadderton, Oldham OLP 6QH

Constitutional Statement: Extraordinary General Meeting 2020

The Committee, having proposed constitutional amendments at a previous AGM, have reviewed the constitution for the England Fencing North West Region dated 20th April 2013 and referred to hereafter as the Constitution.

On investigating amendments to the Constitution, it has come to the Committee's attention that the Constitution is no longer fit for purpose and contains some outdated provisions that are no longer relevant or of benefit to the Region. The Constitution refers to a Hub Development Officer and the Hub Development programme which is no longer in existence. The Committee have therefore reviewed the Constitution in light of these provisions and the recent loss of the Development Officer and considers it in the best interests of the Region to amend the Constitution to remove redundant provisions and to better meet the needs of a geographically large and diverse region.

The Constitution makes reference to a quorum of eight voting members, whereas it is understood that the previous North-West Region Constitution required a quorum of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary only. The Committee, until recently, had seven members but now has only six. No other members of the Region have attended the North West Region Annual General Meetings for the past two years, meaning that these AGMs are deemed not validly held under the current Constitution.

The Committee, having previously been unaware of these requirements and having held previous AGMs on the basis of majority vote of those present, and having been provided with the Constitution that England Fencing have failed to update and left unfit for purpose, propose to amend the Constitution and seek ratification of the members of the Region in respect of these actions.

The Committee seeks ratification of the AGMs held on 27th October 2018 and 29th June 2019, where attendance failed to provide a quorum but in all other respects a valid meeting was held, and authorisation to update the Constitution, with a draft to be provided for approval not less than 28 days prior to the EGM.

The EGM is proposed on 7th March 2020, at the Manchester Fencing Centre, whose address is noted above. Members of the Region are encouraged to attend to vote on these constitutional amendments and time will be allowed for questions on the day. Please encourage your club members to attend to vote. The EGM has been organised to occur concurrently with the BYCs to assist with participation.