

# **CANADA FOX BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION**

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# CANADA FOX BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. NAME

The Association shall be known as the "CANADA FOX BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION".

### 2. OBJECTS

1. The objectives of the Association shall be to improve, advance and protect the ranched fox industry in Canada.
  - a. By keeping a record of the breeding and origin of all purebred foxes bred in captivity and carrying out a system of registration under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation system in compliance with the Animal Pedigree Act and to improve the purebred Canadian fox.
  - b. By assisting breeders and producers engaged in the propagation and breeding of foxes through assistance in the marketing and promotion of fox pelts and any other project of interest and benefit.

### 3. MEMBERS

1. To ensure the success of the Association, it is essential that the relationship between the members, between the members and the Association and between the Association, its members and the public be characterized by integrity, honesty and fair dealings and the Constitution of the Association shall contain such provisions as may be from time to time necessary to achieve this objective, including provisions concerning the admission of persons to and expulsion of persons from membership in the Association. All members of Canada Fox Breeders Association are expected to support Canada Fox Breeders Association both financially and morally.
2. There shall be two classes of members.
  - a. ANNUAL MEMBERS, shall be those individuals, partnerships or companies located in Canada or companies incorporated under Federal or Provincial charter licensed to do business in Canada and who agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Constitution and who are owners of at least one ranch fox and who have paid the prescribed annual fee.
  - b. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: The Association may appoint Honorary Life Members at a General Meeting if the Board of Directors have by resolution named the proposed member or members and recommended that such an appointment be made, but such Honorary Member, shall take no part in the management of the Association's affairs, their position shall be purely honorary.

3. The membership year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year and all membership fees are due and payable on January first of each year and shall be paid on or before February fifteenth of each year. On February sixteenth in each year, the names of all members who have not paid for the current year shall be struck from the membership roll. No member shall be entitled to any rights or privileges of the Association unless his name is on the membership roll, i.e. a member in good standing.
4. 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 application for membership.
5. 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.
6. The financial liability of the member to the creditors of the Association shall be limited to the amount due from him in respect to his membership and registration fees.
7. No person shall hold office, be entitled to vote at a meeting or give notice to amend this Constitution unless he is an Annual Member in good standing. No member shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting who was not an Annual Member in good standing of this Association at the time notice was given calling such meeting. No member resident outside of Canada shall hold office or be entitled to vote at any meeting.
8. The Board of Directors shall have 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 interest of the Association. A member suspended or expelled shall after the expiration of sixty 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 at 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. Any person so suspended or expelled shall have no claim against this Association or any interest in the property or assets of the Association.

#### **4. OFFICES**

1. The head office shall be in an appropriate location in Canada as determined by the Board of Directors and the office for the registration of pedigrees shall be the office of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in the City of Ottawa, Ontario, under the supervision of the Board of Directors of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

#### **5. FISCAL YEAR**

1. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July first to June thirtieth.

2. This provision does not apply to any activity or enterprise entered into by the Association not otherwise specifically referred to in this Constitution. The fiscal year of such activities or enterprises shall be, as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

## **6. DIRECTORS & HONORARY DIRECTORS**

1. **DIRECTORS:** All the affairs (including finances) of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors having a maximum number of twelve (12) members, elected to provide the following representation: NB – 2, NFLD – 2, NS – 2, ON – 2, PEI – 2, PQ – 2. They shall be elected normally for a term of two (2) years, however in the case that both are elected into office in the same year, one (1) shall be elected for a two (2) year term and one (1) for a one (1) year term as determined by their affiliated Provincial Association. At a minimum, the above allocations for Directors are to be reviewed by the Board of Directors and its findings and recommendations reported to the members every five (5) years.
2. The Directors for each Province shall be elected by the affiliated Provincial Organization. These names shall be sent to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
3. No member shall be eligible to hold office as a Director unless he is an Annual Member of the Association in good standing at the time notice was given calling the Annual General Meeting and a resident in the Province he represents.
4. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur among their number, officers or Committees, providing however, that any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association, but shall be then eligible for re-election.
5. Honorary Life Directors may be appointed at the Annual General meeting of the Association. Such appointments shall be made only in recognition of long and outstanding service to this Organization, and on the recommendation of the Board of Directors to an Annual General Meeting.
6. Honorary Life Directors shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and to the same rights and privileges as Directors and shall be eligible to all duly constituted Committees of the Board of Directors but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

## **7. OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

1. **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 at all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association and he shall be a member of all Committees.
2. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** A Vice-President shall be elected in a like manner 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.

