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Dear Member,

I hope you and your family are all well and coping with the restrictions this coronavirus emergency is placing on our everyday lives.

Although we have had to cancel the remainder of this season's meetings and the visit to the Palace House Horse Racing Museum there is still business to be carried on by the Committee in relation to continuity and planning for the 2020-21 season. This we will be doing, as best we can, by email communication and phone calls. In relation to some matters, such as the business normally carried out at the Annual General Meetings, we will need to seek the views and agreement of the membership. We will also do this via email and hope you will bear with us and respond accordingly. We would rather have too many questions; opinions and agreements to base decisions on than just a few.

We will endeavour to keep you all updated by either Newsletter or email. Please feel free to keep in touch by email or phone call at any time. I am self-isolated for the duration and would be pleased to have more to fill my time and hear how you are getting on in these stressful times.

Barry Parnell, Hon Secretary

Remainder of 2019-20 Events.

Latest opinion from the national health and scientific experts seems to be suggesting that we should be seeing a significant drop off in infection levels over the next 3 weeks, that social distancing and self-isolation could well be necessary until the end of June and it will probably be September/October before near normal life might return. Whilst the Wednesday 8th July visit to the City of Norwich Aviation Museum and the Annual Dinner, rescheduled for Friday 14th August, remain in this season schedule the Committee will review the latest advice and restrictions coming from Government each month and keep you informed on the likely hood of the events proceeding.

The Annual General Meeting and Committer Elections.

Whilst we cannot hold a meeting to conduct the A.G.M. business it is necessary for continuity that we should try to complete mandatory annual matters to keep you informed, enable you to have your say and ensure a committee is in place beyond 13th May when the tenure of every one of the committee members will cease.

We plan to issue no later than 1st May the:

- draft minutes of the 2018-19 A.G.M. as information for all and for those of you who attended that meeting to review, question if necessary and confirm your acceptance.
- Hon. Treasurer's Report and the Annual Accounts.
- President's Annual Report.

With regard to the Committee Election nine members have decided to stand for re-election and two to stand down. As I am sure you will realise trying to hold an election via email, initially for committee members and then from them for the officers is going to be extremely problematic. Consequently, we are considering, making use of a provision in the rules for enabling the committee "from time to time to make; vary and revoke Bye-laws". The proposed temporary byelaw would include:

- Not seeking nomination for the 2020-21 Committee. This would leave 2 vacancies to be filled by co-option when things are back to normal
- Extending the tenure of the existing committee members, other than those standing down, for a further year. All the Officers have confirmed they are willing to remain in their role for a further year.

We will advise further, once all the committee members have considered and voted on this proposal

Staying in Contact.

For a number of members, I only have their company email address and telephone number on record. If you are on furlough and no longer in a position to monitor the email address, we will not be able to contact you and keep you updated. If this email came to you via a company email address, please can you let Barry Parnell have an alternative.

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