

NEW ZEALAND SHEEP-BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.—SUGGESTED RULES.

NAME.

1. The name of the association is the New Zealand ——— Sheep-breeders' Association (Incorporated).

OFFICE.

2. The registered office of the association is ———.

OBJECTS.

3. The objects for which the association is established are—
- (a.) To maintain the purity and improve the breed of the ——— sheep in New Zealand.
 - (b.) To incorporate into one association the whole of the purebred flocks of ——— sheep in New Zealand.
 - (c.) To compile and publish periodically a flock-book containing such particulars and information regarding the breed of ——— sheep in New Zealand as the association may think necessary or desirable.
 - (d.) To collect from members and others periodically such returns and information as the association may require, and to publish as much of this information as the association may think fit.
 - (e.) To offer prizes for ——— sheep to ensure the representation at important shows in New Zealand of a number of the best specimens of the breed, and to contribute from the funds of the association towards the expenses of the carriage of animals recommended for exhibition by the association.
 - (f.) The organizing and holding of shows or exhibitions of ——— sheep; the raising or providing of funds for the expenses thereof; the undertaking or managing of combined members' sheep-sales; and the appointing of auctioneers and agents for the conduct of such sales.
 - (g.) The arrangements of classes, and the donation or augmentation of prizes and awards of certificates of merit at various shows, and the appointment or recommendation of judges thereof.
 - (h.) The investigation of cases of doubtful or suspected pedigrees.
 - (i.) The undertaking of the arbitration upon and settlement of disputes and questions relating to or connected with ——— sheep, and the breeding thereof, and for other subsidiary purposes.
 - (j.) To provide rooms and other facilities for holding or conducting meetings for the objects or work of the association.
 - (k.) To purchase, take on lease, hire, receive by way of gift, or otherwise acquire, and also to sell, let, or dispose of, any real or personal property for the purposes of the association.
 - (l.) To borrow from time to time any moneys required for the purposes of the association, upon such security as may be determined.
 - (m.) To promote information with reference to sheep-breeding, by lectures, discussions, books, correspondence, or otherwise, and for any of the objects of this paragraph of Rule 3 to co-operate with any university or college, or professor or lecturer thereof.
 - (n.) To consider all questions affecting the interests of sheep-breeders; to initiate and watch over, and if necessary to petition Parliament or any other authority, or to promote deputations in relation to measures affecting sheep-breeders; and, where necessary, to procure changes of the law affecting sheep, and the promotion of improvements in the administration thereof.
 - (o.) To co-operate with any other society having similar objects, and to procure from and to communicate to such society such information as may seem likely to promote the objects of this association.
 - (p.) To join with other Breeders' Associations within New Zealand to form a governing body that will have jurisdiction over all the Breeders' Associations affiliated with it.
 - (q.) To co-operate with New Zealand Department of Agriculture or any other Government Department to advance the interests of the association and all breeders of live-stock generally.
 - (r.) To collect subscriptions and other payments for the general purpose of the association, and to invest the moneys of the association not immediately required upon such securities as may from time to time be determined.
 - (s.) To procure the association to be registered or recognized in any place or country beyond New Zealand.
 - (t.) To superintend and advise upon sales, private or by auction; to make any regulations and by-laws for the government of the association; and generally to do all other such lawful things as may be incidental to the above objects or any of them, or that may be calculated to protect and further the interests of breeders of pedigree sheep.

MEMBERS.

4. It is declared for the purpose of the incorporation that the number of members of this association shall not be limited, but must not be less than ———.

5. Any person taking an interest in sheep who shall signify to the association his desire to become a member, and who shall be proposed by some existing member of the association, shall, on approval by the association, be admitted as a member, and entered on the register of members. Any member may at any time retire from the association on giving notice in writing to that effect to the secretary, provided that, if an annual member, he shall be liable and be required to pay any subscription or other payment which may be due from him and unpaid at the date of his retirement. Every member shall be either a life member or an annual member. A life member shall pay on admission a subscription of £10, or such other sum as may be from time to time prescribed. An annual member shall pay on admission an annual subscription of £1, or such other sum as may be from time to time prescribed. Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance of the 1st day of January in each year.

6. Any member of the association who shall fail in the observance of any lawful rule, regulation, or by-law made by the association, or whose conduct in any respect shall be, in the opinion of the association, derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the association, may be removed from the association (and if an official of the association) by a resolution to that effect passed by a majority of at least three-fourths of such members as shall be present and vote at a special or ordinary general meeting, of which not less than fourteen days' previous notice, specifying the intention to propose such resolution, shall have been sent to all the members of the association.

7. All breeders being the members of the ——— shall be eligible to join.

8. No member who is in arrears for membership or for fees shall enjoy the rights and privileges of membership while arrears remain unpaid.

COUNCIL.

9. The management of the business of the association shall be vested in a council elected from the members of the association in the manner hereinafter provided.

10. The council of the association shall consist of ——— councilmen, one of whom shall be president, and two vice-presidents.

11. The number of councilmen may be varied from time to time as may be determined by general meeting.

12. The first councilmen shall be ———.

13. At the annual general meeting in each year one-third of the councilmen, or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not exceeding one-third, shall retire from office. A retiring councilman shall retain office until the dissolution of the meeting at which his successor is elected.

14. The councilmen to retire from office in each year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election. As between members of equal seniority the councilmen to retire shall (unless such members of equal seniority agree among themselves) be selected from among them by ballot.

15. At the annual general meeting in each year the association shall supply the vacancies arising from the retirement appointed to take place at such annual general meeting by electing a like number of members to be councilmen. A retiring councilman shall be eligible for re-election.

16. With regard to councilmen, the mode of their election shall be as follows: The council shall, with the notice convening the annual general meeting, cause to be sent to every member the list containing the names of the retiring councilmen, and such other names as may have been proposed for election, such names to be printed in a form of voting-paper to be approved by the council. Such voting-paper shall be filled up and returned to the council by a date to be fixed by the council, and must retain neither more nor less than ——— uncanceled names; and the council shall appoint two scrutineers to inspect votes, and report in writing to the meeting the names of the ——— persons having the highest number of votes. Such persons shall then be declared elected by the chairman of the meeting, and shall be deemed members of the council, after which the voting-list shall be forthwith destroyed by the scrutineers. In the case of equality of votes, the names of the candidates who have an equal number of votes shall be submitted to the meeting, and a second ballot shall be taken at the meeting. A member may propose the name of any member or members for election on the council by submitting the same to the secretary not less than one month before the annual general meeting. Names so submitted shall be included on the list printed on the voting-papers.

17. The council shall, within one month of the date of the annual general meeting in each year, elect from amongst their number a president, who shall hold office for one year. The council shall at the same time elect two members of the