

Proposal to change GCCC constitution and rules

All the officers of the Club (President, Chair, Board members) are subject to fixed terms of office. However, the office of The Patron is currently one that is a lifetime appointment which does not sit well with good corporate governance. We are therefore proposing a term limit for The Patron. This is longer than for other officers, reflecting the fact that The Patron is a slightly different role. We have discussed this with the current Patron, The Earl Bathurst, and he is supportive and understanding of this change.

Proposal: To restrict the term of office of a patron, giving the opportunity for both parties to review the relationship after a period and mirroring similar limits on board and presidential length of service.

Current Statements

10.13 The Executive Board may, at its sole discretion, invite and appoint any person to the honorary position of Patron of the Club.

10.14 A person holding an honorary position as a Patron, or President, or Vice-President, or Honorary Life Member shall hold such position for life unless they choose to retire from the position or otherwise cease to hold the position in accordance with these Rules.

Proposed Change

10.13 The Executive Board may, at its sole discretion, invite and appoint any person to the honorary position of Patron of the Club for an initial term of five years. On the expiration of their term the person may be appointed for one additional period of five years if agreed and confirmed by The Executive Board. In any event, no one may serve more than a total of ten years as Patron.

10.14 A person holding an honorary position as a Vice-President or Honorary Life Member shall hold such position for life unless they choose to retire from the position or otherwise cease to hold the position in accordance with these Rules.