

# **BY-LAWS**

## **CANADIAN LOWLINE CATTLE ASSOCIATION**

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# **CANADIAN LOWLINE CATTLE ASSOCIATION**

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Incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act.

## **AMENDMENTS**

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1. **NAME**

The name shall be CANADIAN LOWLINE CATTLE ASSOCIATION and herein referred to as “The Association”.

2. **INTERPRETATION SECTION**

a) A Fullblood Lowline is a one hundred per cent (100%) Male and a one hundred per cent (100%) Female animal whose parentage throughout the pedigree has been verified back to the Australian Lowline Cattle Herd Book.

b) Forms:

Application for Membership  
Registration of Herd Letters  
Registration of Herd Name (optional)  
Embryo Transfer  
Registration of Lowline Cattle  
Transfer of Lowline Cattle

c) Mature Bulls: Two (2) years of age – maximum height 125 cm at the hip.

Mature Females: Two (2) years of age – maximum height 110 cm at the hip.

3. **OBJECTIVES**

The Association shall have as its objectives the encouragement, development, setting of standards and the regulations of the breeding of Lowline Cattle in Canada. Without in any way limiting such objectives the Association may:

- a) maintain the purity and improve the breed of Lowline Cattle
- b) collect, verify, and publish information relating to Lowline Cattle
- c) organize, arrange and/or conduct competitions and/or demonstrations of/and relating to Lowline Cattle
- d) offer prizes for Lowline Cattle
- e) select judges and inspectors
- f) publish a Herd Book of Sires and Dams of Lowline Cattle
- g) promote generally the interests of breeders of Lowline Cattle
- h) do all such things as may be incidental to, or in any way conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Association

The terms “LOWLINE CATTLE” or “LOWLINE BREED”, wherever used herein, refer to “FULLBLOOD LOWLINE CATTLE”. To facilitate the achievement of such objectives the Association shall:

- i) keep a record of the breeding and origin of all Lowline Cattle, and collect, preserve and publish data and documents relating to the same
- j) maintain breeding standards for seed stock and beef production
- k) adopt a means from time to time to protect and assist breeders engaged in the propagation and breeding of Lowline Cattle in compliance with these By-Laws
- l) maintain efficient supervision of breeders of Lowline Cattle to detect, prevent and punish fraud
- m) research, collect, and compile information and statistical data in relation to the breed and publish official and authentic data in relation hereto
- n) do all things necessary to effect and maintain the efficient promotion of the Lowline Breed
- o) implement and achieve the objectives and aims of the Association to make all necessary contracts and agreements, and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provision of the By-Laws

#### 4. **RECOGNITION OF A FOREIGN REGISTRY**

- a) the animals registered in the foreign herd book derive from a population with a similar origin and history of the Canadian registered population
- b) animals in the foreign registry have breed standards similar to the Canadian population
- c) all animals in the foreign registry are physically identified in a manner which is unique, permanent and positive (easily read and interpreted)
- d) rules of eligibility correspond to minimum requirements of the Canadian registered population
- e) the foreign registry is centralized so as to ensure consistent application of its rules of eligibility, unique and consistent pedigree information with an ability to produce registration certificates showing at least three generations of ancestry
- f) the Board is responsible for which foreign registries meet the requirements of the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association

#### 5. **MEMBERS**

There shall be FOUR classes of Memberships:

- a) HONORARY MEMBER: the Association, by ordinary resolution of a general meeting, may appoint Honorary members of the Association if the Board of Directors has by prior resolution thereof, named the proposed member or members and recommended that such appointment be made for life, or for a term, as the case may be, but such Honorary Members shall take

no part in the management of the Association affairs, and shall have no vote and shall not be entitled to hold office in the Association, other than the office of Honorary President. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any Honorary Membership may, at any time, be revoked by recommendation of the Board of Directors, confirmed by ordinary resolution of a general meeting.

- b) ACTIVE MEMBER: active members shall be those individuals, partnerships, firms, or corporations which are actively engaged in the breeding of Lowline Cattle, who apply for Active membership and who are accepted as Active members, subject to the payment of the prescribed dues.
- c) ASSOCIATE MEMBER: individuals, partnerships, firms or corporations may, upon application and acceptance by the Board of Directors, and upon payment of the prescribed dues, become Associate members, but such Associate members shall not be entitled to vote and shall not hold office in the Association.
- d) JUNIOR MEMBER: shall be persons under the age of twenty-one (21) interested in Lowline Cattle. Junior Members will pay no initial or annual dues, but are entitled to register cattle at member rates and shall be bound by the By-Laws and rules and regulations of the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association.
- e) Application for Active, Associate, and Junior membership shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors and each application whose application is accepted by the Board of Directors shall agree to be bound by these By-Laws and all amendments thereto and all rules and regulations of the Association.
- f) Partnerships, firms, or corporations which are Active members shall designate and notify the Association, some individual partner, officer, director, or member who shall exercise on behalf of the partnership, firm, or corporation, the rights and privileges of such membership, including the right to vote and to hold office in the Association, but nothing is to be taken from such representation that such individual is a member.

