

CONSTITUTION

CANADIAN FINNSHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

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1. NAME

The Association shall be "Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association".

2. OBJECTS

The Association shall have for its objects the encouragement, development, and regulation of the breeding of Finnsheep. The name "Finnsheep" when used herein shall refer to recorded or registered sheep derived from or descended from the Finnish Landrace breed of sheep. To facilitate these objectives the Association may:

- a) Keep a record of the breeding and origin of Finnsheep in members' countries and collect, preserve and publish data and documents relating to same;
- b) Establish and maintain selective breeding standards for traits of economic importance to sheep production and carry out a system of registration under the Canadian National Live Stock Records system;
- c) Adopt means from time to time to protect and assist breeders engaged in the propagation and breeding of Finnsheep in compliance with the article hereof;
- d) Maintain efficient supervision of breeders of Finnsheep to detect and prevent fraud;
- e) Compile statistics of the industry and furnish official and authentic information in regard thereto;
- f) And for these purposes to have power to make all needful contracts and agreements and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

3. MEMBERS

1. There shall be three classes of members:

- a) Honorary Members: The association may appoint honorary members at any general meeting if the Board of Directors have, by resolution, named the proposed member or members and recommended that such appointment be made, but such honorary members unless also active members in good standing, shall take no part in the

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

b) Active Members: Active members shall be those individuals, including individual partners and shareholders, partnerships, firms or companies incorporated under Federal or Provincial charter, wherever resident, who pay the prescribed membership fees and are actively engaged in the breeding and propagation of Finnsheep.

c) Patron Members: Any active member may become a Patron of Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association upon payment of the prescribed fee. Patrons shall be entitled to hold a number of directorships comprising but not exceeding a simple majority of the Board of Directors elected at each of the first three annual meetings. Patron membership shall be transferable among the active membership.

2. Applications for annual membership shall be in writing and each applicant on becoming a member shall agree to be bound by the Constitution and amendments thereto and all rules of the Association, but the Association shall have power to reject any applications for membership.

Application for partnership or incorporated company membership shall specify the person authorized to vote, act or sign for the partnership or company. A member of a partnership or company other than the person mentioned in the application may be authorized by the partnership or company to act or vote at any meeting of the Association.

3. All members in good standing shall as a matter of contract and except as hereinafter provided enjoy the same liabilities as the original incorporators of the Association. No member who is in arrears of membership or other fees or dues shall enjoy such rights and privileges.

4. A member in good standing is a member who has complied with the regulations as hereinafter set forth and who is not in arrears of membership or other fees or dues or suspended.

5. The financial liability of the member to the Association shall be limited to the amount due from him in respect to his membership and registration fees.

6. A member may, provided he is not in arrears for membership or other fees or dues, at any time resign from membership in the Association by giving the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records, notice in writing of his intention to do so, but membership shall not terminate until the end of the then current member year.

7. No member shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Association during any year until his annual fee for the year is paid.

8. No member shall hold office or be entitled to vote at a meeting or to give notice to amend this Constitution if at the time in arrears of membership or other fees or dues and no applicant shall be entitled to vote until his membership has been accepted.

9. The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel any member who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in this Constitution 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 twenty-one days, have the right to apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement, and shall on application be reinstated at the next meeting of the Board, provided two-thirds of the members of the Board present thereat vote in the affirmative. If the Board of Directors refuses to reinstate a person suspended or expelled from membership, such person shall have the right to apply for reinstatement by the next succeeding general meeting, but reinstatement by a general meeting shall be only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present thereat and voting.

10. The membership year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year.

4. OFFICES

The head office of the Association shall be at such place as the Board of Directors may determine and the office for the registration of pedigrees shall be the office of the Canadian National Live Stock Records, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario, under the supervision of the Record Committee of the Canadian National Live Stock Records Board.

5. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year.

6. OFFICERS

1. (a) The affairs of the association shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Directors, comprising not less than 3 and not more than 9, elected by ballot at the annual general meeting of the Association. Directors shall hold office for three years except in the founding year when 1/3 or nearest whole number thereto shall be elected for a 3-year term, the same number elected for a 2-year term.

(b) Patrons of Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association shall elect by ballot from their number a number of directors not exceeding a simple majority of the directors

to be elected. The remaining directors shall be elected from among the active members, including Patrons of the Association.

