

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2020.

Coronavirus having put paid to a number of our activities, I have only two items on which to report.

1) REVISION OF THE CONSITUTION

On Saturday 1st February, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held to consider and vote on the draft of the revised constitution. The draft had been circulated to all members in advance.

After a short debate, it was clear that those present felt that the membership had not been given sufficient time to consider the draft and the reasoning behind the proposed changes. Accordingly, the motion to adopt the revised constitution was withdrawn. A new draft, incorporating some amendments, would be circulated early in the summer and discussed at the AGM in September.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to hold an AGM this year. Therefore, the committee has decided to postpone discussion of the revised draft until the 2021 AGM, with the membership being given plenty of opportunity to consider it in advance.

Proposed changes to the rules, based on Ken Kershaw's comprehensive work, will not be discussed until 2022. The committee felt that it was too much to try to deal with both the constitution and the rules at the same time.

2) 2020 HANDBOOK

Thanks to the hard work of Brendan Nellis, Carol Canning, David Carslaw and Meriel McCarthy, we were able to get the 2020 Handbook out to members pretty well on time. Fortunately, our printers, Smiths of New Milton, were working when we needed to 'go to press'.

If any member has not received his or her copy of the Handbook, please let me know. I have a good supply of spares. Either e mail me at cknox@waitrose.com or telephone 01590 642786.

Fair winds and good sailing,

Chris.