## 6. **GENERAL MEETING**

- a) A General meeting of the Association (to be called “Annual Meeting” shall be held once in every calendar year at such time and place as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. In addition to the Annual meeting the Board of Directors may, whenever they think fit, call a “Special Meeting” at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate.

At the written request, filed with the General manager, of twenty-five (25%) of the Active Members of the Association, the General Manager shall forthwith

call a Special Meeting of the Association to consider only items on the meeting agenda.

Not less than sixty (60) days written notice shall be given to members of the Association specifying the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of such business, but the non-receipt by any member of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of any general meeting.

- b) Only Active Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members of the Association. Only an Active Member in good standing may act as a proxy for a member, and no member shall vote as proxy for more than one other member. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, no individual shall be at liberty to cast more than two votes (including all proxies and all designations by partnerships, firms, or corporations) on any matter coming before a general meeting.

Only Active Members in good standing, and who are Canadian citizens shall be entitled to hold office in the Association. A member in good standing is a member who is not in default under any of the By-Laws hereof, and who is not in arrears in payment of any fees, dues, or other monies due to the Association.

At the Annual Meeting of the Association there shall be three calls for nominations of Directors from the floor. At the close of nominations scrutineers shall be appointed by the President.

- c) No member shall be a director or other Officer or be entitled to attend any meeting of the Directors of the Association if, at any time, such member is in arrears in payment of any fees, dues, or other monies to the Association.
- d) For all purposes, the quorum for a General Meeting shall be six of the Active Members in good standing. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless the requisite quorum be present at the commencement of the meeting. The Chairman, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, may adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, as the meeting shall determine. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid the members shall not be entitled to any notice of any adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might have been transacted at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- e) The Order of Business at all General Meetings shall be substantially as follows:

- a. Identification of Active Members
  - b. Minutes of the previous meeting
  - c. Report of Officers, directors, Committees where applicable
  - d. Correspondence, where applicable
  - e. Unfinished business, where applicable
  - f. Election of Directors, where applicable
  - g. New business, where applicable
  - h. Amendments to the By-Laws
  - i. Appointment of Auditor
  - j. Adjournment
- e) An ordinary resolution means a resolution passed by a majority of such Active Members of the Association as being entitled to vote in person or by proxy at a General Meeting.
- f) An extraordinary resolution means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of such Active Members of the Association as being entitled so to do.

#### DUES AND FEES

Dues and Fees can only be changed at an Annual General Meeting of the Association by a majority of the general voting members.

Fees and Dues become effective ninety (90) days following an Annual General Meeting.

All Fees, Dues, and Monies owing to the Canadian Lowline Cattle association should be paid by money order, or bank cheque payable at par to the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association, for deposit into a chartered bank approved by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association.

Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Association assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any loss or damage that may be sustained to any individual, partnership, firm, or corporation by reason of the suspension, cancellation, correction of any registration, transfer or other documents, or by reason of the suspension or expulsion of any member of the Association, or by reason of the rejection of an application for membership of the Association.

#### **7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed and conducted by a six (6) member Board of Directors, who shall be Canadian citizens and who shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Association as follows:

Two (2) Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of three (3) years, with the first Directors, being elected two (2) for one (1) year, two (2) for two (2) years, and two (2) for three (3) years.

- b) The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies which may occur among their number, providing however, that any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next annual Meeting of the Association but shall then be eligible for re-election.
- c) The Board of Directors may delegate any of their powers to the Committees
- d) The quorum of any Director's meeting shall be four (4) Directors
- e) The Board of Directors shall meet at the head Office of the Association, conference call, or such place as the Board shall determine
- f) The Board of Directors shall have complete power to admit applicants to membership in the Association, and the decision of the Board of Directors in this regard shall be final (subject to the provision hereinbefore set forth with respect to Honorary Members)
- g) the Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel any members who fail to observe any rule or regulation set forth in these By-Laws or whose conduct is, in the opinion of the Board, prejudicial to the interests of the Association. A member so suspended or expelled shall, after the expiration of sixty (60) days, have the right to apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement and may be reinstated at the next meeting of the Board, provided two-thirds (2/3) of the Board present thereat vote in favour of such reinstatement. If the Board refuses to reinstate a person suspended or expelled from membership, such person shall have the right to apply for reinstatement to the next succeeding General Meeting of the Association, but reinstatement by the General Meeting shall only be by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association present thereat and entitled to vote. No special notice of such an application need be sent to the members and it shall not be deemed to be special business.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and such other office or officers as the Board of Directors may determine.
- b) The Executive Committee shall do such things and execute such matters and carry out such instruction as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, direct.