2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur among their number but such appointment shall terminate at the next annual general meeting at which time an election will be held to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

3. **Executive Committee**: The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and one Director elected as hereinafter provided. A copy of the minutes of each Executive Committee meeting shall be forwarded to each Director and the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records within ten days after a meeting.

4. **Special Committees**: The Board of Directors may appoint from their number or from the other members of the Association special committees, but must in all cases name one of their number a member who shall be the presiding officer. The action of any special committee is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Any committee except the Executive Committee shall have power to add to its number.

5. **HONORARY PRESIDENT**: The Board of Directors may appoint Honorary Presidents. They shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

6. **PRESIDENT**: The president shall be elected annually from among their number by the Board of Directors at their first meeting after the annual general meeting. He shall hold office for one year or until his successor is elected and shall be eligible for re-election. The duties of the President shall be to preside to all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors and generally to do all matters, acts and things as are usually done by Presidents of similar organizations, and he shall be a member of all committees.

7. **VICE-PRESIDENT**: A First Vice-President shall be elected in a like manner to and at the same time as the election of the President, hold office for a similar term, and in case the President is unable to act on account of illness or absence, perform all the duties of the President. A Second Vice-President shall be elected in a like manner to hold office for a similar term, and in case the First Vice-President is unable to act, he shall perform all the duties of the First Vice-President.

8. **SECRETARY-TREASURER**: The Board of Directors shall from time to time as occasion may require, appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall have the power of Managing-Director, acting under the control and with the approval of the Board of Directors. His duties shall be to attend all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, and to keep exact minutes of the proceedings of the same, to carry on all head office correspondence, to prepare all annual

or other reports, to give notice of all meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee when so directed by the proper authority under the Constitution, to deposit all monies received by him in a chartered bank to the credit of this Association, and shall pay same out again by cheque only, countersigned by the President or forward the same to the Accountant, Canadian National Live Stock Records as hereinafter provided. He shall deposit for safekeeping all securities owned by this 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 President or Auditor or his representative. He may be bonded in such amount as may be required from time to time 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 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.

9. REGISTRAR: The Canadian National Live Stock Record Committee shall assign to this Association a person to act as Registrar. The duties of the Registrar shall be similar to the duties of other Registrars in the employ of the Canadian National Live Stock Records.

10. Registration Committee: The President (or First Vice-President), the Secretary and the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records shall be a committee with authority to authorize change of ownership and registration of pedigree where signatures or other information are for any other reason unobtainable. If the decision of the committee is not unanimous the matter in question shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for decision. This committee or the Board of Directors shall have no power to authorize the registration of any animal unless the pedigree of breeding submitted complies in all particulars with the rules of eligibility for registration as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution. All decisions of the committee shall be incorporated in the minutes of their next meeting.

11 AUDITOR: The Association at each annual general meeting shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors, and fix their remuneration. His duty shall be to examine the books of the Association, vouchers for all payments and certify the usual statements of receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities for the year, for presentation to the next annual general meeting.

12. REPRESENTATIVES: Representatives to organizations asking that such be appointed shall be appointed at the annual general meeting, but if for any reason any of these are not so appointed, the Board of Directors shall have power to appoint the same. Representatives to the Canadian National Live Stock Record Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

7. MEETING

1. The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as decided upon by the Executive Committee of the Association. Other general meetings shall be held at the time and place fixed by the Board of Directors. A notice of at least twenty-one days in advance shall be given by post, indicating the time and place of meeting. This notice shall be given by a circular letter postage prepaid to each of the members at his last known post office address appearing on the books of the Association.

A copy of the notice calling an annual or general meeting shall be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records in a like manner as to members of the Association.

2. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors other than the one immediately following the annual general meeting shall be mailed postage prepaid to each one of them ten days at least before the date of meeting to his last known post office address appearing on the books of the Association or by telegraph at least five days before the date of meeting.

3. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice or without written notice providing all Directors have given their consent to the meeting being held. A minute of such consent shall be entered in the minutes.

4. Notice of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be mailed postage prepaid to each member thereof three days at least before the date of the meeting to his last known post office address on the books of the Association.

5. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held on shorter notice or without written notice providing all have given their consent to the meeting being held. A minute of such consent shall be entered in the minutes.

6. For the transaction of the business of the Association at an annual or general meeting a quorum shall be five; at a meeting of the Board of Directors a quorum shall be three; at a meeting of the Executive Committee a quorum shall be three.

