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LIVE STOCK (Sheep Breeders Association)	
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Col. Secretary

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SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

2nd June

Draft Rules for:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Copy of draft Rules ----- Encl ①

Yr. Submitted.

Mr. Kennis brought me three draft rules which are put forward as a basis for the formation of a Sheepbreeders Association. He said that he would be very glad of suggestions for alterations to suit local conditions or generally.

2. The proposals appear to me to be very soundly framed, the interests of absentee owners sufficiently safeguarded and the system of allocation of votes ingenious and suitable.

3. The votes held in the East Falkland would be 34 in the ^{West} East 32 and in the Islands 8 (excluding in each case the smallest owners who cannot be said to farm or to have sufficient interest to attend meetings). The balance between E. & W. will be very evenly held.

Subsequent Paper.

4. Subscribers and members of the Association incur no liability by joining and commit themselves to no expenditure ~~at~~ for other than administrative purposes. It seems important to impress this on the farmers.

5. I have suggested to Mr. Munro that for working purposes it might be as well to enlarge the Executive Council to six members i.e. Three for the ~~West~~ ^{East} Fullam and the same number for the West. The President would have an original and casting vote and the Vice-President would be selected from ~~the~~ the resident farmers in the West if the President was in the East and vice versa.

Mr. Munro concurred that it would probably be advantageous to enlarge the Council as proposed in view of the difficulties of communication.

6. Mr. Munro has explained that this is only a rough draft and that he would revise and rearrange as necessary if it is appears generally suitable.

H.H.H. 4 June 24

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The question of the formalities of a Sheep-Breeds Association was discussed at some length at an informal meeting of Government House on the 23rd of May at which Mr Innes, Mr Carter, Hon. G. J. Fetter, Mr. Binner, & Mr. H. Wislorn were present.

2. Mr Innes pointed out that the formation of such an Association was essential in the interests of the sheep farming industry and this view was generally accepted.

3. Mr Fetter who was proceeding to England undertook to approach the Finance Committee there.

4. Subsequently Mr Fetter asked me whether the Govt would be prepared to give financial assistance if at the outset there was difficulty in raising funds to pay the salary of a Secretary. In view of what Mr Innes had said I told him that the Govt would be prepared to contribute.

5. The draft appears I not suitable and I shall be glad if Mr Innes will revise it when time permits. I know that he has strongly promised to visit some of farms in New Zealand.

M.

6 June 1924.

Commissioner for Stock Development
Refered accordingly
H.H.H. 5 July 24

Rough Draft:

Proposal to form a Sheep Breeder Association

The name of the Association shall be "^{the} Falkland Islands Sheep Breeder Association -

The objects for which the Association is formed are -

- (1) ^{the} The improvement of stock in the ^{the} Falkland Islands [^{& dependencies}]
- (2) ^{the} The importation of stock on account of members in order that the most suitable may be obtained from the safest source at the minimum cost -
- (3) ^{the} The conservation & improvement of the native pastures & the introduction of other suitable grasses -
- (4) ^{the} The organisation & control of experiments.
- (5) ^{the} The ^{purchase} introduction & shipment in bulk of fencing material & stores on account of members -
- (6) ^{the} The promotion of education in connection with sheep breeding & station management by the purchase & circulation of suitable books & other literature.
- (7) ^{the} The organisation & holding of shows.
- (8) ^{the} To carry out negotiations in connection with matters of general interest such as shipping, legislation &c.
- (9) ^{the} To provide rooms & other facilities for holding & conducting meetings in

connection with the business of the Association.

- (10) ^{to} receive suggestions & arrange meetings of the Association for the purpose of discussing these & other matters of general interest.
- (11) ^{to} purchase, lease, hire, receive by way of gift & also to sell, let, or otherwise dispose of any real personal property on behalf of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the law in such matters.
- (12) ^{to} borrow from time to time any money required for the purpose of the Association on such security as may be determined.
- (13) ^{to} do all other such legal acts as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Executive

- (1) The management of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Council ^{consisting of} composed of the President, Vice President ^{Officer} & four other elected members.
- (2) Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held when necessary & will be arranged by the President.
- (3) At least one general meeting of members of the Association shall be held in each year on a suitable date which will be arranged by the Council.
- (4) A general meeting of the Association shall also be called by the President at any time that such may be desired.

by a majority of the members -

(5) The Executive Council shall have power to employ a Secretary or any other assistance that may be required for the efficient conducting the business of the Association -

