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CANADIAN SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The Association shall be named "THE CANADIAN SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION", hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

II. OBJECTS

The Association shall have for its objects the encouragement, development and regulation of the breeding of purebred Shorthorn cattle in Canada. The terms "Shorthorn cattle" or "Shorthorn breed" wherever used herein refer to registered Shorthorn cattle, and Lincoln Red cattle which were registered in the Closed Purebred Herd Book or the Appendix Registry Herd Book of the Association between June 7, 1977 and January 19, 2004 as a result of the Amalgamation between the Canadian Shorthorn Association and the Canadian Lincoln Red Association during that period.

To facilitate the achievement of such objects, the Association shall:

- (a) Keep a record of the breeding and origin of Shorthorn cattle and collect and preserve and publish data and documents relating to the same;
- (b) Establish standards of breeding and carry out a system of registration;
- (c) Adopt a means from time to time to protect and assist breeders engaged in propagation, breeding, exhibiting and trading of Shorthorn cattle, in compliance with the Articles hereof and the Animal Pedigree Act or any regulations made thereunder;
- (d) Maintain an efficient supervision of breeders of Shorthorn cattle to prevent, detect and punish fraud;
- (e) Compile statistics of the industry and furnish official and authentic information in regard thereto;
- (f) Publish or cause to be published literature for the information and benefit of breeders and owners of Shorthorn cattle; and
- (g) For these purposes, to have power to make all necessary contracts and agreements and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

III. MEMBERS

1. There shall be five classes of members:

- (a) HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS - The Association may appoint Honorary Life Members by ordinary resolution thereof, at an Annual General Meeting if the Board of Directors has, by prior resolution, named the proposed member and recommended that such appointment be made. Each past President of the Association shall be an Honorary Life Member. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any Honorary Life Membership may at any time be revoked by the Board of Directors. Honorary Life Members shall not be required to pay an annual membership fee.
- (b) ANNUAL MEMBERS - Annual Members shall be those individuals, partnerships, firms or companies incorporated under the laws of Canada or any Province of Canada who are resident in Canada and who pay an annual prescribed membership fee, due the first day of January each year.
 - i) **BEEF MEMBERS** - Breeders who have registered a Beef Shorthorn animal OR who have had a Beef Shorthorn animal transferred into their name in the previous year shall be called Beef Members of the Canadian Shorthorn Association. They shall have exclusive responsibility for recommending amendments to Canadian Shorthorn Association by-laws and regulations as they pertain to Beef Shorthorn cattle.
- (c) JUNIOR MEMBERS - Junior members shall be those individuals 21 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year, who are resident in Canada and who pay an annual prescribed membership fee, due the first day of January each year. Junior members are entitled to register pedigrees and transfers at the

same rates as are Annual Members of the Association. Junior members until attaining the age of 18 shall have no vote and shall not be entitled to hold office in the Association.

- (d) NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS - Individuals or partnerships resident outside of Canada or firms or companies incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction other than Canada, or a Province of Canada may become annual members upon payment of the prescribed annual membership fee, due the first day of January each year. Non-resident members shall not be entitled to vote nor hold office in the Association.
 - (e) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Associate Members shall be those individuals, partnerships, firms or corporations incorporated under the laws of Canada or any Province of Canada, resident in Canada, who pay an annual prescribed membership fee, due the first day of January each year. Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote nor hold office in the Association and shall not be entitled to register pedigrees or transfers.
2. Application for Annual, Junior, Non-Resident and Associate Membership shall be made in writing. Subject to review by the Board of Directors, the Secretary or the Secretary-Treasurer, as the case may be may reject any application for membership. Each applicant whose application is accepted shall agree to be bound by the By-laws of the Association and all amendments thereto.
 3. Partnerships, firms or corporations which are members shall designate to the Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary, as the case may be, on every Application for Membership the individual partner, officer, director or member of the partnership, firm or corporation (the "Authorized Representative") entitled to exercise all the rights and privileges of such membership, including the right to vote and hold office in the Association. Any other individual partner, officer, director or member of the Partnership, firm or corporation may be designated from time to time to exercise the rights and privileges of such membership, providing notification in writing is given to the Association, to the attention of the Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretary, as the case may be, prior to the date at which such rights and privileges are to be exercised.
 4. A member in good standing is a member who has paid the current membership fee and is not under suspension or expulsion by the Association.
 5. A member in good standing shall, as a matter of contract and except as hereinafter provided, enjoy the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same liabilities as the original incorporators of this Association. No member who is in arrears of membership or other fees shall enjoy such rights and privileges.
 6. The financial liability of a member to the Association shall be limited to the amount owing by him for membership and registration fees or any other fees for services provided to him by the Association.
 7. No member shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Association during any year until his annual fee for that year is paid. Annual fees shall become due on the first day of January each year.
 8. No Annual Member who is in arrears of membership and registration fees or other fees, or who is not the owner or an Authorized Representative thereof, of Shorthorn cattle shall be entitled to vote at a meeting or to give notice to amend the By-Laws of the Association. No member or Authorized Representative thereof shall hold office who is not a Canadian citizen and an owner of Shorthorn cattle at the time of his nomination for election. No applicant for membership shall be entitled to vote at a meeting until his application for membership has been accepted.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, no individual shall be at liberty to cast more than two votes (including any designations by a partnership, firm or company) on any matter coming before an Annual General Meeting, General Meeting or Special Meeting.
10. The membership year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year.

