

SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD.



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Annexure A Branch Rules and Regulations

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Board** means the Board of Directors of the Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd.
- 1.2 **Member.** For the purpose of these regulations a member shall be considered to be an ordinary member, a youth member, or an honorary life member unless otherwise specified.
- 1.3 **Secretary** means Secretary of the Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd as recognised by the Australian Investments and Securities Commission or other regulatory authorities.
- 1.4 **Registrar** means Registrar of the Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd.
- 1.5 **Advice** shall be in writing or on the form prescribed by the Board.
- 1.6 **Breeder** of an animal is the owner or lessee of the dam of the animal at the time of service to produce the animal.
- 1.7 **First Owner** is the person who owned the cow to which the calf is born at the date on which the calf is born.
- 1.8 **Registered Owner** is the person(s) registered with the Society as owning the animal.
- 1.9 **Regulations** mean those Regulations of the Society from time to time in force.
- 1.10 **Month** shall mean a calendar month.
- 1.11 **Purebred** means those animals recognised by the Society as having pure Shorthorn heritage or animals with 15/16th or 93.75% or higher content of pure Shorthorn heritage.
- 1.12 **Herd Book** means the Society's Register of animals recorded as registered in the Herd Book Register (HBR).
- 1.13 **Registered** means the animal has been registered with the Society and has been tattooed in accordance with these regulations.
- 1.14 **Performance Register (SPR)** is the supplementary Herd Book that records the registration of commercial, purebred, performance recorded animals which may subject as herein provided be eligible to be registered in the Herd Book.
- 1.15 **Foundation Register (SFR)** is the supplementary Herd Book that records the registration of commercial, purebred animals which may subject as herein provided be eligible to be registered in the Herd Book.
- 1.16 **Appendix Register (SAR)** is the supplementary Herd Book that records the registration of all appendix animals from 1/2 bred Shorthorn to the 15/16 level Shorthorn at which point of time such animals shall subject as herein provided be eligible to be registered in the Herd Book.
- 1.17 **Herd Identification** shall be a three alpha character tattoo. This is to be used by the **First Owner** to identify the stud or herd in which an animal is born and is additional to the **Identification Number**. Existing **Herd Identification** registered at the date hereof will continue to be registered.
- 1.18 **Identification Number** comprising of no more than one alpha character as prescribed from time to time by the Board to denote year of birth and at least one numeral not commencing with the numeral "0" to identify the animal within the stud or herd of origin and must be applied by the **First Owner** of the animal within the stud or herd of origin and must be applied by the **First Owner** in addition to the **Herd Identification Tattoo**.
- 1.19 **Registration Number** denotes the number allocated by the Society.
- 1.20 **Pedigree Certificate** is an extract from the Herd Book or Registers showing the parentage of the named animal covering three previous generations.
- 1.21 **DNA Analysis Laboratory** refers to such laboratories as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- 1.22 **A Frozen Embryo** includes all embryos not implanted in any animal the development of which has been suspended by any scientific means.

- 1.23 **Horn** to be defined as an immoveable bony growth attached to the skull
- 1.24 **Imported** shall denote that the animal has been imported into Australia provided that:
- 1.24.1 It is **registered** with an organisation in the country from which it was imported, approved by the Board.
- 1.24.2 The word **Imported** or an abbreviation thereof shall be included after the name of the animal and will be followed by the name of country or origin of the animal.
- 1.24.3 If the dam of an animal was in a country other than Australia, when served to produce the animal, the animal shall be classified as **Imported In Utero** and the name of the animal will be followed by the letters IU.
- 1.24.4 A calf calved after shipment of its dam and during transit to Australia shall be deemed to have calved in Australia and to be **Imported In Utero** and subject to these regulations to be eligible for registration.
- 1.25 **Marketing rights** is defined as the right to market any unborn genetic material retained or obtained in any registered animal. Marketing in this context includes exchanging, trading, selling, or gifting semen or other unborn genetic material in any registered animal. Marketing rights so defined shall rest in the member who retains possession unless the Society is notified on the prescribed form.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The maximum membership of the Society shall be one thousand five hundred (1500) members comprising all or any of the following:-
- 2.1.1 Ordinary members.
- 2.1.2 Associate members.
- 2.1.3 Youth members.
- 2.1.4 Honorary Life Members.
- 2.1.5 Such other class or classes of members as may from time to time be determined by the Board.
- PROVIDED HOWEVER** that the Board of Directors may from time to time and in its discretion register an increase of members.
- 2.2 Subject to the Constitution the membership of the Society shall comprise:-
- 2.2.1 The subscribers to the Constitution of the Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd.
- 2.2.2 Such of the members of the said unincorporated Society as shall notify their intention to become a member of the Society.
- 2.2.3 Such other persons as shall hereafter be admitted as a member in accordance with the Constitution.
- 2.3 An application for membership shall be in such form as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board.
- 2.4 The Board may refuse an application for membership without assigning any reason therefore.

2.5 A Register of Members of all classes shall be kept by the Secretary in which the name and address of every such person shall be recorded and such register shall be kept at the office of the Society and shall be available to members for inspection at all reasonable times. Each member shall notify the Secretary of any change of address or nominee and such change shall be recorded in the Register.

2.6 The Subscription for Ordinary members, Associate members and Youth members respectively shall be such sum or sums as shall from time to time be determined by the Board and until otherwise determined the subscription shall be determined from time to time and notified to the membership in the printed fee schedule provided by the Society Board and circulated to the membership.

Each such person shall in the first instance pay his subscription within thirty (30) days of his election to membership and thereafter subscription shall be payable within thirty days after same shall become payable.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

2.7 A member shall:-

2.7.1 Cease to be a member of the Society -

2.7.1.1 If they shall resign by notice in writing to the Secretary to that effect.

2.7.1.2 If they shall die or being a Company shall go into liquidation or being a Firm shall dissolve.

2.7.1.3 If they shall be declared a mentally ill person within the meaning of the Mental Health Act or similar legislation.

2.7.1.4 If being an Ordinary member one annual subscription shall remain payable and unpaid to the Society ninety days after same shall become payable

2.7.1.5 If being an Associate member or Youth member one annual subscription or any part thereof shall remain payable and unpaid to the Society for ninety days after same shall become payable.