3. SECRETARY-TREASURER: The Board of Directors shall from time to time as occasion may require, appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer who shall act under the control and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

a. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the Constitution of this Association and all Amendments thereto, approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada. He shall hold same available for examination by any member during the regular office hours of the Head Office. He shall maintain a current and accurate membership list of the Association. The duties of the Secretary shall also be to attend all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Registration Committee, the Finance Committee, and Marketing and Promotion Committee and the Research and Development Committee and to keep exact minutes of the proceedings of same and to do such things as may be delegated to him by this Constitution, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Registration Committee, the Finance Committee, the Marketing and Promotion Committee and the Research and Development Committee.

b. The Treasurer shall 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 other officer appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors, or forward the same to the Accountant, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation 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 other officer 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.

4. REGISTRAR: The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation 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 Livestock Records Corporation.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Board shall at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting elect two (2) of its number who together with the President, Vice-President, Registration Committee Chairman and the Finance Committee Chairman shall constitute the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, provided, however, that the Secretary-Treasurer shall be an additional ex-officio non-voting member of such Committee. Any Canadian Province represented by two (2) Directors on the Board as herein before provided, shall be represented among the membership of the Executive Committee by at least one (1) Director, who is a breeder of purebred registered foxes and currently active in the registration program with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. Members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall not be directly employed by any company or individual whose business included buying or selling or handling on consignment or otherwise ranch fox skins undressed and dressed and shall before becoming a member of the Executive Committee execute an affidavit to such effect.

a. The Executive Committee shall be deemed to be vested with all the powers of the Board, and shall direct the affairs of the Association at all times when the Board is not actively in session.

b. The Executive Committee shall have the authority and responsibility to review and approve or reject all Committee budgets, pelt marketing agreements and any other agreements and contracts of all other Committees.

c. A copy of the Minutes of each Executive Committee meeting shall be forwarded to each Board member within fourteen (14) days after each and every meeting.

6. **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall consist of five (5) breeders of purebred registered foxes and who are currently active in the registration program with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation with the exception of the representative from Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. This Committee shall consist of three (3) Board members, one (1) of whom shall act as Chairman, one (1) representative from Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and two (2) others who may be chosen at large by the Board of Directors. No more than two (2) from any one Province shall be on the Committee. The Chairman of this Committee must be a member of the Executive Committee.

a. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to make members aware of the merits of registration and to provide each member with an information kit containing available forms, rules and regulations and costs dealing with registration of foxes. It shall be the duty of this Committee to present a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, at each Annual Meeting of the Association.

b. This Committee shall have the authority to adjudicate upon any irregularity reported by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation or any dispute between breeders which from the evidence submitted to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation warrants consideration and may impose such administration fees as they may determine. They shall have authority to authorize change of ownership and registration of pedigrees where signatures or other information is unobtainable but in no case must their decisions be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

c. The General Manager of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation or his representative need not attend a meeting if the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation has supplied the Secretary with full details of the case in question and in writing requested that the other members render a decision. In cases of emergency, a decision by mail may be rendered.

d. They shall also have the power to do such other acts as provided for by this Constitution.

e. The finding of this Committee shall be presented in writing at the next meeting of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee.

7. **CHIEF INSPECTOR:** The Board of Directors shall appoint a Chief Inspector for a period of one (1) year, or until his successor is appointed.

a. It shall be the duty of the Chief Inspector to verify eligibility of applications for Foundation Stock, or other matters in which the Association may be interested.

b. The findings of the Chief Inspector shall be presented in writing to the Registration Committee.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Board shall at its first meeting following the annual General Meeting elect four (4) of its number to constitute the Finance Committee. Any Canadian Province represented by two (2) Directors on the Board as herein before provided, shall be represented among the membership of the Finance Committee by at least one (1) Director. The Chairman of this Committee must be a member of the Executive Committee.

a. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to give a report quarterly of the financial activities of the Association to the Executive Committee. It shall be the responsibility of all Directors and Committee Chairman's to submit all budgets and binding contracts to the Finance Committee prior to Executive Committee approval of same. It shall then be the responsibility of the Finance committee to summarize and present the financial impact, of all proposed spending to the Executive Committee.