IV. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

1. Suspended Member: Subject to clause 61 of the Animal Pedigree Act, the Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend any member who has violated the By-laws or whose conduct is, in the opinion of the Board, prejudicial to the interests of the Association. Upon suspension a member shall be denied all privileges including the right to register or transfer until their reasons for suspension have been rectified and reinstatement is approved by further action of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel any member who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in these By-laws relating to eligibility for registration, filing or transfers, maintenance of adequate private breeding records, or payment of fees. Any member so expelled shall be denied all privileges as a member of the Association and the right to register, or transfer animals in the Association. A member so expelled shall, after the expiration of sixty (60) days have the right to apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement and may be reinstated at the next meeting of the Board, provided a majority of the Board of Directors present thereat vote in favour of such reinstatement. If the Board of Directors refuses to reinstate a person expelled from membership, such person shall have the right to apply for reinstatement to the next succeeding Annual General Meeting of the Association, but reinstatement by Annual General Meeting shall be only by vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association present thereat and entitled to vote.
3. On report to the Board of Directors of a charge against any person which may result in suspension or expulsion, the charges shall be laid before a meeting of the Board of Directors, and the person so charged shall have fifteen days' notice in writing of such meeting and be given the right to be heard.
4. Any person expelled from membership in any Association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada or any other Association approved by the Board of Directors shall not be eligible for membership in this Association until reinstated in the Association from which he was expelled and his membership in this Association shall be deemed to be terminated immediately and automatically.
5. Any person suspended or expelled from the Association shall have no claim against the Association or any interest in the property or assets of the Association.
6. (a) Registration or transfer of ownership of an animal is made on the understanding that the particulars given on the application are correct. If it is subsequently discovered by the Pedigree Committee that the particulars given are incorrect, the registration or transfer shall be canceled by the Association.

(b) The certificates of animals registered or transferred incorrectly may be canceled and re-recorded by the owner or by the Association at the expense of the original applicant for registration or transfer. This Association shall not be responsible for any loss or damage that may be sustained through suspension, cancellation or correction of any registration or transfer.
7. When, as the result of an inspection of the manner in which private breeding records are being kept and identification practiced by any breeder, 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 breeder. Further registrations and transfers may be refused and if such inspection should indicate that the private records and identification system are in such a state of confusion as to raise a doubt as to the identity of one or

any number of the animals in the herd, the Board of Directors may suspend or cancel registration of one or any number of the cattle registered in the name of such breeder.

8. The Registrar and the Minister of Agriculture (Canada) shall be given notification of the expulsion or suspension of any member of the Association and of the suspension or cancellation of a registration certificate or registration of transfer. Similarly, notification of the reinstatement of a member shall be given to the Registrar and the Minister of Agriculture (Canada).

V. OFFICES

The head office of the Association shall be at such place as the Board of Directors may determine, and the office for the registration of pedigrees shall be as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

VI. FISCAL YEAR

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

VII. DIRECTORS

1. The Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven Directors, one representing each of: The Atlantic group of provinces: Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland; Quebec; Ontario; Manitoba; Saskatchewan; Alberta; British Columbia.
2. All matters relating to the distribution and election of directors shall be subject to review and determination by the Association at an Annual General Meeting.
3. The director of the Association for each of the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia shall be nominated and elected at the Annual General Meeting of the provincial association for each such province.
 - (a) The Director of the Association for the Maritime Group of Provinces shall be determined by the Provincial Association for each province in such group which has a Provincial Association nominating a person for election as a director of the Association. From such nominations, one Director shall be elected at a meeting of the Provincial Associations in the Maritime Group to serve as a Director of the Association.
4. In the event the Atlantic group or a provincial association fails to elect a director of the association, a director shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of this Association, who is a member of the organization to be represented.
5. Notwithstanding this Article VII, any Director elected by the Association as President Elect shall serve for a term of three years providing this Director is elected as President by the Board of Directors which would be the second year of this term (Article VIII - Officers (1)(c)).
6. Directors shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified.
7. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum of any Board meeting.
8. Business arising at any Board meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of those directors present and voting. Each director shall be given 1 vote for each 25 members represented by that Director (with a minimum of 1 vote per Director). The number of members represented shall be established sixty days prior to the Annual General Meeting, based upon paid memberships.
9. The Atlantic group or a provincial association shall replace their director if a vacancy occurs. Any director so elected shall serve only for the balance of the term remaining and shall be eligible for re-election.