## 8. OFFICERS

- a) The President and the Vice-president shall be elected by the Board, and the General manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board may appoint such additional or other officers as the may see fit. The President and the Vice-President shall be members of the Board of Directors. Any vacancy in any of the above offices, occurring an a casual manner, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the year, provided that, in any event the Vice-President shall succeed the President in the case of the office of the President becoming vacant.
- b) There shall be a President, who shall be the chief Executive Officer of the association. He shall preside at all General Meetings and shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors, and do all such matters and things in addition thereto as the Board from time to time request. He shall call meetings of the Directors when required and in any event upon the request of any two (2) Directors.
- c) There shall be a Vice-President who will assist the President in the exercise of his duties and will perform the duties and have the powers of the President in the absence of the president, or upon the Presidency becoming vacant.
- d) The Board of Directors shall appoint a General Manager who shall act under the control and with the approval of the Board of Directors. The duties of the General Manager shall be to attend all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee and shall cause exact minutes of the proceedings of same to be kept and shall present at each Annual meeting a report of the activities of the Association. He shall also do such things as may be delegated to him by this Constitution and the Board of Directors or the meetings of the membership.

The General Manager or his designate, shall deposit all monies received by him in a chartered bank to the credit of the Association and shall pay same out again by cheque only, countersigned by the President or other Director appointed for such purpose by the Board of Directors. He shall deposit for safe keeping all securities owned by the Association in a safety deposit vault as may be approved of by the Board of Directors and shall withdraw the same only in the presence of the counter signor named by the Board of Directors. He shall keep proper books of account containing entries of all such matters or things as are usually entered in the books of account, and shall furnish, from time to time, such statements in detail of the affairs of the Association or such other matters as may be directed by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. He shall be bonded in such amounts as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The term of office of such of the foregoing officers shall be for a period of three (3) years which upon their election immediately after the General Meeting in each calendar year, provided however that if the General Manager is a paid employee, he shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

#### GENERAL MANAGER DUTIES

- a) shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the association
- b) The General Manager will be appointed by the Board of Directors and be responsible for the administration of the Association office and supervision of other staff
- c) OTHER STAFF: all other staff members shall be responsible to the General Manager
- d) a copy of the By-Laws together with any amendments thereto shall be maintained by the General Manager of the Association and by the Secretaries of Provincial organizations. These shall be available for inspection by members of the Association.

#### 9) **COMMITTEES**

The Board of Directors may appoint from their number and/or from other members of the Association, committees, whether special or standing but must in all cases name one of their number as Director responsible of such committee. In addition to any special committee to be appointed by the Board of Directors, there shall in any event be the following committees:

- a) MARKETING & PROMOTION COMMITTEE: the Marketing and Promotion committee shall be responsible for the promotion of the breed of Lowline Cattle among the cattle industry. The Committee shall supervise the publication of information regarding the breed of Lowline Cattle and the investigation of misrepresentation of the breed and shall be responsible for recommending any action to be taken thereon to the Board of Directors.
- b) BREED CHARACTERISTIC & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE: the Committee shall be responsible for supervising the activities of the Association directed towards the characteristics of the Lowline Breed of Cattle and shall make recommendations to the President, the Board of Directors, and the general membership for changes required.
- c) MEMBERSHIP & HERD NAMES COMMITTEE: the Membership Committee shall be responsible for investigation and recommendations to the Board of Directors of action to be taken on all applications for membership and all classes of membership. The committee shall also be responsible for investigating requests for the dropping of members and making recommendations thereon to the Board of Directors.

- d) NOMINATING & BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE: the Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the post-Director's meeting and shall at the Annual Meeting nominate candidates for directors of the Association to be voted on by the general membership, along with such other nominations as may be made from the floor. The By-Laws Amendment Committee will review and finalize all By-Law amendments, prepare same for distribution to members and present at the Annual Meeting.
- e) FINANCE COMMITTEE: the Finance committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, and General Manager who shall be responsible for supervision of finances of the association, and who shall prepare and submit audited financial statements at the end of each fiscal year and prepare and submit a budget at the commencement of each fiscal year.

Each committee shall keep minutes of the meetings, which shall be presented to the Board of Directors' meeting by the Committee chairman or director.

10) **PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Members of the Association in good standing may organize Provincial Associations under the By-Laws or a constitution approved by the Board of Directors.

The activities of any such Provincial Association shall be confined solely to its own provincial interest and shall not conflict in any way with the activities of the National Association. No more than one Provincial Association in each Province shall be organized unless authorized at an Annual Meeting.

11) **OFFICE**

The head office of the Association shall be within Canada at the place of residence of an officer of the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association Board.