9. MARKETING AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE: This Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members and each Province marketing 15.5% or more of the gross income for the pelt marketing agreements must be represented by at least one (1) and not more than two (2) members. This Committee to consist of two (2) Board Members, one (1) of whom will act as Chairman and three (3) others who may be chosen at large by the Board of Directors. No more than two (2) from any one Province shall be on the Committee.

a. They shall have authority to prepare pelt marketing agreements, advertising agreements and promotional contracts, but in no case must their decisions be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution. They shall have power to do such other acts as provided for by this Constitution.

b. The findings of this Committee shall be presented in writing at the next meeting of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to present a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year at each Annual Meeting of this Association.

10. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: This Committee shall consist of a minimum of five members. This Committee shall consist of two (2) Board Members, one of whom will act a Chairman and three (3) others who may be chosen at large by the Board of Directors. No more than two (2) from any one Province shall be on the Committee.

a. They shall have the authority to enter into such programs that will advance and protect the ranched fox industry, but in no case must their decisions be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

b. The findings of this Committee shall be presented in writing at the next meeting of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to present a detailed report of their work including a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year at each Annual Meeting of this Association.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEE: 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 a Special Committee is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

12. AUDITOR: The Association at each Annual General Meeting shall appoint a Chartered Accountant as Auditor. His duty shall be to examine all books and records of the head office 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.
13. 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 Livestock Records Corporation shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
14. PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATIONS: Provincial organizations desiring affiliation with this Association must submit their Constitution and or By-laws for the approval of the Board of Directors. The activities of any such provincial organization shall be confined solely to its own provincial interests and shall not conflict in any way with the activities of this Association. A provincial organization affiliated with and in good standing with this Association shall receive one per cent of the gross revenue produced provincially and received from the pelt marketing agreements. Not more than one provincial organization shall be recognized in any Province.
15. The actions of all officers and Committees, with the exception of the Auditor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise specified.

## **8. MEETINGS**

1. The Annual General Meeting of this Association shall be held on or as near to the second Saturday in September as may be practical and at such time and place as decided upon by the Executive Committee of this Association. Other General Meetings shall be held at the time and place fixed by the Board of Directors. A notice of at least thirty days in advance shall be given by post, indicating the time and place of the meeting. This notice shall be given by a circular letter postage prepaid to each of the members at his last known post office address. A copy of the notice calling an Annual or General Meeting shall be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the General Manager, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, 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 Director at least fifteen days before the meeting date to his last known post office address appearing on the books of the Association, or by phone or fax at least seven days before the date of meeting.
3. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice or without written notice or must be held when thirty per cent or more of Directors request a meeting, all Directors are to be notified of such a meeting. 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 Executive Committee member thereof seven days at least before the date of the meeting to his last known post office address appearing on the books.

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. Notice of meetings of the Registration Committee and/or Finance Committee and/or Marketing and Promotional Committee and/or Research and Development Committee shall be mailed postage prepaid to each member thereof seven days at least before the date of the meeting to his last known post office address appearing on the books of the Association or by phone or fax at least four days before date of meeting.
7. Meetings of the Registration Committee and/or Finance Committee and/or Marketing and Promotional Committee and/or Research and Development 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 consent shall be entered in the minutes.

## **9. QUORUM**

1. For the transaction of the business of the Association at an Annual or other General Meeting a quorum shall be fifteen (15) Annual Members in good standing; at a meeting of the Board of Directors a quorum shall be seven (7), at a meeting of the Executive Committee a quorum shall be four (4); at a meeting of the Finance Committee a quorum shall be three (3); at a meeting of the Registration Committee a quorum shall be three (3), and at a meeting of the Research and Education Committee a quorum shall be three (3). In the event a quorum for any of the above does not exist, the transaction of business may be carried out but will be subject to approval at the next regular or special called meeting.

## **10. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business at all Annual and General Meetings shall be as follows:

1. Identification of members
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports 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.

## **11. 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 officers elected and the representatives to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, also general information on the affairs of the Association shall be sent to the Minister of

Agriculture for Canada and to the General Manager, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation within twenty (20) days after the Annual Meeting. A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member in good standing.

