

CANADIAN BELGIAN BLUE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the association shall be the "Canadian Belgian Blue Association".

2. OBJECTS

The Association shall have for its objectives the encouragement, development, and regulation of the breeding of Belgian Blue in Canada. To facilitate these objectives the Association may:

- 2.1 Provide for maintenance of a record of ancestry and origin of Belgian Blue in Canada.
- 2.2 Provide for registration of Belgian Blue in Canada.
- 2.3 Assist breeders in promotion of Belgian Blue.
- 2.4 Maintain supervision of breeders of Belgian Blue to detect and prevent fraud.
- 2.5 And for these purposes to have power to make all needful contracts and agreements and to make, alter, and repeal regulations subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

3. MEMBERS

There shall be two classes of Members:

- 3.1 Active Members. Active Member status is available to those individuals 18 years of age or over who are Canadian residents, either individuals, legal partnerships, firms or companies incorporated under the laws of Canada or of any Province or Territory of Canada, who are actively engaged in the breeding of Belgian Blue.
- 3.2 Junior Member status is available to any individual youths up to but not yet 18 years of age who are interested in the Belgian Blue breed. The office and services of the Association shall be available to Junior members on the same basis and at the same fees as for active members unless otherwise noted. Junior members shall have no voting rights in the Association and will not be allowed to stand for election as Directors or other officers of the Association nor to assume any role in the management of the Association. For registration purposes, junior members shall pay for, and have allotted, for their own tattoo letters but will have the option of either registering animals under the prefix of their parents or legal guardians until such time as they reach 18 years of age, at which time the Junior members must apply for his/her own prefix and become an active member.
- 3.3 Non-Resident Members. The Board of Directors may, on the recommendation of the Membership Committee, accept as Non-Resident Members those individuals, firms, partnerships or companies not eligible for active membership, who are actively engaged in the breeding of Belgian Blue. The office and services of the Association

shall be available to such members on the basis and at the same fees for active members. Non-Resident Members fees shall be the same as for Active Members. Non-Resident Members may attend and participate in meetings of the Association and will be allowed to vote at such meetings, however, they will not be allowed to stand for election as directors or other officers of the association nor to assume any role in the management of the association.

3.4 Application for Membership.

3.4.1 Applications for membership shall be in writing to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation stating the applicant's name and address and basis for eligibility and the name of the company or partnership of which the applicant is a member if applicable. Applicants on the payment of the required fee to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall be accorded privileges of membership.

3.4.2 Application for partnership or incorporated company membership shall specify the person authorized to vote, act or sign for the partnership or company.

3.4.3 Applicants shall agree to be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws and amendments thereto.

3.4.4 Membership renewals received by the Secretary Treasurer during the course of a general meeting shall be accorded full membership rights during the remainder of the meeting.

3.5 Members in Good Standing.

3.5.1 A member in good standing is a member who has complied with the regulations as herein set forth and who is not in arrears of membership or other fees or dues or has not been suspended.

3.5.2 Annual fees shall be due and payable on January 1st in each year and all members who have not paid the fee for the then current year on or before February 1st shall be considered to be in arrears.

3.6 Financial Liability. The financial liability of the member to the Association shall be limited to the amount due from him (her) owing to the Association.

3.7 Resignation. A member may, provided he (she) is not in arrears for membership, or other fees or dues, at any time resign from membership in the Association by giving the Secretary-Treasurer notice in writing of his (her) intention to do so.

3.8 Suspension of Membership. The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel any member who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in this Constitution or may suspend or expel membership in any association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada. A member so suspended or expelled shall, after the expiration of twenty-one days, have the right to apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement, and shall on application be reinstated at the next meeting of the Board, on recommendation from the Membership Committee, provided a majority of the members of the Board, present thereat, vote in the affirmative. If the Board of Directors refuses to reinstate a person suspended or expelled from membership, such person shall have the right to apply for reinstatement at the next succeeding general meeting, but reinstatement by a

general meeting shall be only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting.

3.9 Membership Year. The membership year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year.

3.10 Reinstatement of Membership. An active or non-resident member who has allowed his (her) membership to lapse, providing he (she) has not been suspended or expelled from the association may reinstate his (her) membership by payment of the membership fee for the current year.