7. At the written request of ten members the Secretary shall call a special general meeting of the Association which meeting shall have the same status as if it had been called in the regular way by the Board of Directors of this Association but such meeting shall have no power to amend this Constitution.

8. A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee shall be mailed within twenty-one days following such meeting, to each Director and to the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records.

8. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all annual and general meetings shall be as follows:

1. Identification of members.
2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
3. Report of Officers, Directors and Committees.
4. Correspondence.
5. Unfinished business.
6. If annual meeting, election of Directors and other officers.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

The above order with the exception of (1) Identification of members, may be changed at the pleasure of the meeting assembled.

9. AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Directors at each annual general meeting shall submit a complete report of its acts and of the affairs of the Association. It shall present a detailed statement duly audited of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Association. A copy of this report, a list of the members, the officers elected and the representatives to the Canadian National Live Stock Records Board, also general information on the affairs of the Association shall be sent to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records within twenty days after the annual meeting. A copy of the annual report may be mailed to each member in good standing.

10. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the Association from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects 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 Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Officer, clerk or servant or other person or persons for services actually rendered the Association whether such are members of the Association or not, and the expenses of the Directors of other officers incurred in doing the business of the Association.

The Association shall with other organizations comprising the Canadian National Live Stock Records pay to the Record Committee of the Canadian National Live Stock

Records a proportionate amount of the expenses of conducting the Canadian National Live Stock Record office.

11. BOOKS

The Association shall cause a book to be kept by the Secretary if any, wherein shall be contained a copy of the Constitution, so that persons becoming members of the Association may at all reasonable times examine the same.

12. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any general meeting of the Association with the exception of a meeting called under Article 7, section 7, of this Constitution by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, but no amendment shall be valid until approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the Secretary thirty days in advance of a general meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting otherwise they shall have no power to deal with same.

13. REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. All fees shall be paid to the Accountant, Canadian National Live Stock Records and may be sent by post office money order, express money order, bank money order or certified cheque payable at par in Ottawa, Ontario, and they shall forthwith be deposited by him to the credit of the Association in a chartered bank selected by the Record Committee of the Canadian National Live Stock Record Board.

2. There shall be furnished by the Canadian National Live Stock Records for all living animals registered a certificate of registration on the form adopted by the Canadian National Live Stock Record Committee.

3. All certificates of registration shall be submitted for the approval of the officer appointed for the purpose by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada.

4. Any person suspended or expelled from membership shall not be allowed the privilege of recording pedigrees in the record of the Association.

5. The Record Committee of the Canadian National Live Stock Records Board shall have power, for any cause which in the opinion of the committee seems proper to suspend any member, to refuse applications for registration or transfer from any person whether a member or not. Any such action taken by the Record Committee under this provision shall be immediately reported to this Association. The Record Committee may

refuse to accept the signature of any person on an application for registration or transfer whether a member or not, pending action by the Directors or a general meeting of the Association.

16. IDENTIFICATION

All Finnsheep intended for recordation or registration must be uniquely identified under three days of age by ear tag and under 6 months of age by tattoo.

(a) An ear tag approved by the Canadian National Live Stock Records showing the first owners allotted flock letters and a flock number followed by a designating year letter must be placed in the right ear. In the left ear may be placed a tag bearing the same number and/or a tag bearing the owner's name.

(b) The allotted flock letters must be tattooed in the right ear and in the left ear the individual flock number followed by the designated year letter: ("Z" 1968), ("A" 1969), ("B" 1970), etc. in alphabetical order except that "I", "O", "Q", and "V" shall not be used.

(c) Finnsheep registered or recorded in other herd books must bear individual identification from the flock of origin and within 30 days of purchase must be ear tagged in accordance with procedures described above and provided no previous tattoo is evident.

17. REGISTRATION OF IDENTIFICATION LETTERS

A breeder shall apply to the Canadian National Live Stock Records for and be allotted letters for his exclusive use with which to identify Finnsheep lambing his property.

In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company, or if a member of the same family is taken into partnership, the tattoo letters may be transferred on application to the Canadian National Live Stock Records of the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir.