## **12. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY**

1. 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 of remuneration to any Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Officer, Clerk or servant or any 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 or other officers incurred in doing the business of the Association.
2. The Association shall, with other member Associations of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, pay to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation a proportional amount of the expenses of conducting the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation office.

## **13. AMENDMENTS**

1. This Constitution may be amended at any General Meeting of the Association, 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 and filed at the Department of Agriculture for Canada. Notice of all proposed Amendments shall be set out in detail and in writing and given to the Secretary at least sixty days in advance of a General Meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with same.

## **14. CORPORATE SEAL**

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

## **15. BOOKS**

1. A register shall be kept at the office of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. This register shall be known as the Canadian National Record for Foxes and shall be published by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation at such time as decided upon by the Board of Directors.

## **16. REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES**

1. There shall be furnished by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for all living foxes registered a certificate of registration on the form adopted by the Board of Directors of Canadian Livestock Records

Corporation. The pedigree shall be in such form as decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Association.

2. Any person suspended or expelled from membership shall not be allowed the privilege of recording pedigrees in the Canadian National Record for Foxes.
3. The Board of Directors of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall have the power, for any cause which in the opinion of the Board seems proper to suspend any member or to refuse applications for registration or transfer from any person whether a member or not. The Board of Directors of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation 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 Board of Directors, the Registration Committee or a General Meeting of this Association. Any such action taken by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation under this provision shall be immediately reported to this Association.

### **17. REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS**

1. The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation will allot to each owner of foxes, letters which he shall use to tattoo mark or cause his foxes to be tattoo marked for the purpose of identification for registration. In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company or if any party is taken into partnership, the tattoo letters may be transferred upon application to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation of the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise the transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir.
2. If a rancher is operating more than one registered ranch he may apply to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for and be allotted letters for each additional ranch.
3. Should a member drop out of registration, the letters allotted to him, shall remain his to use and shall not be allotted to any other person.

### **18. REGISTRATION OF NAMES**

1. A breeder must register with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for exclusive use a name to be used in naming his foxes, which followed by the number tattooed and the year letter will be the name of the fox. The name of a fox shall not contain more than thirty letter spaces.
2. In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company or if any party be taken into partnership, the name may be transferred upon application to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation of the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise the transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir. If a rancher is operating more than one registered ranch he may register a name for each additional ranch.
3. In the event that a registered name has not been used for a period of ten (10) consecutive years, registration of such name may be canceled by the General Manager, Canadian Livestock Records

Corporation. A canceled registered name may be re-assigned and registered upon application by a qualified applicant.

## **19. RANCH RECORDS**

1. There shall be maintained at each ranch on which breeding of purebred foxes is carried on a Private Ranch Record as approved by this Association and supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. This record shall contain the particulars of every pure bred fox in the ranch mated to produce a purebred litter. Such record shall at all times be open for inspection by authorized officials of the Department of Agriculture for Canada, the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and this Association.

## **20. RANCH INSPECTION**

1. A ranch shall be open to inspection by the Chief Inspector at any time between the fifteenth day of June and the fifteenth day of January, of the following year.

## **21. FOX DEFINITIONS**

1. All Standard foxes are classified as follows:
  - a. Standard Silver, Standard White Marked Silver, Standard Platinum, Standard Pearl Platinum, Standard White Marked Pearl Platinum and Standard Brown, and their colour phase designated as dark, medium, light or extra light. In addition to the above the Board of Directors shall have the power to add to, change or alter the above as occasion may require.
  - b. For the purpose of registration, the Board of Directors shall from time to time and as occasion may require, set descriptive standards required for each classification.
2. Any standard fox of the types indicated in Section 1 shall be deemed a purebred if it possesses at least 87.5% of its inheritance from foundation stock or from animals previously registered by this Association as purebreds.

## **22 RULES OF ELIGIBILITY**

The following foxes are eligible for registration:

1. A standard fox of at least 87.5% purity born in Canada, whose sire and dam are registered in the Canadian National Record for Foxes provided it is regularly tattoo marked for identification in the year in which it was born.