12) **FISCAL YEAR**

The Fiscal year of the association shall end August 31. There shall be presented to the Annual Meeting the balance sheet and statement of receipts and expenditures for the preceding year. The accounts and Auditors to the Association shall be appointed at each Annual Meeting.

13) **NOTICES**

- a) The first notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given at least sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by postal service mail or e-mail to each of the members at the last known physical or e-mail addresses appearing in the books of the Association.

Alternatively notification within an official Association publication shall be deemed sufficient providing such official publication is circulated at least sixty (60) days in advance of such meeting.

- b) Notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors, other than the one immediately following the Annual meeting, shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting by postal service mail or seven (7) days prior to the meeting by e-mail, to each of the Directors at the last known physical or e-mail addresses appearing in the books of the association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice, or without notice providing the majority of Directors have given their unanimous consent and waived notice of the meeting to be held.

#### 14) **AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by extraordinary resolution at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of members present and with their proxy vote. Notice of all proposed By-Law amendments shall be given to the General Manager in writing one hundred and twenty (120) days in advance of the annual meeting, and shall be included in the notice calling such meetings, otherwise there shall be no power to deal with same.

- a) Amendments of Articles of Incorporation submitted pursuant to section 20, subsection (1) of the animal Pedigree Act, must contain a statutory declaration attesting that the members of the Association have been consulted in writing in the prescribed manner in relation to the proposed amendment, that twenty-five per cent (25%) or more of the members have responded in writing to the consultation and that at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members who responded have approved the proposed amendment.
- b) Articles of amalgamation must contain a statutory declaration attesting that the members of each of the Associations that desire to amalgamate have been consulted in writing in the prescribed manner in relation to the proposed amalgamation and that, with respect to each Association, twenty-five per cent (25%) or more of the members have responded in writing to the consultation and that at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members who responded have approved the proposed amalgamation.
- c) The Minister may, by order, declare the corporate powers of the Association to be terminated. On petition therefore by the Association supported by a resolution to that effect passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association.

15) **EXPENSES, INCOME & PROPERTY**

The income and property of the association from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely toward the promotion and furtherance of the objects, powers, and responsibilities of the Association and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or otherwise as profit or gain to members of the Association past, present, or future, or to any person claiming through any member, provided however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the bona fide payment or remuneration to any General Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Editor, Officer, Clerk or other person or persons for services actually rendered the Association including contribution to a pension fund for any such services and the expenses of the Directors or their officers incurred in doing or attending to the business of the Association.

16) **CORPORATE SEAL**

The seal, as stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the Corporate Seal of the Association.

17) **BOOKS OF RECORD**

- a) A register shall be kept at the office of the Association and shall be known as CANADIAN LOWLINE CATTLE HERD BOOK. It shall be published by the Association at such time as decided by the Board of Directors.
- b) PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS: there shall be kept by each breeder, a private record which shall contain full particulars of his breeding operations. This record shall at all times be open to the inspection of officials of the Department of Agriculture for Canada and officials of the Association.
- c) The association may publish the records of progeny of Lowline Cattle registered in the CANADIAN LOWLINE CATTLE HERD BOOK at such time and in such form as decided by the board of Directors. In doing so the Association will rely upon the information provided by its members and makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information used in compiling the results.

18) **REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES**

- a) There shall be furnished by the association for all living animals eligible, a Certificate of Registration on the form adopted by the association. Certificates shall be in such form as decided on by the Board of Directors of the association.

- b) Any person suspended or expelled from membership shall not be allowed the privilege of registering or transferring pedigrees in the records of the Association (as per Section 6 of the Animal Pedigree Act).
- c) The Board of Directors in their discretion shall have the power to suspend any member, and refuse applications for registration or transfer from any person whether a member or not. The Board of Directors may refuse to accept the signature of any person on an application for registration or transfer whether a member or not, pending action of the Directors or a General Meeting of the association.

19) **IDENTIFICATION & REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS**

- a) A breeder must apply to the Association for and to be allotted identification letters for his own use.
- b) Animals must be identified with the tattoo marking in one ear with the registered identification letters of the owner of the animal at birth and a serial number followed by the designated year of birth. The letter “G” will signify the animal is born in 1997, “H” will be 1998, “J” will be 1999, etc. The letters “I”, “O”, “Q” and “V” shall not be used as designated year letters.
- c) All calves must be identified by tattoo markings before applying for registration. No two (2) animals, regardless of sex, may be tattooed with the same identification. In the case of an animal which has been incorrectly tattooed, the animals will be re-tattooed in the opposite ear with the correct tattoo and the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association must be notified in writing. The incorrect certificate must also be returned to the Canadian Lowline Association for correction with the appropriate fee.
- d) All animals imported into Canada from a country which does not tattoo their animals for permanent identification, or uses a different tattoo year letter designation, must be tattooed with the importer’s registered identification letters, a serial number, and the correct year letter designation for the year the animal was born.