2.7.1.6 If they are removed from membership or are declared to be ineligible for membership by a resolution of the Board passed at a specially convened meeting thereof of which they shall have been given reasonable notice and at which they shall have been given reasonable opportunity of attending and being heard.

PROVIDED THAT the estate of a deceased member may be its personal representative(s) and a Company in liquidation may be its Liquidator(s) continue as a member of the Society if notice in writing of their desire to so continue shall be given by the personal representative(s) or the Liquidator(s) as the case may be to the Secretary **PROVIDED FURTHER** that a Firm shall not cease to be a member by reason only of any change in the constitution of the Firm.

2.7.2 A member ceasing to be a member of the Society shall not be entitled to a return of any money paid by them to the Society by way of subscription.

2.8 A person who has ceased to be a member shall -

2.8.1 Not be entitled to any of the rights or privileges of a member.

- 2.8.2 Forfeit all rights and claims whatsoever against the Society by any claim which they may have as a member against another member.
- 2.8.3 Nevertheless remain liable for and shall pay to the Society all moneys whatsoever for which at the time of their ceasing to be a member they are or might become liable.
- 2.8.4 Be subject to such impositions as may be provided by the Constitution.

ORDINARY MEMBERS

- 2.9 Any person interested in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle may upon application in writing to the Board be admitted as a member of the Society.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- 2.10 The Board may admit any person as an Associate member of the Society. Each Associate member shall upon admission pay such entrance fee and such annual subscription as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Board.

Associate members shall be entitled to receive all publications of the Society and shall subject to law have the right to attend all meetings and functions of the Society but without the right to vote at any meeting of the Society.

YOUTH MEMBERS

- 2.11 The Board may admit any person under the age of twenty-six years as a Youth member of the Society. Each Youth member shall upon admission pay such entrance fee and such annual subscription as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Board.

Youth members shall be entitled to receive all publications and reports of the Society and shall subject to law have the right to attend all meetings and functions of the Society but without the right to vote at any meeting of the Society.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 2.12 The Board may elect as an honorary Life member of the Society any person who in the opinion of the Board has by their services to the Society or Unincorporated Society advanced the interest of Shorthorn cattle.

An honorary Life member shall have all the rights and privileges of an Ordinary member and shall in all respects be deemed to be an Ordinary member other than in respect of liability for any annual subscription.

SECTION 3. REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS

Every person before applying to register the birth of a calf or register an animal pursuant to Sections 12, 13 and 14 shall:

3.1 **Eligibility of Applicant**

Have been accepted as a Member of the Society provided that where, in the opinion of the Board, there is a sufficiently valid reason why a person should not become a Member of the Society, the Board may accept application to register animals of which that person is the first owner provided the application complies with these regulations in all other respects and subject to such additional fees as the Board may determine.

3.2 **Prefix Name**

Register with the Society a **Prefix Name** which shall be used as a **prefix** to and as part of the name of every animal submitted for registration of which the applicant is the **first owner**. Such **prefix** name shall not exceed fifteen (15) letter spacings provided that:

3.2.1 The member and/or spouse of the member and/or the sons or daughters of a member who are each the individual owners of registered cattle may at the discretion of the Board be permitted to register cattle under the same **prefix** name provided each owner is a **member** of the Society and has a separate **herd identification** tattoo.

3.2.2 The **prefix** shall not resemble that of any other member's registered with the Society as in the opinion of the Board will be misleading.

3.2.3 The Board may decline to register any **prefix** that may resemble that of some other breeder of stud stock whether sheep, cattle or otherwise and whether in Australia or elsewhere.

3.2.4 If and so long as a member owns more than one herd of registered Shorthorn cattle whether running on the same property or elsewhere that person must record with the Society and use a **herd identification tattoo** in respect of each herd.

3.2.5 If a prefix is not sold at a **dispersal** sale there can be no registrations under that prefix for the next five years without the Board's written consent.

3.3 **Tattoo Identification**

Register with the Society a distinguishing **Herd Identification Tattoo** which shall:

3.3.1 be applied to every animal of which the applicant is the First Owner.

3.3.2 not resemble that of any other member registered with the Society as in the opinion of the Board to tend to be misleading; provided that

(i) The Board may decline to register any **Herd Identification Tattoo** that may resemble that of some other breeder of stud stock whether sheep, cattle or otherwise and whether in Australia or elsewhere.

(ii) Every animal shall be tattooed with the **Herd Identification Tattoo** and **Identification Number** of its **First Owner** together within six months of its birth provided:

at same property or elsewhere that person must record with the Society and use a **Herd Identification Tattoo** in respect of each herd.

(iii) Every animal shall be tattooed with the **Herd Identification Tattoo** and **Identification Number** of its **First Owner** together within six months of its birth provided:

(1) An animal competing at a Show or Exhibition or offered for sale shall be required to be clearly tattoo identified in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) Calves exhibited at foot must be the progeny of the cow with which it is exhibited and if born prior to leaving the owner's property **the calf must be tattoo identified.**

(3) A calf sold with its dam must be tattoo identified by the **First Owner** prior to delivery irrespective of the age of the calf.

(iv) No two live animals of the same **First Owner** shall be identified with the same within-herd **Identification Number** irrespective of age differences.

3.4 Eligibility to Register Animals

Satisfy the following provisions for registration:

3.4.1 Each animal submitted for registration must:

(i) Subject to regulations contained in Sections 12, 13 and 14 hereof, if born in Australia, be the progeny of a sire and a dam each of which is registered with the Society.

(ii) Be the progeny of a sire with verified DNA profile or blood-type analysis recorded at the office of the Society.

(iii) If born outside Australia be registered in a register approved by the Board as evidenced by a certificate of registration.

N.B: The Society currently recognises Herd Books maintained by The American Shorthorn Association, The Canadian Shorthorn Association, The New Zealand Beef Shorthorn Association and Coates Herd Book.

(iv) Animals must be first registered in their country of birth except with approval of the Board.

3.4.2 An animal may be refused registration if of a colour, or showing markings, foreign to the Shorthorn breed or if it shall not conform either in conformation, colour, marking or freedom from genetic defects with the ordinary requirements of the breed as determined by the Board from time to time.