2. A standard fox of at least 50% purity born in Canada, whose sire is a purebred, registered in the Canadian National Record for Foxes provided it is regularly tattoo marked for identification in the year in which it was born.
- a. The certificate of registration issued must indicate the percentage of purebred inheritance if less than 87.5%. This allows for grading up from 0% to 87.5% (purebred status) in three (3) generations.
- b. The Grade or Unregistered dam and all percentage offspring must conform to the breed standard set out in Article 21 Section 1a.
- c. The Board of Directors from time to time and as the occasion may require, shall make regulations regarding the eligibility of percentage offspring, but such regulations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act.
- d. **TABLE OF ELIGIBILITY**

<b>DAM</b>	<b>PUREBRED SIRE</b>
GRADE OR UNREGISTERED	MALE OFFSPRING: Not Eligible for Registration FEMALE OFFSPRING: 50% Purebred
50%	MALE OFFSPRING: Not Eligible for Registration FEMALE OFFSPRING: 75% Purebred
75%	MALE OFFSPRING: Purebred FEMALE OFFSPRING: Purebred
PUREBRED	MALE OFFSPRING: Purebred FEMALE OFFSPRING: Purebred

3. Any fox of the following classification Standard Silver, Standard White marked Silver, standard Platinum, Standard Pearl Platinum, Standard White Marked Pearl Platinum and Standard Brown fox bred and held in captivity in Canada and has three generations of accepted breeding shall on passing inspection by an inspector of this Association be eligible for registration as foundation stock, provided it has sired or produced a litter or litters which are true to type and provided such fox and its litter or litters are tattooed for identification and its ranch record breeding sheet duly certified has been filed with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> in each year and providing the application for registration shall be accompanied by a fee of \$12.00 for each fox applied for. The privilege of filing ranch record breeding sheets for foxes applied for under this Section shall be continued until the Section is further amended.

4. Foxes of colour type or classification other than those provided for in Article 22 Section 3 may become eligible for registration upon acceptance and approval of the colour type by the Board of Directors. Foxes which are offspring of foxes imported into Canada and applied for registration under this section must have three generations born in Canada and all foxes in the three generations must be presented for inspection at the time the fox or foxes applied for are inspected, or in preceding years. A record indicating special characteristics – colour, size, etc., covering all foxes inspected under this section shall be kept at Head Office. All provisions and regulations contained in Article 22 Section 3 shall apply also to this section except those of “fox classification”.

### **23. DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Any puppy that may have been rejected for registration by the Registration Committee.
2. A puppy that is moved without permission from the ranch on which it was born, before it is tattoo marked for identification.

### **24. MARKING AND INSPECTION**

1. The Board of Directors from time to time and as occasion may require shall make regulations regarding the tattoo marking of foxes, but such regulations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
2. Except for reasons satisfactory to the Registration Committee, all puppies (the progeny) of identified purebred parents shall be tattoo marked on or before September 30th in the year in which born. The right ear is to be tattoo marked with the owners registered tattoo letters and the left ear with a number followed by a designated letter which will indicate the year of birth. The letter "D" will indicate that the year of birth was 1994, "E" 1995, "F" 1996, "G" 1997, "H" 1998, "J" 1999, "K" 2000, "L" 2001, "M" 2002, "N" 2003, "P" 2004 and so on. The letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" shall not be used as designating year letters. .
3. Puppies shall be tattoo marked by the breeder or by an official named by the Registration Committee for that purpose.
4. Equipment used for the identification of puppies by tattoo marking must be the standard equipment as approved by this Association.
5. In the case of an epidemic or a contagious disease in a ranch or its vicinity the Registration Committee may, notwithstanding any rule or regulation in this Constitution, to the contrary, authorize the tattoo marking of puppies in the year subsequent to the year of birth but such marking shall be done by an official named by the said Committee.

### **25. MARKING OF LITTERS**

1. On or before September 30th in each year every rancher shall complete the ranch record sheets as supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation with particulars of all purebred litters born in that year including boarders. All information asked for must be filled in and signed by the owner at birth or his authorized representative. If for reasons satisfactory to the Registration Committee any litter is not marked on or before September 30th of the year of birth, the Registration Committee shall have power to determine whether or not any such litter or fox from any such litter may be accepted for registration.

### **26. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

1. Application for registration must be made to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation on a form supplied by them. All blank spaces must be filled in, in ink or be typewritten and the form must be signed in ink by the owner of the litter at the time of birth or his authorized representative.
2. Registrations may also be made in an electronic format approved by the Board, and submitted by a person authorized by the Board to submit such applications. The signature and authorization of such person must be on file at the head office of the Association.
3. If the sire of a litter for which an application for registration is made was not on the same ranch as the dam a certificate of the service must be filed with the application.
4. The breeder of a fox is the owner or the lessee of the dam at the time she was bred. The first owner is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time the litter was born.