20) **REGISTRATION OF HERD LETTERS AND NAMING ANIMALS**

- a) All members joining the Association must register Herd Letters at the time they join the Association. Herd Letters shall be for that member’s exclusive use in tattooing animals owned by him at birth.
- b) Any dispute between breeders as to priority right to Herd Letters shall be referred to the Membership and Herd Names Committee for decision.

- c) Herd Letters may be transferred on application to the Association by the registered owner.
- d) After the expiration of five (5) years, registered tattoo letters may be forfeited if they have not been used in registering or in identifying animals by the registered owner during that period. Such letters may, at the discretion of the Association, be allotted to another breeder.
- e) Registered Herd Letters may be used by a son, daughter, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law, or spouse, or a partnership of two or more of such son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or spouse who is a member of the Association, provided written consent of the registered owner of the Herd Letters is on file with the association.

This shall not apply to Herd Letters registered in the ownership of partnerships or companies.

- f) Names of animals shall not be duplicated.
- g) A name shall not contain more than twenty-five (25) letters, spaces, or characters, including numeral suffix. Letters or numerals may be used.
- h) Animals from other countries shall not be eligible to have their names changed from that on the certificate from the country of origin, and the name shall include either the registered prefix or the allotted herd letters of the owner plus the tattoo and year letter. If a different year letter to Canada, this would have to change.
- i) The Association reserves the right to refuse any name which may be deceitful or misleading, or any name which may mislead as to the origin or relationship of an animal.
- j) The name of an animal may be changed, providing there are no registered offspring. A new application for registration must be completed and signed by the owner at the time of the birth of the animal, then presented to the association with the Certificate of Registration and the required fee. If a registered prefix was used in the original name, it must also be used as the prefix in any substitute name.

## 21) **APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

Application for registration of Canadian Lowline animals must be:

- a) made to the Association on forms supplied by them.

- b) accompanied by, or have on file at the Association office, the minimum descriptive and performance data as specified by the Association
- c) accompanied by, in the case of artificially sired calves, a completed certificate of service, as specified by the association, signed by the owner of the dam at the time she was inseminated and/or a standard report of service signed by an authorized technician
- d) accompanied by any fees payable to the association in respect of registration

Applications for registration of animals from approved foreign registries must be:

- a) signed by the Importer showing the date of importation
- b) accompanied by the certificate of registration showing three (3) generations of ancestry from the originating country
- c) accompanied by service information acceptable to the association, if the animal is a bred female (i.e. that used in the country of origin for certificate of service)
- d) fully parentage verified if imported and presented for entry into the Canadian Lowline Herd Book. Parent verification shall be done at the owner's expense
- e) accompanied by any fees payable to the association in respect of registration

Registration of a Canadian born animal must be in the name of the owner of the dam or the lessee of the dam at the time the calf was born.

When an animal is a twin it shall be so stated when applying for identification or registration, and the sex given of the animal with which it is a twin. should a twin be entered into the record without such a statement, no subsequent application for entry of an animal twin with the same shall be accepted.

## 22) **TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP & DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES**

- a) Applications for transfer of ownership of registered Lowline Cattle must be made in ink or be typewritten on forms supplied by the association showing the date of sale and the date of delivery, and be accompanied by the Certificate of Registration.
- b) In the case of a female if bred:
  - i) **NATURALLY** – the certificate of service must be completed and signed by the owner of the Service sire

- ii) ARTIFICIALLY – the standard A.I. breeding slip or a completed certificate must accompany the application for transfer in order that the new owner may identify or register the resultant calf
- c) In the case of the sale of an animal the seller must supply the buyer with a certificate of registration or the means by which it may be obtained within six (6) months after the sale [A.P.A., Sec. 64 (j)], and it shall be the responsibility of the seller:
  - i) to confirm that the tattoo identification is in accordance with the Association
  - ii) where a registration certificate is lost, destroyed, or unobtainable the owner may apply to the Association for a duplicate certificate. The Association may issue such a certificate upon receipt of a statutory declaration from the last recorded owner
  - iii) be responsible for any fees payable in respect of the transfer

It is the responsibility of the owner when a registered animal dies, is sold for slaughter, or is used in a commercial herd and not represented as registered, to note in ink on the face of the certificate the nature of the disposal and forward the certificate to the Association.

## 23) **RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION**

All Fullbloods must be parent verified and copies on file at the association office. Verification that the stated parents of the animal qualify as potential parents based on DNA typing.

Parent verifications must be based on both parents being DNA tested but the Board may approve Dam or Sire DNA profile reconstructions as special exceptions.