3.4.3 A numbered four generation certificate (name of animal and three completed generations of ancestors) shall be issued either electronically or as hard copy by the Society for each animal upon its being registered and the number so allocated shall be known as the registered number. Numbered certificates shall be issued consecutively in order of their registration; accordingly no two animals shall have the same registered number.

- 3.4.4 Where the First Owner of an animal submitted for registration owned the dam of the calf but did not own the sire of the calf at the time of service to produce the calf, the registration shall be accompanied by such additional forms as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- 3.4.5 Application to register an animal must be lodged with the Society within twelve calendar months from when that animal was born. Applications received after that time may be accepted only subject to the payment of a late fee. Calves will only be registered after 12 months from birth subject to Board approval and payment of a fee as may be prescribed by the Board.
- 3.4.6 Registration of any calf shall be subject to the provisions contained in Section 4, 5 and 18 hereof.
- 3.4.7 Applications to register an animal born in Australia shall be in the forms as prescribed by the Board and the appropriate applications shall be made available by the Registrar.
- 3.4.8 Subject to Board approval the transfer of information via hard copy, discs or modems may be acceptable for registration of calves.
- 3.4.9 Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Board may insist upon inspection of any calf and its sire and dam before the application for registration is finally accepted and may appoint an inspector for the purpose thereof subject to Section 16 , hereof.

3.5 **Naming of Calves**

Provide the name of an animal which shall include numeral affix or references (P) for Polled or (H) for Horned.

The Society shall include on the certificate references (where appropriate) covering any such suffixes which apply to the animal subject to Sections 12, 13 and 14 and such references shall not be regarded as part of the animals name provided:

- 3.5.1 The Board may refuse registration of an animal under a particular name if in its absolute discretion it considers it to be misleading, misapplied or contrary to the interest of the Society.
- 3.5.2 When an animal is a twin it shall be so stated following the name of the animal on the application for registration and the sex given of the animal with which it is a twin. Should a twin be entered in the records without such statement, no subsequent application for registration of the twin with the same shall be accepted.
- 3.5.3 The name of an animal may not be changed after registration except with the approval of the Registrar and upon any change being made in accordance with these Regulations a proper record shall be made by the Registrar in the records of the Society and on the Certificate of Registration.
- 3.5.4 When an animal sought to be registered is the product of the splitting of an embryo the certificate of registration issued by the Society shall contain a code identifying such an occurrence.

SECTION 4. GENETIC DEFECTS

- 4.1 The Society may from time to time promulgate regulations dealing with genetic defects.
- 4.2 The Society shall maintain a record of any known genetic defects related to Shorthorn cattle.

SECTION 5. PARENTAGE VERIFICATION

- 5.1 Where the Society seeks to have the parentage of any registered or sought to be registered animal verified by any scientifically recognised method the costs directly associated with such verification shall be borne by the Society.
- 5.2 In the event of a member seeking to have the parentage of any registered or sought to be registered animal verified by any scientifically recognised method the member seeking such verification shall bear the costs and a copy of any report so obtained shall be forwarded to the Society.

SECTION 6. FEMALE HERD INVENTORY

- 6.1 Each year the Society will issue Members with a **Female Herd Inventory** showing details of the Member's herd according to the Society's Herd Book as at the 1st of January of that year as provided hereunder:
 - 6.1.1 The **Female Herd Inventory** will be issued as near as practical to the commencement of each calendar year.
 - 6.1.2 An annual fee to be known as the **Female Inventory Fee** will be charged for each female over 12 months of age in the herd.
 - 6.1.3 The **Female Inventory Fee** charged for the year in which the female leaves the herd is non-refundable.
 - 6.1.4 The **Female Inventory Fee** is payable only once each year regardless of how often a female changes owners in any one year.
 - 6.1.5 Females removed from the herd inventory listing may be reinstated upon application by the owner subject to payment of a fee (the Reinstatement Fee) which may from time to time be prescribed by the Board.

SECTION 7. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Note: It is the Society's recommendation that vendors in respect of:

- (i) the sale of any bull, interest in any bull or semen marketing rights, make a full disclosure to a prospective purchaser of their intention to retain such interest or marketing rights of any kind.
- (ii) Further it is the Society's hope that organisations or individuals conducting sales of Shorthorn cattle will incorporate in the terms and conditions of their sale conditions to implement the above.

Upon the sale, exchange, gift, lease or other disposition of an animal, frozen embryo or any interest therein registered with the Society notification of such disposition shall forthwith be given by the vendor to the Secretary within sixty (60) days of such disposition as provided hereunder:

- 7.1 The Transfer of Ownership application shall be forwarded to the Registrar who shall record the change of ownership and assign the Registration certificate to the purchaser's herd.
- 7.2 Subject to Board approval the transfer of information via hard copy, discs or modems may be acceptable for transfer of animals.
- 7.3 If the transfer of ownership involves the export of the animal then the vendor shall comply with all requirements as shall be deemed necessary by the Board from time to time.
- 7.4 In the case of the sale or any other disposition of an animal for any other than for stud breeding purposes, no application to register progeny from such animals will be accepted without the approval of the Board.
- 7.5 The Board requires that for **dispersal** sales (or the like) that signed Transfer of Ownership applications must be in the hands of the Society seven days prior to the date of the auction sale.
- 7.6 Where a transfer submitted for registration is expressed by way of lease, the Lessee shall at the expiration or sooner determination of the lease submit to the Registrar an application for Transfer of Ownership of the animal to the Lessor. The Board may at any time upon such evidence as to such expiration or determination as it considers sufficient, call upon the Lessee to submit such application and if he shall fail to do so the Board may record a Transfer of Ownership and re-register the Lessor as the owner of the animal in place of the Lessee.
- 7.7 In the case of the sale of an Accredited Donor Dam, the Vendor must record on the Transfer of Ownership application should frozen embryos be retained for future registration.
- 7.8 Where a Transfer of Ownership application specifies that the Vendor has retained semen Marketing Rights in the animal, the Society shall not be responsible for any contracts or agreements made between the vendor and the purchaser.
- 7.9 The Board shall have authority to accept a Transfer of Ownership application from the purchaser, provided it is established to the satisfaction of the Board that every effort has been made by the purchaser to comply with the Regulations pertaining thereto.
- 7.10 The issue of documentation for animals exported shall be as determined by the Board from time to time and shall be in accordance with protocol as prescribed by the Commonwealth of Australia.