Memberships

(1) Any owner or part owner of sheep or any shareholder in a Company, Body, or Society owning sheep which are deposited anywhere in the Falkland Islands [or dependencies] may become a member on payment of the prescribed entrance fee -

(2) Any person not being an owner, part owner, or shareholder in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph may become a member of the Association provided his application is approved by the Executive Council & on payment of the prescribed entrance fee -

(3) Only sheep owners or persons appointed by sheep owners to act on their behalf shall be entitled to exercise a vote on any matter connected with the Association -

(4) Any person who is nominated by an owner to act as his representative in connection with the Association must himself be a member of the Association - Such person will also be eligible for election to the Executive Council -

(5) Any member may resign his membership by notice in writing to the Secretary but such resignation will not entitle him to a refund of any portion of his Annual Subscription or free him from liability to pay any money that may be due by him to the Association.

(6) The Executive Council may expel from the Association any member whose conduct is in their opinion improper or injurious to the Association.
Entrance fee & Annual Subscription

(1) The entrance fee shall be _____ & will be payable at the time application is made.

(2) In addition to the entrance fee members shall pay an Annual Subscription of _____ which shall be payable in advance on the 1st day of January in each year.

(3) The entrance fee & Annual Subscription may be altered by the Executive Council at any time as ^{may be} found necessary.

(4) Money required by the Association for administrative purposes other than that provided by the entrance fees & annual subscriptions shall be collected from sheep owners by the Executive Council on the basis of a charge on each thousand or

part of a thousand sheep owned by them at the time such charge is imposed.

- (5) ^{the} The decision of the Executive Council regarding the amount of such fees & the necessity for imposing them shall be final & binding upon all members -

Election of Executive Council & @ -

- (1) The first election for the Executive Council shall be held on a date to be arranged by the Promoters.
- (2) The Secretary ^{at the time being} shall act as Returning Officer for the purpose of the first & all succeeding elections.
- (3) The number of votes which may be exercised by each owner on any matter connected with the Association including the election of members of the Executive Council shall be regulated as follows
- (a) If the number of sheep owned is more than 500 & less than 5,000 he shall have one vote -
- (b) If the number of sheep is not less than 5,000 & less than 10,000 he shall have two votes
- (c) If the number of sheep is not less than 10,000 & less than 20,000 he shall have three votes -
- (d) If the number of sheep is not less than 20,000 & less than 30,000 he shall have four votes -

- (1) If the number of ^{sheep} ~~votes~~ is not less than 30,000 but less than 50,000 he shall have five votes.
- (2) If the number of sheep is over 50,000 he shall have six votes.
- (3) All sheep owned by any person, Company, Body, or Society whether deposited on separate properties or otherwise shall be counted as one lot for the purpose of determining the number of votes the owner may exercise.
- (4) Only those ^{owners} ~~members~~ who are financial members of the Association may exercise ^{the right of} ~~voting~~ votes.
- (5) When a date is fixed for holding an election the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of all persons who are entitled to vote & also eligible for election to the Executive Council & shall communicate such list to all such persons & invite them ~~to~~ to vote for any number from one to three to fill the positions on the Executive Council. He shall at the same time state the date on which the election shall close which shall be not less than 21 days following that on which the notices were despatched.

- (7) votes may be recorded by members in either of the following ways
- by letter addressed to the Returning Officers
 - by telegram addressed to the Returning Officers
- (8) Persons entitled to vote may ^{accept} the whole of the votes which they are entitled to exercise for one Candidate or they may distribute them between two or three.
- (9) The positions on the Executive Council shall be filled as follows.
- the member receiving the highest number of votes shall occupy the office of President.
 - the member receiving the second highest number of votes shall occupy the office of Vice President
 - the member receiving the third highest number of votes shall fill the third position on the Council.
- (10) In case of two members receiving an equal number of votes any issue arising in consequence shall be settled by a casting vote of the Returning Officers
- (11) Following the first election further elections will be held during the same month in each succeeding third year thereafter on a date to be arranged by the outgoing Council.
- (12) Members elected to a Council shall continue to hold office ^{until} till the election of their successors.

- (13) Should the office of President become vacant during the life of a Council the position shall be filled by the Vice President during the unexpired residue of the period for which the Council was elected. Should the position of Vice President become vacant during the life of a Council the position shall be filled by the third member of the Council. Should the position of third member become vacant it shall be filled by the available ^{unsuccessful} member who received the highest number of votes at the last election but if such member is not available then by an election.
- (14) Members of a retiring Council will be eligible for re-election to the incoming Council.

Revised Copy attached to
my report.

H. Munro.

29-9-24