The Board of Directors shall designate the manner of parentage verification from time to time as well as the laboratory or laboratories which will be authorized to conduct such parentage verification.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

Birth Date  
 Birth Weight  
 Dam (DNA)  
 Sire (DNA)  
 Height at Birth  
 Percentage

- a) Black in colour. A little white is not uncommon and will not disqualify so long as it is restricted to the area of the scrotum or the udder. This white patch must not extend further forward than halfway between the udder/scrotum and the navel, on the underbelly only.  
A red gene may occasionally arise due to mutation of the black gene. If an animal DNA verifies to fullblood parents and is solid red in colour then the animal is eligible for registration but must be identified as red on the certificate.
- b) Naturally polled. Any animal which is born with scurs will not be eligible for registration.
- c) Those recorded in the herd book of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association Incorporated and considered eligible according to the By-Laws of this Association.
- d) Those whose parents have qualified and are registered in the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association Herd Book or a recognized foreign registry (as per Article 4), and have provided descriptive and performance data as required in the rules specified by the Association.
- e) Calves conceived by Artificial Insemination will be registered on the same terms as calves conceived by natural mating, provided parentage verification is on file with the Association.
- f) Calves propagated by Embryo Transfer will be registered on the same terms as calves propagated by natural or artificial mating, provided parentage verification of the calf is on file with the association, as must be a completed Embryo Transfer form supplied by or acceptable to the association.
- g) To verify parentage of embryo transfer offspring, a parent verification record of the sire used as semen sources must be on record with a recognized laboratory prior to the time of transfer. The required donor cow DNA must be drawn no later than the time of transplanting if not already on record.
- h) It is hereby stressed that both the Association members and Embryo Transfer centers be advised of the importance of being able to differentiate instances when two bulls are being used to simultaneously inseminate donor cows. In those cases where parentage cannot be established through blood and DNA testing, the resultant offspring will not be eligible for registration by the Association.
- i) All breeders who desire to register Lowline cattle born in Canada must provide certain data. Data supplied by the breeder for registration shall be in accordance with rules specified by the Association.

## PARENT VERIFICATION

- a) All Lowline semen from any source beyond the Canadian border shall be imported pursuant to the requirements of the Health of Animals Act and Regulations. No application shall be made to the Association for a certificate of registration for progeny sired by semen imported without proof that the semen was imported under the authority of the Health of Animals Act and Regulations. Any association certificate of registration obtained for progeny resulting from semen that is proven to be illegally imported into Canada is subject to the Association cancellation of certification and expulsion of membership.
- b) All Import Australian Lowline embryos presented for entry into the Canadian Lowline Cattle Herd Book must be fully parentage certified and a copy of a three (3) generation registration certificate of the Sire and Dam (certified by the country of origin Cattle Association), must accompany the required Application for Registration forms for Embryo Transfer prior to their admission to the Canadian Association of the Lowline Herd Book.
- c) The Board of Directors shall designate the manner of parentage verification from time to time as well as the laboratory or laboratories which will be authorized to conduct such parentage verification.

## GRADING-UP REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY

All graded-up Lowline Cattle must meet the following requirements of the CLCA:

- a) Graded-up “1/2” to “purebred” (15/15 or greater) Lowline cattle will have a herd book separate from the Fullblood Lowline Registry called the “Purebred and Percentage Lowline Herd Book”.
- b) A fullblood bull must be used for all stages of grading-up.
- c) Purebred and Percentage Lowline Cattle shall include all those which have been bred up from purebred or commercial cattle of any breed.
- d) 4 grades of Purebred and Percentage Lowline Cattle shall exist:
  - a. “1/2”
  - b. “3/4”
  - c. “7/8”
  - d. “Purebred”
- e) All 1/2 and 3/4 Percentage Lowline Cattle must be smooth polled.
- f) All 7/8 and higher Percentage Lowline Cattle must be smooth polled and solid colour. If not solid colour then the animal will be recorded as 3/4.
- g) All Purebred (15/16 and higher) Lowline Cattle must conform to the Lowline breed characteristics as described in Article 23 of the CLCA By-laws. If not then the animal will be recorded as 7/8. Exception: - A red 15/16 or higher Percentage Lowline animal will be recorded as Purebred but must be identified as red on the certificate.