A.I. Regulations: Section 8A.1.6 and 8A.3.2 (i)

Members are reminded that "Shorthorn Beef shall not be responsible for any contracts or agreements made between breeders and/or artificial breeding organisations" and that all AI sires must be (i) approved or accredited as an AI sire and (ii) that a DNA profile report must be received by Shorthorn Beef in respect of the Approved or Accredited AI Sire.

In respect of sires accredited under regulations 8A as AI sires at December 31st, 2007, the maximum of eight (8) shares allowed in any one AI sire shall be retained.

The transfer of 1/8 or larger semen share of an animal is not permitted within twelve months of the original purchase date unless the transfer is a result of a genuine complete herd dispersal.

SECTION 8A. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION
(Regulations applying to AI Sires approved prior to January 1st, 2008)

Calves conceived by Artificial Insemination (AI) may be accepted for registration subject to them being eligible under the terms of Section 3 of these Regulations. In addition the following Regulations will apply to artificial insemination where:

8A.1 **Sires Are Owned and Maintained within Australia** provided the following apply:

8A.1.1 An **Approved AI Sire Permit** has been issued by the Society for the sire meaning :

(i) the Society has granted its approval for the use of that sire as an Approved AI sire. An Approved AI Sire Permit is deemed to have been granted by the Society for all sires approved by the Society at the date hereof.

(ii) a blood type and/or DNA profile report has been received by the Society in respect of the approved AI sire.

8A.1.2 **Artificial Insemination Certificates** “use in own herd” have been issued by the Society in respect of that sire.

8A.1.3 The dam of the calf was owned by the owner or part-owner of the sire at the time the calf was conceived provided that females sold with pre-sale service nomination shall for the purpose of this regulation be deemed to remain in the ownership of the vendor until completion of the service.

8A.1.4 Subject to Section 10 multiple ownership of an approved licensed AI sire shall be limited to a maximum of eight owners per sire subject to 8A.1.1 of this regulation.

N.B. Attention is directed to the various states legislation regarding the use of unlicensed semen.

8A.1.5 The application to register a calf produced by A.I. shall indicate the calf was got by Artificial Insemination and such animal shall be so identified in the society’s records with the use of suffix AI following the name of the calf provided that a calf conceived on or after 1st June 1991 resulting from an insemination with semen from multiple sires shall not be eligible for registration unless Section 5 is complied with.

8A.1.6 In the case of multiple ownership of a sire each owner may register the number of calves that reflect the extent of the ownership interest in the sire as recorded with the Society.

(i) The Society shall not be responsible for any contracts or agreements made between breeders and/or inseminating organisations.

(ii) The owner of a sire for which an Approved AI Sire Permit has been issued shall, within 14 days, notify the Society of the date of death of the sire.

(iii) Upon the death of the sire referred to above the owner shall notify the Society of the number of straws of semen held. Further that until such notification is received the Society shall be entitled to refuse to register any animal born as a result of the use of semen by that sire.

(iv) Sales of semen negotiated after the death of the donor sire shall be subject to the provision of Section 8A.3 in this section dealing with calves got by non-owned sires.

8A.2 Sires Are Owned and Maintained Overseas

Subject to the Quarantine Laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and the provisions of *Section 8A.1* a member of the Society may own either wholly or in part a sire or sires in an overseas country and may import and use semen from such animal provided the sire is registered with the Society pursuant to Section 15.

8A.3 Calves Got by Non-owned Sires

Subject to the provisions of Sections 8A.1 and 8A.2 herein, AI produced calves may be accepted for registration by non-owned sires as under:

8A.3.1 The owner of the donor sire is a Member of the Society, has marketing rights and the sire has an Approved AI Sire Permit.

8A.3.2 The application for registration must be accompanied by an A.I. Service Certificate “open distribution” confirming details of the dam’s insemination and origin of semen used as provided hereunder:

(i) The owner of the donor sire is required to purchase from the Society (non-refundable) a separate AI Service Certificate form which must accompany registration application or each calf provided that in the case of multiple ownership of a sire, the number of AI Service Certificate forms which each owner may seek to purchase shall be in accordance with the extent of the ownership interest in the sire as recorded with the Society.

(ii) The AI Service Certificate form must be completed and transmitted by the owner of the donor sire to the owner of the dam.

(iii) It is the responsibility of the owner of the dam at the time of insemination to complete the form.

(iv) It is the responsibility of the owner of the dam to submit the completed AI Service Certificate along with the application to register the progeny

SECTION 8B. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (Applying to AI Sires accredited after December 31st, 2007)

Calves conceived by Artificial Insemination (AI) may be accepted for registration subject to them being eligible under the terms of Section 3 of these Regulations.

The application to register a calf produced by AI shall indicate the calf was got by Artificial Insemination and such animal shall be so identified in the Society’s records with the use of suffix AI following the name of the calf.

The Society shall not be responsible for any contracts or agreements made between breeders and/or artificial breeding organisations.

N.B. Attention is directed to the States' legislation regarding the movement and use of unlicensed semen.

In addition the following Regulations will apply to artificial insemination where:

8B.1 Sires Are Owned and Maintained within Australia provided the following apply:

8B.1.1 The sire has been accepted as an **Accredited AI Sire** by the Society, meaning :

- (i) the Society has granted its approval for the use of that sire as an Accredited AI Sire.
- (ii) a DNA profile report has been received by the Society in respect of the Accredited AI Sire

8B.2 Sires Are Owned and Maintained Overseas

Subject to the Quarantine Laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and the provisions of Section 8B.1 a member of the Society may own either wholly or in part a sire or sires in an overseas country and may import and use semen from such animal provided the sire is registered with the Society pursuant to Section 15.

8B.3 Calves Got by Non-owned Sires

Subject to the provisions of Sections 8B.1 and 8B.2 herein, calves got by non-owned sires are eligible for registration provided:

8B.3.1 The donor sire is an Accredited AI Sire.

8B.3.2 A DNA profile report has been received by the Society in respect of the Accredited AI Sire.

8B.4 Semen Exported for Registration Purposes

Subject to the Rules and Regulations of the importing country the export of semen for registration purposes is permitted provided an AI Sire Accreditation has been issued for the donor sire as provided in Section 8B.1.1.