10. The name and mailing address of each Director shall be forwarded to the Association not more than ten days following the appropriate meeting of a Provincial Association, Society, Association or Maritime Group.
11. The name and mailing address of each director shall be provided to the Association immediately and shall be certified by two officers or directors of the provincial association or Atlantic group.
12. If a director is unable to attend a directors' meeting, the appropriate provincial association or Atlantic group may appoint a member in good standing to attend the meeting by advising the Association in writing prior to the meeting.

VIII. OFFICERS

1. The Officers of the Association shall include a Past President, President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer or, in lieu of a Secretary and Treasurer, a Secretary-Treasurer.
 - a. Past President: The Immediate Past President will become a member of the Board of Directors immediately following the election of the new President. He shall have the same powers and responsibilities on the Board of Directors as all elected Directors. He will hold office for one year, or until his successor replaces him.
 - b. President: The President shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors by secret ballot at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting. The term of office of the President shall be for a period of one year, or until his successor replaces him.
 - c. President Elect: The President-Elect shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors by secret ballot at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting. The term of office of the President-Elect shall be for a period of one year, or until his successor replaces him (Article VII - Directors, paragraph 5).
 - d. Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board following each annual general meeting of members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall act under the control and direction of the Board of Directors. The term of office of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be for a period of one year.
2. Duties Of Officers:
 - a. The President shall preside at meetings of the Association and Board of Directors and exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association.
 - b. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President if the President is unable to act.
 - c. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association, Board of Directors, all other committees and subcommittees and keep exact minutes of the proceedings of same, administer the daily affairs of the Association, including the normal business operations of the Association's head office and do such other things as may be delegated to him/her by these By-laws and the Board of Directors.
 - d. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received by him/her in a chartered bank, to the credit of the Association and shall pay same out again by cheque only, countersigned by the President or President Elect. He/She 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 other such matters as may be directed by

the Board of Directors. He/She shall be bonded in such amount as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors, but such bonding shall be at the expense of the Association.

- e. In the event that a Secretary-Treasurer is appointed, he shall exercise all the powers and fulfill all the duties of the Secretary and the Treasurer.

3. The Registrar:

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Registrar who shall be the person or organization responsible to keep pedigree information and other records required either by the Animal Pedigree Act or the Board of Directors. The Registrar shall also be responsible for issuing all certificates of registration of Shorthorn cattle and the amendment, transfer and cancellation of such certificates, as well as doing where required anything that the Association may lawfully do under the Animal Pedigree Act.

IX. COMMITTEES

1. The Board of Directors may appoint from their number and/or from other members of the Association, Committees, whether special or standing, but must in all cases name one of their members as Chairman of such committee. In addition to any special committees to be appointed by the Board of Directors, there shall in any event be the following standing committees:

- (a) Pedigree Committee:

The President, Secretary and Registrar shall be a committee with authority to grant registration or approve transfers of ownership of Shorthorn cattle. All decisions of the Pedigree Committee which are not unanimous shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Decisions of the Pedigree Committee shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and incorporated in the minutes of the next following Board of Directors meeting. None of the Pedigree Committee or the Board of Directors shall have the power to authorize the registration of any animal unless the pedigree of such animal complies in all particulars with the rules of eligibility for registration outlined herein.

- (b) Special Committees:

The Board of Directors may appoint Special Committees from members of the Association but must in all cases name a Director as Chairman. A Special Committee shall report to the Board of Directors and its actions are subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

2. Any Committee shall have the power to add to its number.
3. Each Annual General Meeting of the Association shall have the power to name representatives of the Association to other organizations, but in the event that such a representative is not named at such time, the Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint a representative of the Association to other organizations.

X. AUDITOR

The members of the Association shall at each annual general meeting appoint an auditor who shall audit the financial affairs of the Association and prepare financial statements for presentation at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting.