- h) Parent stock must be registered through each phase of grading-up and must be identified by a tattoo.
- i) Registration numbers of Percentage Cattle (1/2, 3/4, and 7/8) shall be preceded by the letter X. Registration numbers of Purebred Cattle (15/16 or greater) shall be preceded by the letter P. Both groups will be recorded in the "Purebred and Percentage Lowline Herd Book".
- j) Graded-up Lowline Cattle of at least 15/16 will be considered Purebred Lowline but progeny from purebred and percentage parents can never reach fullblood status. The grade of progeny of Purebred animals shall be calculated as an average of their actual parental percentage make-up.
- k) ½ progeny require the dam to be identified by breed or breed combination on the registration. If the dam is a purebred or fullblood of another breed her registered name and number and the name of the association shall be included on the registration certificate.
- l) Lowline shows will have two divisions:
  - Fullblood Lowline, and
  - Purebred and Percentage Lowline

Fullblood cattle may only be shown in the Fullblood division. Purebred and Percentage cattle may only be shown in the Purebred and Percentage division. Hybrid Lowline Cattle will be eligible to be shown in the Percentage Division to be shown in separate Hybrid classes.
- m) Imported Purebred and Percentage Lowline Cattle previously registered in a recognized foreign registry and presenting with evidence of parental identification can be recorded in the CLCA registry database upon payment of the appropriate "Import" fee. Animals without evidence of parental identification and animals from other countries will be subject to full registration requirements including payment of an appropriate non-import fee according to the fee schedule.
- n) DNA requirements:
  - a. All sires used in grading-up shall be DNA identified.
  - b. Every tenth application for registration shall be required to be DNA verified to sire, and if over ½, to sire of dam as well.
  - c. All imported Purebred and Percentage Lowline Cattle from outside a recognized foreign registry shall be DNA verified to sire, and of over ½, to sire of dam as well.
  - d. All animals over 245 months and not previously registered must be DNA verified to the sire, and if over ½, to sire of dam as well.
  - e. Embryo born Lowline calves must be DNA verified to Sire and Dam.
  - f. The CLCA Board of Directors can at its discretion ask that any Lowline animal be DNA verified if the Board has reasonable cause to question the accuracy of pedigree information, keeping of private breeding records, or prior history of the registrant.
  - g. The CLCA Board of Directors can at its discretion raise or lower these DNA requirements if the Board has reasonable cause.

### Lowline Grading-up Table

SIRE	DAM <sup>1</sup>	PROGENY GENETIC MAKEUP	CERTIFICATE <sup>2</sup>
Fullblood	Other Breed	1/2	1/2
Fullblood	1/2	3/4	3/4
Fullblood	3/4	7/8	7/8
Fullblood	7/8	15/16	Purebred
Fullblood	Purebred	31/32	Purebred
Fullblood	Fullblood	100%	Fullblood

<sup>1</sup> Any dam used for grading-up purposes must conform to breed characteristic requirements for the respective grade categories designated for the Lowline.

<sup>2</sup> No animal may be certified as purebred or fullblood unless it conforms to all breed characteristics for the Lowline as a distinct breed.

#### HYBRID REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY

Purpose: To produce a commercial beef animal with improved feed efficiency, ease of calving and other advantageous characteristics of the Lowline Cattle breed.

- a. Hybrid Lowline animals will have a herd book separate from the Fullblood Lowline Registry and the Purebred and Percentage Lowline herd book called the Hybrid Lowline Registry.
- b. To qualify for registration in this herd book cattle must meet the following criteria:
  - i. One of sire or dam is a minimum of 75% Lowline – DNA verified where one parent is not 100% Lowline or already DNA verified. If one parent is 100% Lowline or has been DNA verified as to Lowline origin, then the DNA verification will follow the Grading up requirements. DNA will be required on every 10<sup>th</sup> application.
  - ii. Be a minimum of 50% Lowline final percentage.
- c. The percentage of Lowline influence will be indicated on the registration papers. Registration numbers for Hybrid Lowline Cattle will be preceded by the letter H.

d. DNA Requirements:

- i. Application for registration requiring DNA shall be required to be DNA verified to parent with the highest Lowline percentage.
  - ii. Embryo born Hybrid Lowline calves must be DNA verified to all Lowline and Lowline influenced parents.
  - iii. The CLCA Board of Directors can, at its discretion, ask that any Hybrid Lowline animal be DNA verified if the Board of Directors has reasonable cause to question the accuracy of pedigree information, the keeping of private breeding records or the prior history of that registration.
  - iv. The CLCA Board of Directors can, at its discretion, raise or lower these DNA requirements if the Board has reasonable cause.
- e. Imported Hybrid Lowline Cattle previously registered in a recognized foreign registry and presenting with evidence of parental identification can be recorded in the CLCA registry database upon payment of the appropriate “import” fee. Animals without evidence of parental identification and animals from other countries will be subject to full registration requirements including payment of an appropriate non-import fee according to the fee schedule.

24) **PROVINCIAL LEVY**

The Board of Directors may from time to time, as requested by a Provincial Association, collect on behalf of said body, a breed improvement fee based on registrations and/or transfers in such a Province for the purposes of funding projects within that province or group of provinces. Provided, however, that:

- a) no request for additional levy from a Provincial association will be considered by the Board of Directors until a motion has been passed by the Provincial Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at its regular Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting called for the purpose of such a vote and that notice of the meeting and special motion has been given at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
- b) the additional levy shall not exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) of the National Basic levy as set forth in the constitution for each registration and transfer

25) **NON MEMBERS**

Any person not a member of the Association registering or transferring animals on the records of the Association shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as a member.