4. NON-MEMBERS

- 4.1 A non-member shall have access to the services of the association for purposes only of registration including all related transactions, in accordance with the constitution.
- 4.2 A non-member may be refused the rights of registration including all related transactions by the Board of Directors for just cause including previous refusal by an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada.
- 4.3 Where a non-member has been prohibited from registering an animal, including all related transactions by a decision of the Board of Directors such person has the same right of appeal as set out for expelled or suspended members in respect to that decision.

5. OFFICERS, APPOINTEES AND COMMITTEES

5.1 Board of Directors.

5.1.1 The affairs of the Association shall be directed by a Board of Directors, not less than 5 and not more than 12, elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing of this subsection, the immediate past president shall be included on the Board of Directors.

5.1.2 Directors shall be elected from among active members in good standing.

5.1.3 Directors shall hold office for two years except than at the first Annual General Meeting half of the directors shall be elected for two years and half for a one year term. Election shall be by a majority vote.

5.1.4 The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur among their number but such appointment shall terminate at the next Annual General Meeting at which time an election will be held to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

5.2 President. The President shall be elected annually from among the general members. He (she) shall hold office, at the pleasure of the majority members of the Board of Directors, for one year or until his (her) successor is elected. No president can hold office for more than three consecutive years. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and generally to do all matters, act and things as are usually done by Presidents of similar organizations, and he (she) shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

5.2.1 Vice-President. The Vice-President shall be elected in a manner as the President, hold office under the same terms, and in case the President is unable to act on account of illness or absence, perform all the duties of the President.

5.2.2 Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be elected annually from among the Directors.

He (she) shall hold office, at the pleasure of the majority members of the Board of Directors, for one year or until his (her) successor is elected.

5.3 Appointed Officers and Representatives.

5.3.1 Manager. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Manager who shall under their direction manage all the affairs of the Association and arrange for the execution of all activities normally handled by a Manager.

5.3.2 Secretary. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Secretary who shall under their direction arrange for the execution of all activities normally handled by a Secretary.

5.3.3 Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Treasurer who shall under their direction arrange for the execution of all activities normally handled by a Treasurer.

5.3.4 Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall appoint a Registrar to handle the details of registration.

5.3.5 Auditor. The Association at each Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors. His (her) duty shall be to examine the books of the Association, vouchers for all payments and certify the usual statements or receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities for the year, for presentation to the next annual general meeting.

5.3.6 Representatives. Representatives to be appointed to organizations asking that such be appointed shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting, but if for any reason any of these are not so appointed, the Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint the same. A representative to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

5.4 Committees.

5.4.1 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Past President, the Executive Director, and the Manager acting as Secretary. One copy of the minutes shall be mailed to each within ten days after a meeting.

5.4.2 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be chaired by a director and shall include the Manager and such other appointees as the Board of Directors sees fit. The duties of the Finance Committee shall be to prepare a budget for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and perform any other duties normally performed by finance committees and approved by the Board of Directors.

5.4.3 Registration Committee. The Registration Committee shall consist of the President (or a designated director), the Manager and the Registrar or approved alternate. The Committee shall be responsible to advise the Board of Directors for all aspects of registration and in particular shall be responsible to advise in respect to change of ownership and registration of pedigree where signatures or other information are unobtainable. The Board has authority to authorize change of ownership and registration of pedigree where signatures or other information are unobtainable providing 30 days notice by single registered mail is given to all interested parties at their last known address.

- 5.4.4 Breed Improvement Committee. The Breed Improvement Committee shall be responsible for recommending policies and procedures for the genetic improvement of Belgian Blue Cattle and shall make such recommendations to the Board of Directors. In particular the Breed Improvement Committee shall (a) investigate available performance and progeny tests and recommend to the Board of Directors a list of approved tests to be recognized as official by the Association (b) may investigate factors which in their opinion would disqualify an animal for registration and in accordance make recommendations respecting requirements for registration and changes in same from time to time. The requirements for registration shall be reviewed annually by the Breed Improvement Committee in the light of breed performance and they may through the Board make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting re changes required to update the requirements. Such proposed changes must comply with the requirements for changes in the Constitution.
- 5.4.5 Information Committee. The Information Committee shall supervise the publication of information regarding the Belgian Blue breed and shall assist where necessary in arranging industrial exhibits of Belgian Blue Cattle and their crossbred progeny and in other promotional activities.
- 5.4.6 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least ninety (90) days before the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by a continuing director and shall consist of at least two other active members in good standing of the Association. They shall seek nominees from eligible active members and must obtain consent to stand in writing from each nominee. The Nominating Committee shall also accept nominations from Directors under the signature of 5 members in good standing with the consent in writing of the nominee. The Nominating Committee shall at the Annual Meeting nominate candidates for Directors of the Association to be voted on by the general membership, along with such other nominations as may be made from the floor where the nominee is present and consents.
- 5.4.7 Other Committees. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint such other committees as they deem necessary to carry out the objectives of the Association.

