

The
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Sheep Breeders
Association.

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Articles of Association and Bye-Laws of the Falkland Islands
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Articles of Association.

The name of the Association shall be "The Falkland Islands
Sheep Breeders Association".

The objects for which the Association is formed are :—

1. The improvement of stock in the Falkland Islands.
2. 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.
 - 2a. The disposal of Stock to the best advantage.
3. The conservation and improvement of the native pastures and the introduction of other grasses.
4. The organization and control of experiments.
5. The purchase and shipment in bulk of fencing material and other stores on account of members.
6. The promotion of education in connection with husbandry by the purchase and circulation of suitable books and other literature.
7. The organization of stock shows and dog trials.

8. To carry out negotiations in connection with matters of general interest such as shipping, legislation etc.

9. To provide rooms and other facilities for holding and conducting meetings in connection with the business of the Association.

10. To receive suggestions and arrange meetings to discuss these and other matters of general interest.

11. To purchase, lease, hire, receive by way of gift, and also to sell, let, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property on behalf of the Association and in accordance with the provisions of the law in such matters.

12. To do all other such legal acts as may be deemed conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Bye - Laws.

1. It shall be contrary to the Policy of the Association to take or for any member or members to take in the name of the Association, any part whatsoever in business or disputes as between employer and employee.

2. The management of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Council comprising the President and Vice President of the Association two (2) representatives elected by members of the Association on the Eastern Island and two representatives elected by members of the Association on the Western Island.

3. For the purposes of the Association, the Islands of Lively, Bleaker, Barren, George, Speedwell and Great, shall be considered to form portion of the Eastern Island, and the Islands of Weddell,

Beaver, New, West Point, Carcass, Saunders, Keppel and Pebble shall be considered to form portion of the Western Island.

4. Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held when considered necessary and shall be called by the President.

5. Seperate meetings may be held by the Members of the Executive Council on each Island as may be arranged by the President or Vice President, but no decisions arrived at in connection with the business of the Association at such meetings shall be considered binding on the Association in any way, nor shall they be acted upon in any way, unless and until they have first been approved by a majority of the whole Council.

6a. At least one General Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held in each year at a place and on a date to be arranged by the Council.

6b. At the annual General Meeting each year a President and Vice President shall be elected for the ensuing year of whom one shall be resident on the East Island and one on the West Island.

7. A General Meeting of the Association shall also be called by the President at any time such may be required by a majority of the members of the Association.

8. In the event of an equal number of members voting for and against a motion, either at a general meeting or at a meeting of the Executive Council, the Chairman shall have the right to a casting as well as a deliberate vote.

9. Anything done at a meeting of the Executive Council within the scope of its authority shall not be deemed to be irregular or illegal if four members of the Council are present, or afterwards confirm the proceedings of such meeting.

10. The Executive Council may expel from the Association any member whose conduct is, in their opinion, improper or injurious to the Association.

11. The Executive Council may employ a Secretary and other assistance that may be deemed necessary for the efficient conducting of the business of the Association.

Fees.

12. The Entrance Fee shall be one pound and shall be payable to the Secretary at the time the application is made for membership.

In addition to the Entrance Fee, members shall pay an Annual Subscription of one pound which shall be payable on the first day of January in each year.

13. The Entrance and Annual Subscription may be altered by the Council at any time as may be found necessary.

14. Money required by the Association for administrative purposes only, other than that provided by the Entrance Fees and Annual Subscriptions, shall be collected from 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.

15. The decision of the Executive Council regarding the amount of such fees and the necessity for collecting them shall be final and binding upon all members who are liable for the payment of such fees.

Election of Executive Council.

16. The first election of the Executive Council, President and Vice President shall be held on a date to be fixed by the promoters and they shall at the same time appoint a place on each Island where members may record their votes.

17. The Secretary for the time being shall act ex-officio as Returning Officer for the first and all succeeding elections and he shall appoint some suitable person who will act as his representative for the purpose of conducting the election on the other Island.

18. The number of votes that may be exercised by any owner on any matter connected with the Association during any one year shall be computed on the basis of the number of sheep owned by him as shown in his official annual return of stock and shall be regulated as follows :—

- (a) If the number of sheep is more than 500 and less than 5,000 he shall have one vote.
- (b) If the number of sheep is not less than 5,000 but less than 10,000 he shall have two votes
- (c) If the number of sheep is not less than 10,000 but less than 20,000 he shall have three votes,
- (d) If the number of sheep is not less than 20,000 but less than 30,000 he shall have four votes.
- (e) If the number of sheep is not less than 30,000 but less than 50,000 he shall have five votes.
- (f) If the number of sheep is not less than 50,000 but less than 100,000 he shall have six votes.
- (g) If the number of sheep is over 100,000 he shall have eight votes.

19. No owner shall have the right to exercise more than eight votes.

All sheep owned by any company, body, society, or person, whether depastured on separate properties or otherwise, shall be deemed to be one lot for the purpose of determining the number of votes that the owner may exercise.

20. In the case of a partnership, company, body or society, one person should be appointed who shall exercise the votes to which such partnership, company, body or society are entitled.

Any owner may by writing addressed to the Secretary appoint some other person named in such letter to represent him for the purpose of the Association, and the person so appointed may exercise all the rights of such owner in connection with the business of the Association.

21. Only those owners who are financial members of the Association may exercise the right of voting.

22. When a date is appointed for holding an election, the Returning Officer shall prepare separate lists of all persons who are entitled to vote, and also eligible for election to the Executive Council, on each Island, and he shall communicate such list to all such persons and invite them to vote for any number from one to two to fill the positions on the Executive Council.

23. He shall at the same time advise them on the following matters :—

- (a) The number of votes which they are entitled to exercise.
- (b) The place at which their votes shall be recorded.
- (c) The date on which the election shall close, which shall be not less than 21 days following that on which such advice was despatched on each Island.

24. Votes may be recorded in either of the following ways :—

- (a) By letter addressed to the Returning Officer.
- (b) By telegram addressed to the Returning Officer.

25. As early as possible after the closing of an election the results shall be checked and certified by a Justice of the Peace, and immediately thereafter all voting communications shall be destroyed in his presence and no information whatsoever in connection therewith shall be divulged.

26. Members who are entitled to vote may record the whole of the votes which they are entitled to exercise for one candidate or they may distribute them between two.

27. In the case of two candidates receiving an equal number of votes, any issue that may arise in consequence shall be decided by a casting vote by the Returning Officer.

28. Following the first election, further elections shall be held during the same month in each succeeding third year thereafter on a date to be arranged by the outgoing Council.

29. Members elected to a Council shall continue to hold office until the election of their successors.

30. If any member of the Executive Council dies or by writing addressed to the President resigns his Office, or ceases to reside in the Colony for a period exceeding one year, or absents himself from four successive meetings of the Council without the permission of the President, or otherwise becomes incapable of acting as a member of the Council, his seat on the Council shall be deemed to have become vacant, and shall be filled during the unexpired residue of the period for which the Council was elected by another member, who shall be selected in accordance with the provisions hereinafter provided.

31. Members of a retiring Council shall be eligible for re-election to an incoming Council.

32. Should the office of President become vacant it 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, it shall be filled by the member who recorded the greatest number of votes on the Island not represented by the President. Should the position of any other member or members become vacant, it or they, as the case may be, shall be filled by the available unsuccessful member or members who recorded the greatest number of votes at the most recent election, but if such member or members are not available, an election shall be held of a person or persons, as the case may be, to fill the vacant seat, or seats on the Council.