XI. PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

Members of this Association in good standing may organize Provincial Associations under By-laws approved by the Board of Directors. The activities of any Provincial Association shall be confined solely to its own Provincial interests and shall not conflict in any way with the activities of the Association.

XII. PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION FINANCING

1. Each year the Association shall collect on behalf of each Provincial Association additional fees based on membership, registrations and transfers as may be agreed upon between the appropriate Society, Association or Provincial Association and the Board of Directors.
2. All amounts so collected and remitted to the appropriate Society or Provincial Association shall be used for promotion and furtherance of Shorthorn breeding.
3. Each Provincial Association shall forward to the Association head office, to the attention of the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer, as the case may be, a report of its activities for each year and an audited financial statement. Such reports shall be forwarded to the Association in sufficient time to be included in the report presented by the Board of Directors to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
4. In addition to the Annual Report required of each Provincial Association, each Provincial Association shall forward to the Association such other reports as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors.

XIII. MEETINGS

1. Annual Meeting: A General Meeting of the Association (to be called the "Annual General Meeting") shall be held once in every calendar year at such a time and place as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. Meetings may be in "hybrid" fashion (in-person and/or virtual).
2. Notice of the time and place of each Annual General Meeting shall be sent by ordinary mail, published in the official publication of the Association or sent electronically at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting to all members in good standing as of the date of the notice and shall be sent by ordinary mail or sent electronically at least thirty days prior to the date of meeting to the Minister of Agriculture (Canada) and to the Registrar. The accidental omission to give notice to any member, or non-receipt by any member of such notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings of any General Meeting.
3. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors, other than such meeting held immediately upon the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, shall be sent by ordinary mail or electronically to each Director at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting or given by telephone, telegraph, or special courier at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice shall specify whether the meeting is to be held in person or by telephone or video conference.
4. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice or without notice providing all Directors have given their consent to the meeting being held. A record of such consent shall be entered in the minutes.
5. For all purposes, the quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be twenty (20) members or authorized representatives present in person in good standing. No business shall be transacted by any Annual General Meeting unless the requisite quorum be present at the commencement of the meeting.
6. In addition to the Annual General Meeting, at the written request of twenty (20) members of the Association, the President shall forthwith call a Special Meeting of the Association by notice procedures as in calling an Annual Meeting.
7. A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Annual General Meeting, with a copy of the financial statements and annual reports shall be sent to the Minister of Agriculture (Canada) and each board member within thirty (30) days of each meeting.

XIV. BUSINESS AT ANNUAL MEETINGS

1. The order of business at Annual General Meetings of members shall be as follows:
 - a. Call to order and identification and counting of members present in person or by authorized representative;
 - b. Minutes of previous Annual or Special Meeting;
 - c. Consider reports of Board of Directors, Committees and Officers;
 - d. Auditors report and appointment of auditor;
 - e. Unfinished business from matters arising out of minutes;
 - f. New business and correspondence;
 - g. The introduction of the Directors and to consider, if thought expedient, the approval and ratification of the acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors and Officers; and
 - h. Adjournment.
2. The President may direct that further matters be dealt with at an Annual General Meeting and may vary the order in which the business of the meeting is conducted except that, the call to order and counting and identification of members present shall be the first order of business.

XV. INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the Association.

XVI. CORPORATE RECORDS

The Association shall cause a book to be kept by the Secretary or, if appropriate, the Secretary-Treasurer and each Provincial Association shall cause a book to be kept by the Secretary of such Provincial Association, wherein shall be written or printed a copy of the By-laws of the Association with all amendments thereto, so that members or persons becoming members may at all times examine the same.

XVII. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS

Each breeder shall keep an individual private record in which shall be tabulated the individual private herd number of each animal, and such other information concerning ancestors and breeding of same that will make clear and positive at all times the parentage of an animal offered for registration in the Association. Individual private herd numbers shall be given all calves before they are weaned, which number shall be tattooed in the ear and, in addition, may be fire branded upon the body. The identifying tattoo shall be unique within the herd book records and shall contain the individual private herd number, year letter and breeder's letters as issued by the Association. This record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the officials and authorized representatives of the Association and officials of the Department of Agriculture (Canada).

XVIII. AMENDMENTS

The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a resolution given to the Secretary 60 days prior to any annual meeting or special meeting of the association.

1. Two or more members in good standing shall sign the resolution.
2. The membership shall be provided with all notices of motion received 30 days prior to the meeting along with the notice of the time and place of the meeting, by mail or electronically, based on their preference.
3. The meeting shall have on its agenda the text of all amendments received and shall be allowed to read and debate each.
4. Amendments may be made to any resolution being considered and will be voted upon requiring a simple majority of the votes cast.
5. Within 15 days after the meeting, a ballot shall be sent to all members of record, as of the day of the meeting, stating the resolutions or amended resolutions, by mail or electronically, based on their preference.
6. The ballots shall be returned to the Canadian Shorthorn Association office by 45 days after the meeting in order to be counted.
7. The results of any votes will be held in confidence and be released by the President or Board of Directors.

