

THE FRIENDS OF RICHMOND PARK

RULES

(These are the Rules made by the Trustees on 13 May 2010 pursuant to paragraph 29 of the Friends' constitution as amended at the AGM on 8th April 2017. The Friends in general meeting has the power to alter, add to or repeal the Rules.)

President, Vice President and Patrons

1.
 - (a) The Trustees may invite any person of local or national recognition who they believe can successfully represent the Friends in the wider community to be the President of the Friends.
 - (b) The President shall hold that position for a period of three years but the Trustees may invite a retiring President to continue for such further period as may be agreed.
 - (c) The President may relinquish the position at any time by giving notice to that effect to the Trustees.
 - (d) There shall be no more than one President at any time.

2.
 - (a) The Trustees may invite any person who has contributed significantly to the Friends and whose experience and advice the Friends wish to retain to be a Vice President of the Friends.
 - (b) A Vice President shall hold that position for a period of three years but the Trustees may invite a retiring Vice President to continue for such further period as may be agreed.
 - (c) A Vice President may relinquish the position at any time by giving notice to that effect to the Trustees.

3.
 - (a) The Trustees may invite any person of local or national renown whose expertise is of value to the Friends or who can represent the Friends' objectives and activities in the wider community to be a Patron of the Friends.
 - (b) A Patron shall hold that position for a period of three years but the Trustees may invite a retiring Patron to continue for such further period as may be agreed.
 - (c) A Patron may relinquish the position at any time by giving notice to that effect to the Trustees.

Vice Chairmen

4. The Trustees may elect not more than two of their number to serve as Vice Chairmen of the Friends. A Vice Chairman shall deputise for the Chairman when the Chairman is absent.

Honorary membership

5. The Trustees may confer honorary membership of the Friends on any person who has contributed significantly to the Friends or to the Park for such period, including for life, as they may determine.

Membership subscriptions

6. (a) The Trustees shall from time to time determine the amount of the subscriptions to be paid annually in respect of individuals, members of one household, and organisations, and shall take steps to inform all members of the sums due.

(b) The Trustees shall, also, from time to time determine the amount of the subscriptions to be paid in respect of an Extended Membership (defined as being a period of no more than five years) in respect of individuals and members of one household and shall take steps to inform all members of the sums due and the terms of Extended Membership.

(c) In the event of the death, resignation or removal of the member during the period of the Extended Membership, the amount of the subscription remaining would not be reclaimable by the member, or the member's representatives, but would be dealt with as a donation to The Friends of Richmond Park, recognised in the financial year in which the termination of membership took place.

(d) Other than in respect of an honorary member, a subscription shall be a sum due from a member for the purposes of paragraph 8.3 of the Constitution.

(e) For the purposes of these Rules a 'household' shall mean no more than two people named on their membership application form and living at the same address.

General meetings – motions and procedure

7. (a) Any member may give to the secretary notice of the wording of a motion which the member wishes to propose at an annual general meeting.

(b) Where such a notice is signed by ten or more members, the resolution shall be included in the agenda for the meeting.

(c) Where such a notice is signed by fewer than ten members, the Chairman shall decide whether or not the resolution shall be included in the agenda for the meeting.

(d) A notice referred to in Rule 7(a) must be received by the secretary not later than 28 clear days before the date on which an annual general meeting is due to be held.

(e) At an annual general meeting the Chairman shall allow any member present to raise any issue relating to the Friends, but

(i) the time during which that issue is discussed shall be at the Chairman's discretion; and

(ii) no motion or resolution shall be proposed or voted on other than a motion or resolution of which notice has been given under Rule 7(a).

Meetings of the Trustees

8. (a) The secretary shall call a meeting of the Trustees to be held in alternate months; notice of a meeting shall be in writing but may be transmitted by electronic means.

(b) The Chairman may invite any person to attend the whole or a part of a meeting of the Trustees, but any such person shall not have a vote.

(c) The secretary shall cause minutes of each meeting of the Trustees to be taken and transmitted to the Trustees before their subsequent meeting.