### **27. TRANSFERS, DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES AND LEASES**

1. In case of the sale of a fox the seller must furnish a certificate of registration in the Canadian National Record for Foxes, showing the purchaser's ownership. Refusal to do so on any pretext whatever except under written agreement to the contrary, shall be ground for his expulsion if a member, from the Association, if not a member, further applications for registration or transfer shall be refused.
2. Application for registration of change of ownership must be made in ink or typewritten on forms supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and must give date of sale and date of delivery. Change of ownership will be endorsed on the back of the original certificate of registration which must be forwarded to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation with the application for transfer of ownership. The certificate may be returned by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation to either the applicant or the purchaser.
3. Foxes leased or loaned must be temporarily transferred by the lessor to the lessee, forms for this purpose supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
4. A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized representative files a statutory declaration on a form supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed or unobtainable.
5. Transfers may also be made in an electronic format approved by the Board, and submitted by a person authorized by the Board to submit such applications. The signature and authorization of such person must be on file at the head office of the Association.

### **28. REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEE**

1. All fees should be paid to the Accountant, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and may be sent by Postal Note, Post Office Money Order, Express Money Order, Bank Money Order or Certified Bank 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.

2. In case fees are received by the Treasurer of this Association, they shall immediately be forwarded to the Accountant, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, for deposit.

### **29. FEES**

1. The fees to be charged for membership, registration, transfers, and other services of the Association shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors and an up-to-date schedule of fees will be provided to the membership or published in the official publication.

### **30. SUSPENSIONS-EXPULSIONS-DEFINITIONS**

1. **SUSPENDED MEMBER:** A suspended member is a member who has been suspended by the Board of Directors because he has not conformed to the rules and regulations of this Association as set forth by this Constitution, or who as a member has been placed on probation by the Registration Committee.

2. **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 Livestock Records Corporation on account of some irregularity, such suspension to remain until same has been lifted by resolution of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee.

3. **EXPELLED MEMBERS:** An expelled member is one who has been deprived of the privileges of the Association indefinitely.

### **31. NON-MEMBER**

1. Any person not a member of this Association registering and transferring foxes on the records of the Association shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as a member except all registration and transfer fees are doubled.

### **32. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

1. Any 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. Registration or transfer of ownership of a fox 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 by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and canceled by this organization. Pedigrees recorded incorrectly may be canceled and re-recorded by the owner or by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation at the expense of the original applicant for registration or transfer but it is understood that neither this Association nor the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation 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 private ranch records are being kept, and identification practiced by any rancher, it is shown that the regulations in that regard as laid down herein are not being observed, the Board of Directors may immediately suspend or expel such rancher if a member and if not a member further registration and transfers may be refused, and if such inspection should reveal that the private ranch records, and identification system as practiced by such rancher are in such a state of confusion as to raise a doubt as to the identity of any number of or all the foxes in the ranch, the Board of Directors may suspend the pedigree of any number or all foxes involved.
4. In addition to the above rules and regulations, the Animal Pedigree Act is federal legislation governing animal registration in Canada. The Act contains additional rules and regulations that must be followed.

### **33. NUMBER & GENDER**

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

### **34. DISSOLUTION**

1. The Association may be dissolved by means of a petition from the Association.
  - a. The petition must be set out in detail and in writing and be supported by a written resolution to this effect and passed by at least two thirds of the voting members in good standing of the Association.
  - b. The Secretary of the Association shall mail out to each voting member in good standing at his last known post office address a copy of the petition and the resolution.
  - c. At least two thirds of the voting members in good standing must consent to the petition and return their signed copy of the resolution approving same to the Secretary of the Association, within 60 days of the original mail out.
2. The Association may be dissolved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada, under the terms specified in the Animal Pedigree Act.
3. Where the Minister of Agriculture for Canada declares the corporate powers of the Association to be terminated, the Minister may authorize (in writing) the Secretary of the Association to assist in such termination.

### **35. REPEAL**

1. The Constitution of this Association as heretofore in effect is hereby repealed.