18. REGISTRATION OF NAMES

A breeder must register for his exclusive use a name to be used as a prefix in naming all animals of which he is the breeder. A particular name will be allowed to one person or partnership only, and in registering such names priority in use and in application for registration shall be considered. Names shall not contain more than twenty letter spaces or characters, including numeral affix. This affix shall correspond

with the herd identification number and year letter assigned to the animal in accordance with the provision of Article 16. It shall not be permissible to change the name of an animal after it has been registered thirty days. In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company or if any party is taken into partnership, the name may be transferred upon application to the Canadian National Live Stock Records of the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise the transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir.

A registered name may be transferred to another person or persons, on application of the person in whose name it is registered, and in so doing the transferor relinquishes all rights to same. After the expiration of five years a registered name may be rescinded at the discretion of the Board if it has not been used in registering an animal by the registered owner.

19. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS

There shall be kept by each breeder a private record which shall contain full particulars of his breeding operation. This record shall at all times be open to the inspection of officials of this Association, officials of the Department of Agriculture for Canada and officials of the Canadian National Live Stock Records. In addition the breeder shall within thirty days of birth of each litter of lambs submit on a form provided, all of the information pertinent to the litter to the Secretary, Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association.

Such reporting is required for every lambing of every lamb living or dead, from registered dams whether or not registration of progeny is intended. Breeders are encouraged to report all lambings eligible for recordation but shall be required to report only those with lambs intended for recordation.

20. RULES FOR RECORDATION AND REGISTRATION OF FINNSHEEP

1. There shall be two basic categories of eligibility known as recordation and registration as hereinafter provided but common to both is the requirement that the sire(s) and/or the dam shall trace to Finnish Landrace stock imported directly from Finland or indirectly through Finnish Landrace propagated in the United Kingdom, in the Irish Free State or in other countries as may from time to time be recognized by the Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association.

2. REGISTRATION

(a) All Finnsheep imported from countries as provided in Article 20 (1) shall be eligible for registration in the Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association herd book.

(b) All straightbred Finnsheep produced in members' countries from registered Finnsheep parents shall be eligible for registration provided

1) that for a ram born after December 31, 1970, to be eligible to sire registered offspring he must be from a dam which has had a lambing record averaging 3.0 lambs or more per year of her age: and

2) information pertinent to the litter was submitted to the Secretary, Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association, on a prescribed form within thirty days of the birth of the litter.

(c) The pedigree certificates of each registered ram shall clearly indicate in a manner to be decided upon by the Board of Directors the eligibility status of the ram to sire registered progeny.

(d) All previous and subsequent male progeny of a ewe shall become permanently eligible to sire registered progeny from the time when such ewe's production record first reaches an average of 3.0 lambs or more born per year of age as determined by the secretary regardless of her subsequent lambing average.

1) Appropriately designated pedigree certificates shall be issued by the Secretary for the ewe and for any previous male progeny upon application by the respective owners and payment of the prescribed fee for duplicate certificates.

2) The Secretary of the Association shall publish at least semi-annually the identification of ewes attaining an average of 3.0 lambs per year of age.

(e) All Finnsheep rams and the male progeny of all Finnsheep ewes imported prior to January 1, 1970 into Canada and the United States from Finland, the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State shall be exempt from the provision of Article 20 (2)(b)(1).

3. RECORDATION

Any female progeny of a registered Finnsheep sire(s) but from a dam ineligible for registry including dams of non-Finnsheep breeding shall be eligible for recordation with the appropriate fraction of Finnsheep indicated on the registration certificate.

4. For purposes of recordation and registration, multiple sire matings shall have the same status as single sire matings. In the case of multiple sire matings, all of the sires to which the dam was exposed during the estrus in which the litter may have been conceived shall be identified on the application form and on the certificate of recordation or registration as issued.

5. The Secretary shall maintain a current record of the lambing of each registered Finnsheep female and shall have printed on each newly issued pedigree certificate the complete record of lambs born of the dam and granddams listing the size of each litter born during each calendar year of each ewe's life except the first. A zero shall be indicated where no lambing record has been reported to the Association as provided in Article 19. Each year's litter size shall be separated by a semicolon (e.g. 2; 2; 3; 0; 5; etc.). Should more than one litter be born to a ewe in the same calendar year a comma shall be used to separate the numbers (eg. 2; 3, 2; 3; 4, 2; 0; 3 etc.). An 'a' may be substituted to indicate a pregnancy but terminated by abortion where the number of lambs is unknown.