26) **HARDSHIP CASES**

In cases of Hardship demonstrated by a member the Board of Directors may, at their discretion, instruct to proceed with the registration, or transfer of an animal without the required signature on the applications, and in granting such relief the Board of Directors may impose such terms and conditions as to costs, payment of fees and all other matters as the Board of Directors see fit.

**APPENDIX**

**ANIMAL PEDIGREE ACT**

“CANADIAN LOWLINE CATTLE ASSOCIATION’ is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act. All breeders of registered stock must comply with this Act. The following excerpts from the Animal Pedigree Act (1988) are of particular interest:

**SECTION 17:**

The By-Laws of an Association bind every member of the association.

**SECTION 61:           REGISTRATION AND OTHER RIGHTS**

Notwithstanding in the by-laws of an association, no person shall be denied the right to have registered, to have identified or to transfer the ownership of any animal unless that person

- a) is, at the time the right denied, in arrears of any fees owing to the association;  
or
- b) has contravened
  - i) a by-law of the association relating to
    - A. the eligibility for registration or identification, as the case may be, of animals of the association
    - B. the individual identification of animals, or
    - C. the keeping of private breeding records,
  - ii) any provision of this Act or the regulations, or
  - iii) any provision of the Animal disease and Protection Act or the regulations thereunder relating to the identification, within the meaning of that Act, or testing of animals.

**SECTION 63: NO PERSON SHALL KEEP RECORDS**

- a) Except as authorized by this Act, where an association is authorized by this Act to register or identify animals of a distinct breed or evolving breed, no person shall keep pedigrees in respect of animals of the distinct breed or evolving breed or issue any document purporting to evidence that a particular animal is of that distinct breed or evolving breed or so closely resembling a certificate or registration, or certificate of identification, as the case may be, that it would likely be mistaken for such a certificate.
- b) No such person shall issue in respect of any animal any document of any kind likely to deceive the public into believing that the document is a certificate of registration or certificate of identification in respect of the animal or that the animal is registered or identified under the authority of this Act.

**SECTION 64: NO PERSON SHALL:**

- a) knowingly sign or present, or cause to procure to be signed or presented, to a recording officer of any association or of the Corporation any declaration or application in relation to the registration, identification or transfer of ownership of any animal, semen or embryo that contains any material false statement or representation;
- b) knowingly represent that a certificate of registration or certificate of identification applies to an animal other than the one in respect of which it was issued;
- c) knowingly represent that a semen certificate or embryo certificate applies to any semen or embryo other than the semen or embryo in respect of which it was issued;
- d) falsify or alter a certificate of registration, certificate of identification, semen certificate or embryo certificate;
  - f. without an express statement that the animal's registration or identification is from a jurisdiction other than Canada, offer to sell, contract to sell, as registered or identified, or as eligible to be registered or identified, within or outside the meaning of this Act, any animal that is not registered or identified, or eligible to be registered or identified;
  - g. offer to sell, contract to sell or sell, as recorded, or as eligible to be recorded in the books of any association, or of the Corporation, any semen or embryo that is not recorded or eligible to be recorded in those books;

- h. knowingly offer to sell, contract to sell or sell any animal in a manner that is likely to create an erroneous impression that the animal is registered or eligible to be registered;
- i. offer to sell, contract to sell or sell, as a purebred of a breed, any animal that is not registered or eligible to be registered as a purebred by the association authorized to register animals of that breed or by the Corporation;
- j. without an express statement that the animal's registration, identification or status as a purebred is from a jurisdiction other than Canada, offer to sell, contract to sell, or sell as registered or identified, or as a purebred, any animal for which there is no individual identification in accordance with the by-laws of the association that registered or identified the animal; and
- k. without an express statement that the animal's registration, identification or status as a purebred is from a jurisdiction other than Canada and the animal will not be registered or identified in Canada by the person, sell, as registered or identified, or as eligible to be registered or identified, or as a purebred, any animal without providing to the buyer thereof within six months after the sale the animal's duly transferred certificate of registration or certificate of identification.

**SECTION 65:**

No person shall, without lawful authorization, use the name of the Corporation or the name of any association or any name so clearly resembling the name of the Corporation or the name of association in a manner that is likely to deceive the public.

**SECTION 66:**

- i) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Act or the regulations is:
  - a) guilty of an offense punishable on summary conviction and liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars; or
  - b) guilty of an indictable offense and liable to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars
- ii) In determining the fine in relation to an offense under any of Sections 63 to 65, the judge making the determination shall take into account the value, or purported value, of the animal, semen or embryo to which the offense relates.