SECTION 9A. EMBRYO TRANSPLANTS

Regulations applying to calves born from embryos collected prior to January 1st, 2008

Calves propagated by Embryo Transplant (ET) may be accepted for registration subject to them being eligible under the terms of Sections 3 and 8 of these Regulations. In addition the following Regulations shall apply to Embryo Transplant calves:

9A.1 Calves from Donor Dams Domiciled in Australia and Owned by Applicant

- (a) The owner of the donor dam at the time the flush is taken is deemed to be **Breeder** of resulting progeny.
- (b) The owner of the recipient dam at the time of birth of resulting progeny is deemed to be the **First Owner** of such progeny.

- (c) The **Breeder** of ET calves as defined in Section 9.1(a) shall purchase from the Society and complete as required an Embryo Transplant Certificate in respect of each calf to be registered pursuant to Section 3.
- (d) The Embryo Transplant Certificate as described in Section 9.1(c) is to be completed in detail by the **First Owner** including where the embryo has been split the Embryo Transplant certificate numbers of all related split embryos and attached to the application to register resulting progeny.
- (e) In the case of ET calves got by Artificial Insemination when the **Breeder** does not own the sire, the application for registration must also be accompanied by an A.I. Certificate of Service (open distribution) issued by the owner of the sire.
- (f) In the case of ET calves got by Artificial Insemination when the **Breeder** owns the sire, the application for registration must also be accompanied by an AI Certificate of Service (Use in Own Herd).
- (g) The name of calves got by embryo transplant will carry the suffix ET together with an alpha indicator of the breed or combination of breeds of the recipient dam as standardised by the National Beef Recording Scheme breed code.
- (h) The Society may require a parentage determination test to be carried out on any ET calf coming forward for registration.

9A.2 **Calves from Donor Dams domiciled in Australia but not Owned by the Applicant**

Subject to the provisions of Section 9A.1, calves from donor dams not owned by the applicant may be accepted for registration provided that:

- (a) The application for registration is accompanied by an Embryo Certificate issued to the **First Owner** by the **Breeder** of the calf coming forward for registration.
- (b) In the case of ET calves got by Artificial Insemination when the **Breeder** does not own the sire, the application for registration must also be accompanied by an Artificial Insemination Certificate of Service issued by the owner of the sire.

9A.3 **Calves from Donor Dams domiciled outside Australia and not Owned by the Applicant**

In addition to those conditions stated in Section 9.1 the following special conditions will apply:

- (a) The donor dam and sire of imported embryos must be registered in the register of the appropriate authority recognised by the Society in their country of origin.
- (b) The Society by its nominated representative shall inspect the donor dam and sire of every imported embryo and notwithstanding the provisions of (1) above reserves the right to reject registration of the calf resulting from the program pursuant to Section 3.4.2.
- (c) The following documents relating to the donor dam are lodged with the Society by the importer of the embryos:
 - (i) DNA profile report
 - (ii) Copy of certificate of registration
 - (iii) Pedigree extended to four generations

- (iv) Statement signed by the owner of the donor dam confirming the name and address of the importer and the number of ET progeny that may be registered.
- (d) The following documents relating to the sire of ET calves from overseas domiciled dams are to be lodged with the Society by the importer of the embryos provided the sire has no Australian owner or owners recorded in the records of the Society:
 - (i) DNA profile report
 - (ii) Copy of certificate of registration
 - (iii) Pedigree extended to four generations
 - (iv) Statement signed by the owner of the sire confirming the number of progeny that can be registered in any one calendar year.
- (e) If the sire of imported embryos has an Australian owner or owners recorded in the records of the Society, the provisions of Section 9A. 3 (d) (i) to (iv) are to be disregarded and the importer of the embryos will apply to the member with Australian marketing rights for the issue of one AI certificate of service for each calf coming forward for registration.
- (f) Advice of interest in unborn genetic material proposed to be imported into Australia must be lodged with the Society and registration certificates will be issued in chronological order.

SECTION 9B. EMBRYO TRANSPLANTS

Regulations applying to calves got by embryos collected after December 31st, 2007

Calves propagated by Embryo Transplant (ET) may be accepted for registration subject to them being eligible under the terms of Sections 3 and 8 of these Regulations.

In addition the following Regulations shall apply to Embryo Transplant calves:

9B.1 Calves from Donor Dams domiciled in Australia and Owned by Applicant

- (a) The owner of the donor dam at the time the flush is taken is deemed to be **Breeder** of resulting progeny.
- (b) The owner of the recipient dam at the time of birth of resulting progeny is deemed to be the **First Owner** of such progeny.
- (c) The dam has been accepted as an **Accredited Donor Dam** by the Society, meaning :
 - (i) the Society has granted its approval for the use of that dam as an Accredited Donor Dam.
 - (ii) a DNA profile report has been received by the Society in respect of the Accredited Donor Dam.
- (d) In the case of ET calves got by Artificial Insemination the sire must be Accredited as an AI Sire.
- (e) The name of calves got by embryo transplant will carry the suffix ET together with an alpha indicator of the breed or combination of breeds of the recipient dam as standardised by the National Beef Recording Scheme (NBRS) breed code.
- (f) The Society may require a parentage determination test to be carried out on any ET calf coming forward for registration.

9B.2 Calves from Donor Dams Domiciled in Australia but not Owned by the Applicant

Subject to the provisions of Section 9B. 1, calves from donor dams not owned by the applicant may be accepted for registration provided that:

- (a) The dam has been accepted as an **Accredited Donor Dam** by the Society, meaning:
 - (i) the Society has granted its approval for the use of that dam as an Accredited Donor Dam.
 - (ii) a DNA profile report has been received by the Society in respect of the Accredited Donor Dam.
- (b) A transfer has been received by the Society in respect of the embryo from the Accredited Donor Dam.

SECTION 10A. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP

Regulations applying to animals in which interests have been transferred prior to January 1st, 2008.

10A.1 Where any interest in any animal domiciled in Australia is sold within Australia the following regulations shall apply to the sale of that interest.