6. There shall be no disqualification from registry based on body conformation, colour or any other characteristic unless such disqualifying characteristic can be reasonably demonstrated to impair the functioning of animals bearing same except that the characteristically short tail be recognized a genetic marker trait distinguishing Finnsheep from other breeds and any animal which has had the tail docked shall be ineligible for registry but not ineligible for recordation.

However, since Finnsheep are predominantly white and polled it shall be the responsibility of the breeder to indicate any deviations from these characteristics to protect prospective buyers when offering breeding animals for sale.

7. PEDIGREES AND RECORDATION CERTIFICATES

Pedigree certificates shall show certificate number, the animal name, and identification number, date of birth, number of lambs, the name, identification and certificate number of the sire and the dam and

Pedigree certificates shall show:

1. certificate number
2. animal name and identification number
3. date of birth
4. number of lambs born in the litter
5. name, identification and certificate number of sire, dam and four grandparents of registered or, if recorded, the appropriate information from the recordation certificates.
6. number of lambs born in the litters of each of registered ancestors given on the pedigree and the current litter production record of each female ancestor.
7. the requirements for recordation and registration shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors in the light of breed performance and the Board may make recommendations to the annual general meeting re: changes required to update the requirements.

21. SUSPENSION - DEFINITIONS

(a) **Suspended Member**: A suspended member is a member who has been suspended by the Board of Directors or who automatically suspends himself because he has not conformed to the rules and regulations of this Association or who as a member has been placed on probation by the Record Committee of the Canadian National Live Stock Records.

(b) **Suspended Registration**: A suspended registration is a registration of pedigree or transfer that has been placed under suspension by the Board of Directors or by the Canadian National Live Stock Records on account of some irregularity; such suspension to remain until same has been lifted by a resolution of the Directors of this Association.

22. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND EMBRYO TRANSFER

Animals produced by artificial insemination shall be eligible for recordation or registration as provided under Article 20 provided only that the semen was from a registered Finnsheep ram and that the certificate of breeding is certified by a licensed A.I. technician.

Animals produced by the transfer of embryos or fertilized ova from one ewe to another shall be eligible for recordation or registration provided that the genetic parents are eligible under Article 20 and provided that the details of embryo transfer are certified by the Secretary by the person performing the embryo transfer.

23. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR RECORDATION

1. Application for registration or recordation of an animal must be made on a form supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records. All blank spaces must be signed by the owner of the animal at the time of birth, by the breeder of the animal and by the owner of the sire at the time the dam was served. This dam must be recorded or registered in the Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association Herd Book in the name of the owner certifying the service.

2. The breeder of an animal is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time the dam was served. The first owner is the owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.

3. No two animals shall have the same name. Names shall not contain more than twenty letter spaces or characters including numeral affix and shall bear the registered prefix of the breeder as defined in Section 23(2).

24. TRANSFERS AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

1. In the case of a sale of a recordable or registerable animal the seller must furnish the certificate of recordation or registration in the Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association Herd Book showing the purchaser's ownership. Refusal to do so on any pretext whatever except under written contract shall be ground for his expulsion, if a member, from the Association; if not a member, further applications for registration shall be refused.

2. Application for registration of change of ownership must be made on forms supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records, must give date of sale and date of delivery and in the case of a female if bred, service certificate must be completed. Change of ownership will be endorsed on the back of the original certificate of recordation or registration which must be forwarded to the Canadian National Live Stock Records with the application for transfer.

3. In case a male or female is leased or loaned for breeding purposes, the form of lease supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records must be filled in and signed by the lessor and forwarded together with the certificate of recordation or registration to the Canadian National Live Stock Records to be placed on record. The lessee will in all cases be considered the breeder of the progeny of leased or loaned animals.

4. In the case of the sale of an animal for any other than for breeding purposes, as prescribed by the regulations of this Association, the seller shall not furnish the purchaser with the certificate of recordation or registration but may forward it, with full details of the sale to the Canadian National Live Stock Records, and it shall be retained there. The transfer of ownership of an animal so reported shall not be recorded on the records of this Association.

5. A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized agent files a statutory declaration on a form supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records, showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed or unobtainable.