XIX. CORPORATE SEAL

The seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of such officer or person as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution designate. It shall be affixed in the presence of such persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution designate. The form of the seal shall be such as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

XX. REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES

1. The Board of Directors shall establish a system for the registration of Shorthorn cattle and shall provide regulations with respect to the same.
2. Upon registration of an animal by the Association, a certificate of registration shall be issued in a form approved by the Association.
3. Any person suspended or expelled from the Association shall not be allowed the privilege of registering pedigrees in the records of the Association.
4. Any person prohibited from registering pedigrees by any other organization incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act, shall not be allowed to register pedigrees in the Canadian Shorthorn Cattle Herd Book.
5. (i) Certificates for animals with Lincoln Red ancestry which are born after January 19, 2004, whose breeding meets the restrictions contained in these by-laws, shall describe such animals solely as a "purebred" or "percentage" Beef Shorthorn, and the letters "LR" shall be added to the registration number to denote the animal's Lincoln Red background. Subsequent generations of offspring of such progeny shall also have the letters "LR" included in their registration numbers to reflect their Lincoln Red background.

(ii) The letter "D" for 100% Milking or Dairy type shall be used following the registration numbers of all Closed or Appendix Registered Shorthorn cattle registered before August 1, 2000. The calculation of the percentage of Dairy blood shall also take into consideration, parents who are not registered Shorthorns but are Dairy type animals from the list of breeds approved by the Canadian Shorthorn Association's Board of Directors.

The letters "AR" in front of the registration number, is for a Percentage animal which has not reached Purebred Status in the Appendix Registry.

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Animals that moved from the Graded-Up Herd Book to the Purebred Closed Herd Book prior to September 8, 1988 (date of approval of revised by-laws) carry the prefix "G" in their registration number.

XXI. REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS

1. A breeder may apply to the Registrar for and be allotted letters for the exclusive use of the breeder with which to tattoo mark animals which are the property of such breeder.
2. Letters shall be tattooed in the ear, right or left, designated by the Registrar at the time the letters are allotted. In addition to the letters, there must be tattooed, in the same ear, the herd number of the animal followed by the designated year letter to indicate the year of birth. The letter "D" will signify that the animal was born in 1994, "E" in 1995; "F" 1996; "G" in 1997; "H" in 1998; "J" in 1999; and so on. The letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" shall not be used as designating year letters.

3. No calf born in Canada will be eligible for registration unless identified by tattoo mark prior to reaching the age of eight months.
4. An animal from a country other than Canada shall not be registered by the Association unless it has been tattooed in accordance with subsection (2) of this Article; except in the case where a bull is already in the system resulting from semen having been imported. In which case, if that bull was assigned a IMP tattoo for ROP purposes, then the bull must be tattooed with the IMP tattoo by the importer.
5. After expiration of five (5) years, tattoo letters may be forfeited if they have not been used by the registered owner during that period.

XXII. REGISTRATION OF HERD NAMES

1. A breeder may register with the Association for his exclusive use a name to be used as a prefix in naming his animals. In registering such names, priority and use in application for registration shall be considered.
2. In the event of a change in the name of a partnership, firm or company, or in the event of a change in the constitution of a partnership, the name may be transferred on application to the Registrar by the registered owner, or by his legal personal representative, in the event of the death of the registered owner. The registered name may be transferred to another person or persons on application of the person in whose name it is registered.
3. After the expiration of five (5) years, a registered name will be forfeited if it has not been used in registering an animal by the registered owner unless such registered owner or his legal representative, upon notification of cancellation of registration, files an application for renewal at the current fee for registration of names.
4. The name of an animal registered with the Association shall not be:
 - (i) Comprised of more than thirty (30) letters or characters, which letters or characters shall include any prefix;
 - (ii) The same as the name of an animal previously registered; and
 - (iii) The same as a member of the Royal Family or the Leader of a National Government.
5. The Association reserves the right to refuse any herd name or animal name which may be misleading.
6. The Registrar may not permit a name to be changed unless:
 - (i) The animal is Canadian born;
 - (ii) Consent of the original applicant for registration is obtained; and
 - (iii) The animal has no registered offspring.
7. The registered owner of a prefix may authorize the use of such prefix by members of his immediate family.

