

THORNTON STEWARD SAILING CLUB

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 14th JUNE 2018

SPORT ENGLAND GRANT FOR FUSION DINGHIES

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

1. Matter for Consideration

Amendments to the Club's Articles of Association required to comply with conditions of grant.

2. Information

2.1 As a condition of the award of grant by Sport England for the Fusion Dinghies, they require the constitution to be amended to include a clause detailing how the Management Committee manages conflicts of interest and that these are managed by at least 3 non-cohabiting/related committee members. Suggested articles are attached for approval by the Committee in the first instance; they will need to be put to an Extraordinary General Meeting as a Special Resolution, signed off & a copy of the revised constitution submitted to Sport England. The revision will also need to be submitted to Companies House for registration.

2.2 The draft is based on model articles recommended by the Charities Commission for charitable companies (although we are not in fact a charity) & also takes into account Section 175 of the Companies Act 2006. The provisions would be quite usual for a new company setting up today (rather than 1974 in our case) and I would recommend them for approval.

2.3 Sport England is happy with the draft. It is understood that although the grant is conditional on this type of revised article being adopted, they are prepared to release the grant early so that the boats can be used this season. However, the grant will be clawed back if the Club does not meet the conditions laid down.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee agrees:

(a) the new clauses and amendments to the constitution (the Memorandum & Articles);

(b) that an Extraordinary General Meeting is called to discuss and to formally agree the amendments to the constitution;

(c) that thereafter the fully agreed and amended constitution and signed minutes from the EGM are supplied to Sport England;

(d) that the Club recognises and accepts that if they do not meet these conditions Sport England will seek to clawback the awarded funds.

Peter Kearsley

Secretary