- (a) Subject to Section 15 hereof **Marketing Rights** of an animal shall remain with the member who at the date of the sale retains or obtains physical possession of the animal unless the Registrar is otherwise advised, notwithstanding the animal's subsequent death.
- (b) The registered owner of the animal shall notify the Society on the prescribed form of the sale of the interest sold from the date hereof.
- (c) The Society allows no more than eight (8) registered owners.
N.B. Members attention is directed to the various states' legislation regarding the number of owners allowed in an animal with unlicensed semen.
- (d) The Society will allow the registration of an interest of any animal provided that the interest purported to be sold is not less than 12.5 % of that animal.
- (e) Where a female is owned by more than one member it shall be included in those members female herd inventories pursuant to Section 6.

SECTION 10B. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP

Regulations applying to animals in which interests have been transferred after December 31st, 2007.

10B.1 Where any interest in any animal domiciled in Australia is sold within Australia the following regulations shall apply to the sale of that interest.

- (a) Subject to Section 16 hereof **Marketing Rights** of an animal shall remain with the member who at the date of the sale retains or obtains physical possession of the animal unless the Registrar is otherwise advised, notwithstanding the animal's subsequent death.
- (b) The registered owner of the animal shall notify the Society on the prescribed form of the sale of the interest sold from the date hereof.

SECTION 11. BORROWED SIRE PERMITS

- 11.1 A member (in this regulation called “the lender”) of any registered animal may allow another member (in this regulation called “the borrower”) to have physical use of that registered animal and have the progeny registered with the borrowers herd prefix.
- 11.2 To register calves sired by a “borrowed” bull the Borrower shall:
 - 11.2.1 A Permit for Registration of Progeny Bred from a **Borrowed Animal**, signed by the Lender, must be lodged with the Society in the year of birth of the resultant progeny.
 - 11.2.2 Pay to the Society the prescribed fee for registration of the Permit as determined by the Society.
- 11.3 Registrations of progeny sought to be made pursuant to the use of a Permit Agreement shall only be made by the borrower and/or the lender or by the borrower where the lender has notified the Society of the lenders consent.

SECTION 12. SHORTHORN APPENDIX REGISTER (SAR)

The Society maintains an Appendix Register to allow for the introduction of other breeds and encourage the upgrading and or registration of commercial, performance recorded animals.

- 12.1 A member shall be entitled to register an animal (in this regulation called an appendix animal) in the Appendix Register where one of the dam **or** sire of such appendix animal is registered in the Herd Book or in the Appendix Register.
- 12.2 Once an appendix animal achieves pure status (15/16th) then it may upon application to the Society, subject as herein provided, be introduced into the Herd book.

From 1 January 2011 the percentage of Shorthorn blood, while it is retained on the Shorthorn database, will not be printed on registration certificates, nor will the APX suffix be printed for any animal which achieves HBR status with at least one parent in the Appendix Register.
- 12.3 All animals in the Appendix Register shall, where application is sought to have the animal introduced into the Herd Book be inspected by the Society as provided in Section 17.

Nb. Refer: Application to Transfer Registration of a Bull / Female (APX to HBR)
- 12.4 At all times the Society reserves the right to nominate the percentage of Shorthorn blood an animal or animals may represent, whether containing a pure breed or percentage breed status.
- 12.5 A certificate issued out of the Appendix Herd Register shall in respect of every animal so registered, contain a grade code as follows:
 - 1st cross or 1/2 bred to carry symbol **D**
 - 2nd cross or 3/4 bred to carry symbol **C**
 - 3rd cross or 7/8 bred to carry symbol **B**
 - 4th cross or 15/16 bred to carry symbol **A** (until passed inspection).

If the percentage is not even to the above specifications they will be rounded down
- 12.6 Dairy Shorthorn bulls shall for the purposes of registration in the Appendix Register be recognised as Appendix C animals.

SECTION 13. SHORTHORN FOUNDATION REGISTER (SFR)

Prior to 1 January 2008, the Society allowed and encouraged, and after 31 December 2010 the Society will again allow and encourage, after visual inspection the introduction into the Shorthorn Foundation Register of commercial purebred Shorthorn animals considered to be of a special value to the breed.

13.1 **All animals** registered in the Shorthorn Foundation Register shall carry the suffix “SFA” and the Society certificate of registration shall clearly show the animal as registered in the Shorthorn Foundation Register.

13.2 **Female** offspring of a Shorthorn Foundation Animal shall subject to that offspring being by a Shorthorn bull registered in the Society’s Herd Book (whether by natural service or artificial insemination) be eligible for registration in the Herd Book and shall be designated a Shorthorn Foundation Animal and carry the suffix “SFA” for four generations from heritage registration in the Herd Book.

Nb. Refer: Application to Transfer Registration of a Female (SFR to HBR)

13.3 **Male** offspring of a Shorthorn Foundation Animal shall subject to that offspring being by a Shorthorn bull registered in the Society’s Herd Book (whether by natural service or artificial insemination) be eligible for registration in the Herd Book subject to inspection and payment of the prescribed fee and shall be designated a Shorthorn Foundation Animal and carry the suffix “SFA” for four generations from heritage registration in the Herd Book.

Nb. Refer: Application to Transfer Registration of a Bull (SFR to HBR)

(a) Male offspring of a Special Foundation Animal not registered in the Society’s Herd Book shall be recorded in a "commercial" data base and carry the suffix COM. The suffix shall be removed upon acceptance of the animal in the Society’s Herd Book Register,

13.4 Where an inspected animal no longer appears on the pedigree certificate issued by the Society the suffix “SFA” will be dropped from the pedigree certificate issued by the Society.

13.5 Where an inspected **Male** animal has female offspring out of a Herd Book Register cow that offspring shall be eligible for registration in the Herd Book and shall be designated a Shorthorn Foundation Animal and shall carry a suffix “SFA” for four generations of heritage in the Herd Book. Male offspring sired by the inspected animal shall not be eligible for registration.

SECTION 14A. SHORTHORN PERFORMANCE REGISTER (SPR)

14A.1 Up until 31 December 2010 the Society maintained a Performance Register to allow and encourage the registration of commercial, performance recorded, purebred animals.

14A.2 **All animals** registered in the Shorthorn Performance Register shall carry the suffix “SPR” and the Society certificate of registration shall clearly show the animal as registered in the Shorthorn Performance Register.

14A.3 **All progeny** of a Performance Register animal shall subject to that offspring being by a Shorthorn bull registered in the Society’s Herd Book (whether by natural service or artificial insemination) be eligible for registration in the Society’s Herd Book subject to inspection and payment of the prescribed fee and

shall carry the suffix “SPR” for four generations from heritage registration in the Herd Book.