XXIII. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Purebred Closed Herd Book. The following shall be eligible for registration as purebreds, provided there are four (4) generations of registered ancestors. Cattle originating from the Republic of Ireland are exempt from the four (4) generation requirements.
 - (a) An imported animal registered as purebred in the recognized Herd Book in the country of origin except such animals who have been graded up or received special status or whose ancestors have received special status; these animals will be registered in Canada at the same level as if they had been bred and born in Canada.

- (b) An animal imported in dam, whose dam has been registered as a purebred in the Canadian Shorthorn Herd Book and whose sire is registered as a purebred in a recognized Herd Book.
 - (c) An animal conceived and born in Canada the result of natural mating, whose sire and dam are registered in the Canadian Shorthorn Association Herd Book as purebreds.
 - (d) An animal born in Canada the result of artificial insemination, the progeny of a dam registered in the Canadian Shorthorn Herd Book as purebred and a sire registered in the same book as purebred or in the Herd Book of a foreign association recognized by this Association, may be registered only under regulations approved by the Board of Directors and the Department of Agriculture for Canada.
 - (e) For Beef Shorthorns, calves propagated by embryo transplant will be registered on application to the Canadian Shorthorn Association on the same terms as calves propagated by natural or artificial mating, provided the sire and dam are genotype tested prior to transplant. The resultant calf must be genotype tested prior to making application for registration and further provided that the interpretation on the genotype test report does not exclude either the sire, dam, or both as parents of the calf. The completed certificate of breeding and embryo transplant certificate must be submitted with the application for registration. The sire, dam, and recipient must be permanently identified by tattoo prior to commencement of the program.
 - (f) An animal domiciled in a foreign country may be registered on the same basis as Canadian born animals.
 - (g) Bulls not previously registered in Canada, from which semen was originally imported into Canada prior to January 1st, 1985 are eligible for entry in the Closed Purebred Herd Book provided that they are at least 87.5% pure.
2. Appendix Registry Herd Book. The following shall be eligible for registering in the Appendix Registry of the Canadian Shorthorn Association Herd Book:
- (a) An imported animal the result of grading up which has been recorded in a recognized Herd Book, such animals will be registered at the same level as if bred and born in Canada in accordance with the Canadian Table of Eligibility.
 - (b) An animal imported in dam will be registered at the same level as if bred and born in Canada in accordance with the Canadian Table of Eligibility.
 - (c) An animal conceived and born in Canada, the result of natural mating, shall be eligible in accordance with the Table of Eligibility.
 - (d) An animal born in Canada the result of artificial insemination shall be eligible for registration in accordance with the Table of Eligibility, subject to the regulations on artificial insemination as approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(e) Table of Eligibility

SIRE	DAM	OFFSPRING	FRACTION	PERCENTAGE	SYMBOL
Pure	--	Registerable	1/2	50%	AR
--	Pure	Registerable	1/2	50%	AR
Pure	1/2	Registerable	3/4	75%	AR
1/2	Pure	Registerable	3/4	75%	AR
Pure	3/4	Registerable	7/8	87.5%	AR
3/4	Pure	Registerable	7/8	87.5%	AR
Pure	7/8	Registerable	15/16	93.8%	*
7/8	Pure	Registerable	15/16	93.8%	*
Pure	15/16	Registerable	31/32	96.9%	*
15/16	Pure	Registerable	31/32	96.9%	*
Pure	31/32	Registerable	63/64	98.4%	*
31/32	Pure	Registerable	63/64	98.4%	*
Pure	63/64	Registerable	127/128	99.2%	
63/64	Pure	Registerable	127/128	99.2%	

- (i) Cattle whose parents are Appendix Registered will be registered at the appropriate blood level. The calf must be a minimum of 50% Shorthorn blood.
- (ii) 15/16 or higher blood level cattle bred up through the Appendix Registry Program are considered at the 100% Shorthorn blood level when determining blood levels of their resulting progeny.
- (iii) All cattle achieving the 127/128 Shorthorn blood concentration level or 99.2% purity will be allowed in the Purebred Closed Herd Book provided they carry breed characteristics. Removal of the asterisk will only occur on the individual animal having achieved the 127/128 blood concentration level when the application for registration is received. The asterisk will remain on all other appendix derivative ancestors in the four (4) generation pedigree issued at the time of registration.

