Constitution

Of the League of Friends of the Budleigh Salterton Hospital

Registered Charity Number 1028245

1. The name of the Society is 'The League of Friends of the Budleigh Salterton Hospital'.

PRELIMINARY

2. In these Rules:

a. the expression 'the League' means the Association constituted by these Rules;

b. the expression 'the Committee' means the Committee for the time being of the League as hereinafter constituted;

c. the expression 'the Secretary' means the Secretary for the time being of the League;

d. the expression 'these Rules' includes any amendment or alteration thereof for the time being in force.

OBJECTS AND POWERS

3. The Objects of the League shall be to:

1 To provide support to the beneficiaries of Seachange Devon, a registered charity, (formerly the Budleigh Salterton Hospital) to improve their health and wellbeing.

2 To provide support for the health and wellbeing needs in the wider community which may lie outside the remit of Seachange Devon .

For the purpose of carrying out the above Objects, but not otherwise, the League shall have the following powers:

a. To mobilise, encourage, foster and maintain the interest of the

public in the patients and staff and support the work of **Seachange Devon** by means of voluntary service.

b. To maintain the relations and association which exist between voluntary bodies and Seachange Devon, and to provide opportunity for such voluntary bodies to continue their activities for the benefit of **Seachange Devon**.

c. To provide funds for the purpose of supplementing in such manner as the League thinks fit the resources of **Seachange Devon's** service, or of putting such funds or any part thereof at the disposal of the Area Health Authority, to be used for such specific purpose as may be designated by the Committee.

d. To recruit and assist in the recruitment of voluntary workers in aid of **Seachange Devon.**

e. To provide a link between **Seachange Devon** and the community which it serves.

f. To supplement the community services initiated by Seachange Devon within the town of Budleigh Salterton and District.

g. To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The subscribers to these Rules, and other persons as the Committee shall admit to membership, shall be members of the League.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. There shall be a minimum subscription of £1.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

6. As follows

a. There shall be a committee and the business of the League shall be conducted and managed by the Committee who may exercise all such power of the League and do on behalf of the League all such acts as may be exercised and done by the League and as are not by these Rules required to be exercised or done by the League in General Meeting.

b. The Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of the League and not less than five nor more than fifteen other persons. No person shall be a member of the Committee who is not a member of the League.

c. At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for the year 1988 and at the conclusion of every subsequent Annual General Meeting, one third of the members for the time being of the Committee, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the nearest to one third, shall retire from office.

d. The members of the Committee to retire in each year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who become members of the Committee on the same day those to retire (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

e. Retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

f. The Committee shall elect a Chairman to be chairman of the meetings of the Committee, and at any meeting of the Committee at which the Chairman is not present they may elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting in their place.

g. The Committee shall appoint a Treasurer, who shall be one of their number. The Committee may not remove the Treasurer

from office other than by the vote of 2/3rds majority attending a general or extraordinary general meeting.

h. The Committee may elect any member of the League to be a member of the Committee to fill any vacancy to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting then next following.

i. The Committee may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings, as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Any member of the Committee may, and the Secretary on the requisition of members shall, at any time, summon a meeting of the Committee.

j. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Committee may from time to time be fixed by the Committee, and unless fixed shall be three.

k. The Committee may delegate any of their powers to Sub-Committees consisting of such member or members of their body as they think fit. Any Sub-Committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulation that may be imposed upon it by the Chairman.

l. The Sub-Committee may elect a Chairman of its meetings and the provision of Sub Rule (j) of this Rule (except as the number of meetings) shall apply *mulatis mulandis* to any Sub-Committee.

m. All acts done by any meeting of the Committee or of any Sub-Committee or by any person acting as a member of the Committee or of any Sub-Committees shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such person, be valid as if such person had been duly appointed.

n. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary who may (but need not) be a member of the Committee. The Committee may at any time remove the Secretary from office and appoint some other person. Officers of the Committee, namely the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, shall be elected on a triennial basis. Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.

GENERAL MEETINGS

7. As follows

a. An Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in each calendar year and at a date not later than fifteen months after the last Annual General Meeting. The first Annual General Meeting being held in November 1948. The Chairman of the meeting shall be Chairman of the Committee and **if absent** then the members present shall elect a Chairman from amongst themselves.

b. The Committee may at any time call an Extraordinary General Meeting and must do so if requested in writing by no less than eight members of the League.

c. The Secretary shall give at least fourteen days' clear notice in writing of General Meetings and the purpose thereof to all members entitled to receive notices of meetings.

d. At a General Meeting each member shall have one vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is determined by no less than eight members present.

e. The Chairman's direction as to how a vote is taken, **the** declaration of the result of any voting and **the** decision on any question of procedure or point of order at a General Meeting shall be considered final. In the event of an equal vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

f. No vote may be cast by proxy.

g. No business hall be transacted at any General Meeting of the League unless a quorum of members is present at any time when the meeting proceeds to business. Ten members personally present shall be a quorum. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day next week at the same time and place; and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

ACCOUNTS

8. These shall be prepared annually and laid before the League in General Meeting an audited statement of accounts and a report of the League's activities.

PROPERTY

9. As follows

a. The moneys and property of the League not immediately required for the purpose of the League may be held by or vested in such persons as the Committee may from time to time determine, and the Committee may appoint two or more persons, whether members of the League or not, to hold such moneys or property upon trust for the League.

b. Cheques drawn on behalf of the League shall be signed by such person or persons as the Committee may from time to time direct.

REMUNERATION

10. All Officers shall be honorary, save that the Committee, when the Secretary is not a member of the Committee, may pay **that person** such remuneration as they think fit. The

Committee may appoint and employ such assistant secretaries and clerks as they think fit. They shall appoint (and pay proper remuneration to) auditors.

ALTERATION OF CONSTUTION, ETC

11. The League may by a majority of not less than two thirds of members at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting alter, add to or delete all or any of the objects of the League and alter the rules and constitution, provided that notice of intention to propose such alteration, addition or deletion and the details thereof are served upon each member with the notice required to be given by Rule 7(c) hereof, and provided also that no alteration in the objects of the League shall be made which would authorise the application of the property of the League for objects which are not charitable.

INFORMALITIES

12. No action or decision of the Committee or of any meeting of the League shall be invalidated by reason only of informality or neglect in any service of notices or in any matter or matters or of procedure, unless in the opinion of the Committee such informality or neglect has resulted in a situation which is unjust.

PROVISION FOR DISSOLUTION

13. The League shall be dissolved by a Resolution passed by two thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days' notice shall be given to the members. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the League, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the League as the League may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose with the approval of the Charity

Commissioners.

Signed by:Richard Mejzner

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