SECTION 14B. VARIATION TO SHORTHORN PERFORMANCE REGISTER

From 1 January 2011, the re-introduced SFA system (refer Section 13) will enable commercial Shorthorn cattle to be registered and performance recorded following successful inspection. Also from 1 January 2011, cattle in the (previous) Performance Register (SPR cattle) will become HBR cattle but where they have pedigree details with less than four generations of SPR and/or HBR registered cattle then they will have the status of SFA cattle and will require the suffix “SFA” to be displayed in their pedigree until the four generation requirement has been completed.

SECTION 15. DAIRY SHORTHORNS

15.1 Females registered in Class A by the Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia Inc. shall subject to Section 3 and as hereafter provided be eligible to apply for enrolment in the Herd Book:

15.1.1 The member shall request the Society to appoint inspectors to inspect the female the subject matter of the application and the inspectors so appointed shall report to the Society that the female is suitable for introduction into the Herd Book.

Nb. Refer: Application to Enrol Dairy Shorthorn Females in the HBR

15.1.2 A female introduced into the Herd Book pursuant to this regulation shall carry the suffix “DS” for four generations from heritage in the Herd Book.

SECTION 16. IMPORTED ANIMALS

16.1 Before any overseas animal can be registered in the Register of the Society the Society must receive an application to register the animal in the Register of the Society accompanied by:

16.1.1 A pedigree extended to four generations.

16.1.2 A certificate showing the DNA profile report of the animal sought to be registered.

16.1.3 Certification of freedom from Tibial Hemimelia and Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca or any other genetic abnormality through heritage or DNA profile as may be determined from time to time by the Board.

16.1.4 Where required by the Society a report from an inspector appointed by the Society stating that the animal is suitable and sound for introduction into the Herd Book of the Society.

16.1.5 Where a member seeks to register an animal under this section and contends that exclusive marketing rights to use that animal and/or unborn genetic material derived from that animal in Australia the member shall notify the Society of the claim to such marketing rights. Subsequent registration of the animal sought to be registered shall carry with it an indemnity by the member that the member will indemnify the Society from and in respect of all costs, claims and damages consequent upon such registration as shall relate to the members claim to exclusive marketing rights.

SECTION 17. INSPECTIONS

- 17.1 Any two of the General Manager, Chairman of Shorthorn Beef, Vice-chairman of Shorthorn Beef and/or the Board member responsible for the Rules and Regulations portfolio shall be empowered to appoint from time to time an inspector or inspectors for the purpose of inspecting cattle under these regulations.
- 17.2 Where the inspection is sought by the Society, pursuant to Section 17 the Society shall pay all the inspectors costs associated with and relating to that inspection.
- 17.3 Where the inspection is required under Sections 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16 of these regulations or where under these regulations an obligation imposed upon a member to have any animal inspected then that member shall pay all of the inspector's or inspectors' costs associated with and relating to that inspection.
- 17.4 Where any animal is inspected pursuant to these regulations the party responsible for the inspector or inspectors' costs associated with that inspection shall indemnify the inspector or inspectors in respect of any claim resulting from the finding of such an inspection.
- 17.5 Where a finding of inspectors appointed under these regulations cannot reach a majority agreement then the finding in respect of the animal, the subject matter of the inspection shall be derived to be in the negative. In the event of such a finding the party seeking such inspection may seek at that party's expense and at such a fee as the Council shall from time to time prescribe the re-appointment of inspectors to inspect the animal. If upon such re-inspection of the animal, the finding is in the negative no further inspections will be allowed.

SECTION 18. REGISTRATION CANCELLATION

The Board may cancel the registration of an animal if:

- 18.1 (i) Requested by its registered owner so to do; or
(ii) It be found that the particulars furnished in the application to register such animal are incorrect in any material particular; or
(iii) In the opinion of the Society's nominated DNA analysis laboratory, parentage verification results are not consistent with the recorded parentage of the animal or upon investigation the animal is found to have an inherited genetic disorder, or
(iv) Where upon inspection pursuant to Section 17 hereof the animal so inspected has been found to display characteristics which are not considered to be consistent with the Shorthorn breed.
- 18.2 Where the descendants of an animal the registration of which is cancelled by the Board have been registered such registration may thereupon be also cancelled or allowed to remain and such correction in the description of the entry made in the records by the Board as it thinks fit.
- 18.3 The Society, its Board and its Officers will not be held liable for any claim and causes of action arising or which may arise as a result of the cancellation of the registration of any animal and/or progeny of any animal, resulting from any test referred to in Sections 4, 5 and 19 of these regulations.

SECTION 19. ILLEGAL USE OF DRUGS

- 19.1 The use of any **drug, tranquillizer or hormone** which artificially enhances performance, fertility, physical appearance, behaviour or which may disguise the natural features of an animal shall not be permitted unless deemed necessary as a therapeutic treatment for an illness.
- 19.2 The Board retains the right to take a sample of blood, saliva or urine from any suspect animal for purposes of testing for illegal substances (as above).
- 19.3 The detection of illegal use of such substances in any animal may render that animal and its progeny to be removed from the Herd Book pursuant to Section 18 of these regulations and its owner to cancellation of membership pursuant to the Constitution of the Society.

SECTION 20. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Any member who has entered into any agreement, understanding or arrangement which upon the passing of the regulations has become prohibited must submit in writing to the Society by the 30th November, 2008, details of the agreement, understanding or contract.

The Society may in its absolute discretion sanction such agreement, understanding or arrangement notwithstanding its breach of these regulations provided that where the agreement, understanding or arrangement has been made or entered into with another member that member must concur in writing with the submission.

SECTION 21. BRANCHES

- 21.1 The Board of Directors may prescribe such regulation as may be requisite for the establishment and control of a branch in all or any of the States or Territories of the Commonwealth of Australia or any part or combination thereof or for a branch established for any special purpose.
- 21.2 The powers of a Branch shall be limited to matters directly affecting the welfare of members represented by that Branch.