Cattle born after December 31st, 2005 that have achieved the 127/128 blood level will be eligible to have the asterisk removed from its registration number and will be entered into the Purebred Closed Herd Book.
- (iv) AR in front of the registration number, if for a Percentage animal which has not reached Purebred Status in the Appendix Registry.
- (v) *(asterisk) in front of the registration number, is for an animal which has reached Purebred Status in the Appendix Registry.
- (vi) An animal domiciled in a foreign country may be registered on the basis as the Canadian born animals.
- (vii) Cattle in the program that have a solid black hair coat and/or solid black skin are eligible for registry at no higher than the half blood level. Cattle must be colored red and white, red, white or roan.

3. Progeny of an animal designated by the Association as both a purebred Shorthorn and a 100% Lincoln Red prior to January 19, 2004 which has, through transfer or other reason, been reissued a new certificate

by the North American Lincoln Red Association describing it as a “Fullblood Lincoln Red” (thereby terminating its status as a purebred Shorthorn) shall be eligible for registration in the Appendix Registry Herd Book of the Association provided that its breeding has been carried out in accordance with the Table of Eligibility as set out in Section XXIII, 3(e) of these by-laws. Reference in this paragraph to a “100% Lincoln Red” or a “Fullblood Lincoln Red” shall also include semen collected from any such animal.

4. Recognized Foreign Associations. The following foreign associations are recognized by the Canadian Shorthorn Association for the purpose of establishing eligibility of animals imported into Canada except animals from their grading up programs, or animals of special status, these animals will be registered in Canada at the same level as if they had been bred and born in Canada:

- Coates Shorthorn Herd Book
- American Shorthorn Herd Book
- American Milking Shorthorn Society Herd Book
- Australia Illawarra Shorthorn Herd Book
- Australia Dairy Shorthorn Herd Book
- Australia Beef Shorthorn Herd Book
- Australia Polled Shorthorn Herd Book
- New Zealand Beef Shorthorn Herd Book
- Lincoln Red Cattle Society Herd Book

5. For Beef Shorthorns, animals born in Canada on or after January 01, 2007 will only be eligible for registration in the Purebred Closed Herd Book and the Appendix Registry Herd Book when the sire of the said animal has been DNA typed and the results filed with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and the Canadian Shorthorn Association. DNA typing is to be carried out by an Approved Genotyping Facility recognized by this Association and under regulations approved by the Board of Directors.
- (a) All Shorthorn sires will be required to be Tibial Hemimelia (TH) tested at a lab/facility recognized by the Canadian Shorthorn Association, under regulations approved by the Board of Directors, in order for their progeny to be registered. Results of the test are to be provided to the Canadian Shorthorn Association Registrar with registration applications

XXIV. APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

1. Applications for registration of animals born in Canada shall be made on a form provided by the Association and signed by the owner of the dam at the time of birth. If the application is for progeny resulting from natural service, the signature of the owner of the natural service sire at the time of breeding is required. If the progeny is the result of an AI service, the AI slip signed by the inseminator is required and a mating certificate, if applicable. Alternatively, applications for registration may be submitted by electronic means, provided the applicant has signed an agreement assuming responsibility for the accuracy of such applications and has established credit with the Association.

For the purpose of this Article, "owner" shall include the purchaser of an animal under the terms of an agreement providing for payment of purchase of said animal over a period of time, provided a copy of the said agreement is filed with the Registrar or the lessor of an animal, provided a copy of the lease agreement is filed with the Registrar.

2. Applications for registration of imported animals shall be accompanied by such documents issued by the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer or other similar officer, as may be appropriate, of an approved Association of the country of origin in such form and given such particulars of breeders and immediate owners, the Canadian importer and in the case of a bred female, date of service and the service sire's pedigree, as may be required or prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

3. The breeder of an animal is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time she was served. The first owner is the owner or lessee of the cow bearing the animal at the time it was born.
4. When an animal is a twin, it shall be so stated when applying for registration and the sex given of the animal with which it is a twin. Should a twin be entered upon the record without such statement, no subsequent application for entry of an animal twin shall be accepted unless confirmed by genotype testing except with the written approval of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee of the Association.
5. (a) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, applications for registration for animals propagated by embryo transplant shall be on a form approved by the Board of Directors and signed by:
 - i. The owner or lessee of the donor dam at the time the embryo was removed;
 - ii. The owner of the sire at the time of the breeding if the donor dam was bred naturally;
 - iii. If artificially bred, the rules governing the use of artificial insemination in these By-laws shall apply; and
 - iv. The owner of the animal at the time of birth.
- (b) All animals so registered shall be tattooed with the letters of the owner of the animal at the time of birth. The applicant must be the owner of the animal at the time of birth.
- (c) Animals propagated by embryo transplant are eligible provided that parentage verification by genotype testing is provided to the Association's satisfaction. Animals registered under this subsection shall be identified as resulting from an embryo transplant.
- (d) When a change of ownership takes place before registration of an animal, applications for registration of the animal and transfer of ownership must be presented to the Registrar with the appropriate registration and transfer fees.