25. FEES

1. The fee schedule of the Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association shall be set by the Board of Directors;

2. The fee schedule shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and revised as necessary.

26. BREED DEVELOPMENT AND BREED PROMOTION

Recognizing that the primary genetic contribution of the Finnsheep to efficient meat production is a level of prolificacy superior to other tested breeds, Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association:

- (a) shall encourage its members to emphasize the economic productivity of the breed rather than specific types or models;
- (b) shall emphasize and promote only those breed characteristics related to the efficient production of meat or other economic product;
- (c) shall not establish or support classification evaluation or rating programs including show ring classes unless based in whole or major part on objective measures of economic merit;
- (d) may expend Association funds for exhibiting Finnsheep in industrial exhibits where performance data are featured but shall not expend Association funds for the support or promotion of exhibitions unless competitions are based in whole or major part on objective measures of economic merit;
- (e) shall maintain statistics on the incidence of and investigate the inheritance of genetic characteristics. The Board of Directors, in consultation with competent geneticists, shall recommend to the annual general meeting programs to exploit those characteristics which may enhance the productivity of the breed and programs to control or eliminate traits deemed to be detrimental to the breed.
- (f) shall publish such materials and advertisements as the Board of Directors deems appropriate for the promotion of Finnsheep.
- (g) may encourage and make grants in support of research into problems of sheep breeding, production and marketing which are relevant to breeders of Finnsheep.

27. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

1. A member who violates any rule or regulation of this constitution is automatically suspended and deprived from any of the rights and privileges of a member in good standing.

2. Recordation, registration or transfer of ownership of a Finnsheep is made on the understanding that the particulars given on the application are correct. If it is subsequently discovered that the particulars given are incorrect or fraudulent, the registration or transfer shall be suspended. Pedigrees recorded incorrectly may be cancelled and re-recorded by the owner or by the Canadian National Live Stock Records,

at the expense of the original applicant for registration or transfer but it is understood neither this Association nor the Canadian National Live Stock Records shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that may be sustained through suspension, cancellation or correction of any registration or transfer.

3. When as the result of an inspection of the manner in which any Finnsheep breeder's records are being kept and identification practiced by any breeder, it is shown that the regulations as laid down herein are not being observed, the Board of Directors may immediately suspend or expel such breeder, if a member and if not a member, further registration and transfers may be refused. And if such inspection should reveal that the private breeding records and identification system as practiced by the breeder are in such a state of confusion as to raise a doubt as to the identity of any number or all of the Finnsheep in the establishment, the Board of Directors may suspend the pedigrees of any number or all the Finnsheep involved.

4. The following are extracts from the Live Stock Pedigree Act, to which all breeders are subject.

16. (1) Except as authorized by his act, where an Association for a specified breed exists, no person shall in respect of that breed conduct a book of records or issue a certificate of registration of any document purporting to be a certificate of breeding.

(2) Every person who violates this Section is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months.

17. (1) Every person who

(a) knowingly signs or presents, or causes or procures to be signed or presented, to the recording officer of an Association or to the person in charge of the Canadian National Live Stock Records, any declaration or any application for registration or any transfer of ownership respecting any animal, containing any material false statement or representation;

(b) knowingly represents that a certificate of registration applies to an animal other than the one in respect of which it was issued;

(c) falsifies or alters a certificate of registration or of a transfer or of any document of or pertaining to a pure-bred animal registered in the records of an association;

(d) sells as pure-bred an animal that is not identified as prescribed by the by-laws of any association;

(e) sells as purebred or contracts to sell as purebred any animal of a class or breed in respect of which an association has been incorporated, without furnishing, or agreeing as an integral part of the contract of sale to furnish the certificate of registration, together with the duly recorded transfer of ownership thereof, to the actual buyer; or

(f) sells as purebred or contracts to sell as purebred any animal of a class or breed in respect of which an association has been incorporated, that is not registered or eligible for registration as purebred by the association;

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months.

(2) Any animal owned in Canada of a class or breed for which no record exists in Canada, and duly registered in a foreign book of record recognized as authentic by the Minister shall, for the purposes of this Section, be deemed to be purebred.

18. Every person who uses without authority the name of the Canadian National Live Stock Records, Canadian National Live Stock Record Board, Canadian National Live Stock Record Committee, or of any association, or any name so nearly resembling any of those names that is likely to deceive the public, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months.

19. Every person who violates any provision of this Act in respect of which no penalty is elsewhere provided in this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

20. Section eleven hundred and forty-two of the Criminal Code does not apply to proceedings in respect of an offence under this Act.

28. NON-MEMBERS

Any person not a member of this Association registering and transferring animals on the records of the Association shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as a member as otherwise specifically provided for.

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Wherever the context permits in this constitution, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine the feminine and the neuter.