SECTION 22. BANKING

- 22.1 The Board shall open and maintain one or more banking accounts in the name of the Society and any such account shall be operated upon in the name of the Society by such person or persons and in such manner as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- 22.2 All moneys received by the Society or by any Officer on its behalf shall be forthwith paid without deduction to the credit of the Society's banking account.

SECTION 23. HERD REGISTER

- 23.1 The Board shall keep or cause to be kept a Register of the Society and may from time to time make regulations governing the maintenance of same, the information to be recorded therein and the eligibility of animals for registration and entry therein respectively.

- 23.2 Only Ordinary members or Youth members owning the stock concerned may submit a fee as prescribed by the Board for the registration and maintenance of those stock in the Register.

SECTION 24. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 24.1 The “Shorthorn Beef” logo is a registered trade mark owned by the Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd. subject to the Commonwealth of Australia Trademark Law. Reproduction or use of the trade mark for any purpose without express permission of the Board is forbidden.
Approval to reproduce the trade mark may be given subject to the trade mark being of identical colour and design to the trade mark as registered.
- 24.2 Subject to State, Territory and Commonwealth of Australia Copyright Law, all Intellectual property pertaining to Breedplan as provided to the Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd. by the Agricultural Business Research Institute remains the property of the Society.
Reproduction of Breedplan data is limited to and strictly in accordance with the format as prescribed by the Board.

Annexure A

BRANCH RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Existing Branches

For the purposes of these regulations the existing Branches and Committees and membership shall be deemed to be Branches and Committees of the Society.

2. **Adoption of Branch Rules and Regulations**

A Branch may establish their own rules and regulations and definitions of policy provided that they have been submitted to the Secretary of the Society and have been approved by the Board. If within 60 days of the passing of this regulation a Branch has not obtained the approval of the Board the rules and regulations as outlined in “Annexure A” will be deemed to have been adopted by that Branch and shall apply until such time as that Branch submits to the Secretary for approval by the Board its own set of rules and regulations and definitions of policy.

3. **Branch Functions**

3.1 The Function of a Branch shall be to:

- 3.1.1 -promote the interests of the Society within its Region
- 3.1.2 -attend to the welfare of members of the Society within its Region
- 3.1.3 -carry out such functions as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Board of the Society.

4. **Branch Membership**

4.1 A Branch shall consist of any persons interested in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and those financial members of The Society who reside in that Region and who seek to join the Branch provided that a member who is not resident in that Region may elect to become a member of a Branch by giving written notice to the Board of a change in Branch loyalties 90 days prior to such change and provided further a member of the Society can only be a member of one Branch.

4.2 A Branch shall be entitled to raise funds as determined by the branch members to enable it to carry out its function pursuant to 3.1.

5. **Management of a Branch**

5.1 Management of the Branch shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of:

- A President
- A Vice President
- A Secretary and/or
- A Treasurer

and such other members as the Branch may from time to time determine in a General Meeting as hereinafter provided.

5.2 Matters of policy (as opposed to management) shall be vested in the Branch meeting in General Meeting. In the event of any dispute as to whether a matter is to be regarded as policy or management, the determination shall be by the President of the Society and shall be final and binding.

5.3 Members of the Committee other than the Branch President and Branch Vice President need not be ordinary members of the Society. In the event of other members of the Committee not being ordinary financial members of the Society they shall not be entitled to vote.

5.4 The Committee may establish sub committees with the power to co-opt.

5.5 No proxies shall be allowed at committee meetings.

6. **Accounts**

6.1 All Branches must submit to the Secretary of the Society by 31st January each year financial records for the preceding 12 months ending 31st December as follows:

Profit and Loss Statement from the preceding 12 months from 1st January to 31st December.

An itemised income and expenditure statement for every activity conducted by that branch where the income exceeds \$500 or the expenditure exceeds \$200 or amounts determined by the Council.

A balance sheet for that 12 month period.

The Board of Directors require all financial returns to be audited.

6.2 A Branch shall be entitled to open bank accounts in the name of the Branch provided that:

6.2.1 The Accounts are opened carrying the designation of "The Shorthorn Society of Australia Ltd" ACN 001543157 coupled with the name of the Branch.

6.2.2 The Branch Treasurer must notify the Secretary of the Society of the name and branch address of the bank with whom the accounts are opened.

6.2.3 The Branch shall not allow the bank accounts to be overdrawn or pledge the credit of the Society with the Bank other than such pledges as are required when opening an ordinary bank account.

6.2.4 Any bank account opened by a Branch must have two signatories as approved by the Committee.

7. **Conduct of the Annual General Meeting and General Meetings**

7.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 60 days of the 31st December or at such other times as the Board may agree.

7.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting or a General Meeting must be given in writing to all ordinary financial members of the Society who are entitled to be Members of that Branch with 21 days notice.

- 7.3 A copy of the Minutes of Annual General and General meetings must be sent to the Society within 28 days of the meeting.
- 7.4 A quorum of no less than five (5) ordinary financial members is needed for an Annual General Meeting.
- 7.5 To be entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or a General Meeting a member must be an ordinary financial member of the Society.
- 7.6 Nominations for office bearers of a Branch shall be allowed from the floor at an Annual General Meeting and proxy votes may not be counted. In the event that a Branch determines in either Annual General Meeting or General Meeting to prohibit nominations from the floor proxy votes may be counted.
- 7.7 Special resolutions must be circularised to all members with 14 clear days notice of the meeting. Proxies will be allowed provided that such notice is given.

8. Generally

- 8.1 In the event of a tied vote in any meeting of a Branch the Branch President or the person chairing the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 8.2 In the event of any dispute as to the conduct of the affairs of a Branch the matter shall be referred to the President of the Society whose decision shall be final and binding

9. Winding Up of a Branch

- 9.1 Where a Branch in meeting at General meeting passes a resolution by a simple majority of those present, eligible and voting, decides to wind-up a Branch then the Branch shall be wound-up.
- 9.2 Where a Branch fails to lodge returns required under clause 6 either within the time prescribed or an additional 3 months the Board may in its absolute discretion deem that the Branch has passed the resolution to wind-up the Branch as outlined in clause 9.1 above.
- 9.3 In the event of winding up pursuant to clauses 9.1 and 9.2 all assets of that Branch shall be remitted to the Society. In determining the use of any funds so remitted the Board shall consider any recommendation passed by the Branch prior to its winding up as to the use that those funds are to be put.