XXV. TRANSFERS AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

The following rules shall apply to the transfer of ownership and issuance of certificates:

1. As per clause 64-j of the Animal Pedigree Act, in the case of the sale of an animal or an interest in an animal, sold as registered, or eligible for registration, or as purebred a seller must furnish a certificate of registration and signed transfer of said animal showing the purchaser's ownership within six months after the sale. Failure to do so on any pretext whatsoever shall be grounds for expulsion in the case of a member, or for refusal of registration or transfer in the case of a non-member.
2. Application for registration of a of ownership must be made on forms approved by the Board of Directors accompanied by the existing certificate of registration and must give the date of sale, date of delivery and the name and address of purchaser. In the case of a bred female, service information must be completed and, if the result of AI, an AI slip attached and signed by the inseminator.
3. Change of ownership shall be recorded in the Association ownership files and endorsed on the front of the certificate of registration.
4. In case a male or female is leased or loaned for breeding purposes, a form of lease or loan agreement approved by the Board of Directors shall be signed by the lessor or lender, as the case may be, and forwarded, together with the certificate of registration, to the Registrar to be placed on record. All terms of the lease or loan arrangement shall be endorsed on such form of lease or loan. The lessee will in all cases be considered the breeder of the progeny of leased or loaned females.

5. In case a registered animal is sold for slaughter, a transfer shall not be recorded on the records of the Association. However, a notation as to the fact that the animal was sold for slaughter shall be placed on the face of the Certificate of Registration and the date of such sale shall also be indicated. The Certificate of Registration shall be returned to the Registrar.
6. In case a registered female is sold for use in a commercial herd and not represented as a pure bred, the transfer shall not be recorded on the records of the Association. However, a notation as to the fact that the registered female was sold for use in a commercial herd and not represented as pure bred shall be placed on the face of the Certificate of Registration and the date of such sale shall also be indicated. The Certificate of Registration shall be returned to the Registrar.
7. A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized agent applies on a form approved by the Board of Directors showing in a satisfactory manner, that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed.
8. The Association shall have the authority to accept an application for registration or transfer from a purchaser with the written permission of the owner of the animal at the time of sale.

XXVI. FEES

1. a) The dues and fees to BE PAID BY BEEF MEMBERS for memberships, registrations, transfers and other services of the Association shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors and passed at any Annual General Meeting by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present.
b) An up-to-date schedule of fees will be provided to the membership or published in the official publication of the Association.
2. All fees shall be paid to the Registrar in the form approved by the Board of Directors. The Registrar shall deposit all fees received by it in this regard to the credit of the Association in a chartered bank selected by the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors, upon written request from a Provincial Association, Group or Society, may collect on behalf of such Provincial Association, Group or Society, as the case may be, a breed improvement fee based upon the number of registrations and/or transfers attributable to members of such Provincial Association, Group or Society. Any such breed improvement fee shall be used exclusively for the purpose of funding projects relating to Shorthorn cattle or the Shorthorn breed by such applicable Provincial Association, Group or Society; provided however that:
 - (a) No request for any breed improvement levy from a Provincial Association, Group or Society shall be considered by the Board of Directors until a motion has been passed by a 2/3 majority of those votes registered at the regular Annual Meeting of an Association, Group or Society or a Special Meeting of a Provincial Association, Group or Society called for the purpose of such a vote and upon notice of the meeting and special motion having been given to the members of the Provincial Association, Group or Society in writing at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

XXVII. INSPECTIONS

1. Any member of the Board of Directors of the Association or of the Board of Directors of a Provincial Association or any other person designated by the Board of Directors of the Association may at any reasonable time inspect the herd or private breeding records of any breeder.
2. As requested by the Board of Directors of the Association, every 300th Beef Shorthorn female and every 100th Beef Shorthorn male to be registered by the Association in the Purebred Closed Herd Book and the Appendix Registry Herd Book will be required to be DNA typed.

XXVIII. NON-MEMBERS

Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, any non-member seeking to register or transfer animals on the records of the Association shall be subject to those rules and regulations which apply to members of the Association in that regard.

XXIX. SYMBOL

The distinguishing symbol in the Canadian Shorthorn Herd Record shall be the sign of equality, e.g., = 100 =.

XXX. GENERAL

The Canadian Shorthorn Association is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act (Canada). All members of the Association are subject to the Animal Pedigree Act.

XXXI. INTERPRETATION

In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. The singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular; and
2. The masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter.