

## **Maidenhead Reapers Committee Elections 2018-2019**

**What is it?** All the club members will vote to select the people who will be running the club for the next year. Every year we elect five committee members who sort out the finances, venues, events, and generally running of things. This year the vote will be on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

**Who can stand?** Anyone who is currently a member of the club and is going to be a member of the club in the year 2018-2019. Please put your name forward with a short (couple of paragraphs) piece of text about why you think you would be good and what you would like to do. This will be collated on the Facebook page, but anyone can come forward up to the point of the election. There will be no need for any public speaking, producing a document is enough. Although you can stand at any point up to the election we encourage you to get your prospectus in at least a week in advance to give people a chance to read them, you might be at a disadvantage if you don't.

**Who can Vote?** Any member in the past of coming club year, so if you have been a member in 2017-2018 or have paid for your membership for 2018-2019.

**How does it work?** Every member can vote for up to five candidates for the committee (but can vote for less) and cast a separate vote for which of the five candidates they would prefer to be chairman. The five candidates with the most votes form the committee, and the one with the most chairman votes becomes chair. The committee decide amongst themselves who will take the other roles (with the chairman settling disputes). The other roles are Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity, and Events. If there is a tie, then it is decided by a dice off (or coin toss). If there aren't enough members elected, or someone can't take up their post then the committee can choose to draft in another member to serve in their place, this will usually be the next person down in the vote.

**Who is in Charge?** We have an independent Returning Officer, in the form of Chris Stritch, who will count the votes and make sure everything is fair.

**What if I'm away?** Membership for the next year can be bought in advance, please contact one of the committee if you need to, and you can cast your votes by sending a message to Chris S, who will include them in the ballot on your behalf.

**Do we need to buy new Membership?** If you are currently a member of the club (2017-2018) this will end immediately **after** the election and you will no longer be able to access the discounts etc. The membership year runs for a year and day, changing over on the day of the election, allowing members for both the previous and coming years to vote. Being a member for the previous and coming year does not allow you to vote twice. If you have been elected to the committee you **do** need to buy new membership as you must be a member of the club to serve on the committee.

**Who sets these rules?** These procedures are set by the club's constitution that can be found on the website.