6. OFFICES

- 6.1 Head Office. The Head Office of the Association shall be at such place in Canada as the Board of Directors may determine. The office for the registration of pedigrees will be the office of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, in the city of Ottawa, Ontario, under the supervision of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Board.
- 6.2 Branch Office. Provincial and/or Regional Branch offices may be established at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

7. BOOKS

The Association shall cause a book to be kept by the Secretary and the Secretary of each branch of the Association, if any, books of account, so that persons becoming members of the Association may at all reasonable times examine the same.

8. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the Association from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the Association and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or otherwise as profit or gain to members of the Association, past, present or future, or to any person claiming through any member, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the bona fide payment or remuneration to any Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar, Clerk, or servant or other person or persons for service actually rendered the Association whether such members of the Association or not, and the expenses of the Directors, or other Officers incurred in doing the business of the Association.

9. MEETINGS

- 9.1 General Meetings. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as decided upon by the Board of Directors. Other general meetings shall be held at the time and place fixed by the Committee of the Association. A notice indicating the place, day and hour of a general meeting shall be mailed to each member at least 30 days in advance of such a meeting and the proposed amendments to the Constitution. A copy of the notice calling an annual or general meeting shall be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the Directors, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in a like manner as to members of the Association.
- 9.2 Voting Rights. Any active member or non-resident members as herein defined in Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 and who is a member in good standing as herein defined in Section 3.4.1 shall be referred to hereinafter as a voting member.

Where the memberships have been notified by notice of motion in accordance with the constitution, a voting member is hereby authorized to exercise his (her) franchise by mailed ballot. An appropriate ballot form as approved by the Board shall accompany the notice of motion. The ballot must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer not later than 7 days prior to the date of the annual or general meeting.

On any issue, a voting member is hereby authorized to exercise his (her) franchise by proxy whereby the proxy is granted to a voting member. The proxy must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer not later than 7 days prior to the annual or general meeting. Where a voting member exercises his (her) franchise either by mailed ballot or proxy his (her) signature must be witnessed. Proxies granted to and voted by a voting member shall be limited to two, in addition to that member's own vote, for a limit of three votes by that voting member.

- 9.3 Meeting of the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the Manger at the request of the President or three directors. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors other than the one immediately following the Annual General Meeting shall be mailed to each one of them ten days at least before the date of meeting or by telegraph at least five days before the date of meeting. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice or without written notice providing all Directors have given their consent to the meeting behind held. A minute of such consent shall be entered in the minutes.
- 9.4 Meetings of the Executive Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Manager at the request of the President. Notice of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to each member thereof ten days or telegraphed five days at least before the date of the meetings. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held on shorter notice or without written notice providing all have given their consent to the meeting being held. A minute of such consent shall be entered in the Minutes.

- 9.5 Quorum. For the transaction of the business of the Association, a quorum shall be
- (a) For an Annual or General Meeting the quorum shall be one more than the number of Directors holding office at the time of the meeting.
 - (b) for a Directors' Meeting at least 50% of Board Members, and,
 - (c) for an Executive Committee Meeting at least three members of the Executive Committee.
- 9.6 A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be mailed within ten days following such meetings to each Director; and to the General Manager, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

10. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all Annual and General Meetings shall include:

- 10.1 Identification of Members.
- 10.2 Approval of Agenda as written.
- 10.3 Reading minutes of previous meeting.
- 10.4 Report of Officers, Directors and Committees.
- 10.5 Correspondence.
- 10.6 Unfinished business.
- 10.7 If annual meeting, election of Directors and other officers.
- 10.8 New business.
- 10.9 Adjournment.

The above order with the exception of (1) Identification of Members, may be changed at the pleasure of the meeting assembled.

11. AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Directors at each Annual General Meeting shall submit a complete report on its acts and of the affairs of the Association. It shall present a detailed statement duly audited of receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Association. A copy of this report, a list of the members, the officers elected and the representatives to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Board, also general information on the affairs of the Association shall be sent to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the General Manager, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation within twenty days after the annual meeting. A copy of the annual report may be mailed to each member in good standing.

12. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall extend from October 1 to the following September 30.

13. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

An animal may be registered in the Canadian Belgian Blue Herd Book provided the following requirements are met. (These requirements are set out in greater detail hereinafter).

- 13.1 Animal properly identified.

13.2 Verifiable and acceptable ancestry.

13.3 Application form properly completed and signed.

13.4 Applicant is a member in good standing or a non-member who has not been previously suspended of membership or denied the right of registration of animals by this Association.

13.5 Any other requirements as are provided in this constitution must also be met.

14. IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS

14.1 A breeder must apply to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for and be allotted identification letters for his/her exclusive use.

14.1.1 Animals must be identified with tattoo markings in the ear specified by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, with the registered identification letters of the owner of animal at birth and serial numbers followed by the designated year letter to signify year of birth. The letter "F" will signify that the animal was born in 1996, ("G" 1997), ("H" 1998), ("J" 1999), ("K" 2000) etc. The letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" shall not be used as designating year letters.

14.2 All calves must be individually identified before separation from their dam. All calves must be identified by tattoo markings before they are six months of age and before applying for registration. No two animals regardless of sex may be tattooed with the same identification. Calves tattooed after six months of age, may, in exceptional circumstances be registered only after approval by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

14.2.1 After expiration of five years, registered tattoo letters may be forfeited if they have not been used in recording animals by the registered owner during that period. Such letters may, at the discretion of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, be allotted to another breeder.

14.3 Registration of Names.

14.3.1 A breeder may register for his/her exclusive use a name, letter or combination of letters and numbers to be used as a prefix in naming all animals of which he/she is the breeder. A particular name will be allowed to one person or partnership only and in registering such names priority in use and in application for registration shall be considered. A registered prefix may be used by a son/daughter who is a junior member, providing written consent of the owner is on file at Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

14.3.1a A breeder is defined as the owner or the lessee of the dam at the time of service. And whereas the Breeder does not have a Registered Prefix within the Association Herd Books no Prefix shall be used.

14.3.2 Names, letters or combination of letters and numbers shall not contain more than thirty letter spaces or characters, including numeral affix. The affix shall correspond with the herd identification number and year letter assigned to the animal in accordance with the provision of Article 14.1.1. If a calf is born as a result of embryo transfer, the name of the animal shall end with the affix "ET".

14.3.3 It shall not be permissible to change the name of an animal after it has been registered with the Canadian Belgian Blue Association Herd Book.

14.3.4 Notwithstanding Section 14.3.3, when two or more animals have identical or nearly identical names, the directors may direct a change of name or names. When such decision is made the name of the animal with the earliest birth date would have precedence.

14.3.5 A registered prefix may be transferred at the request of the registered owner and in so doing the transferor relinquishes all rights to the prefix.

14.3.6 After the expiration of five years a registered prefix name may be rescinded at the discretion of the Board if it has not been used in registering an animal by the registered owner.

15. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

15.1 Effective April 10, 1990, all purebred Belgian Blue cattle imported from another country and fully registered by an association approved by the Canadian Belgian Blue Association may be registered in the Canadian Belgian Blue Herd Book provided they have three generations or more of individually registered ancestors.

5.1.1 Provisionally registered animals will not be eligible for registration in the Canadian Belgian Blue Herd Book as of April 10, 1990. Purebred Belgian Blue Cattle imported from another country and registered in an Association not approved by the Canadian Belgian Blue Association may be registered in the Canadian Belgian Blue Herd Book, provided that they have three generations of individually registered ancestors, and provided that there is a parentage test on file for the imported animal and for each of its ancestors back to the point where the parentage is registered in an Association approved by the Canadian Belgian Blue Association. The application for registration shall be accompanied by copies of the necessary parentage tests and the pertinent registration certificates from an approved Association.

15.1.2 All purebred animals must be blood typed to qualify for registration in the Canadian Belgian Blue Herdbook.

15.2 Any animal of 31/32 (97%) or more Belgian Blue breeding shall be eligible for registration as a Purebred Belgian Blue and they will be considered 100%.

15.3 Any animal of 1/2 (50%) or more but less than 31/32 (97%) Belgian Blue breeding is eligible for registration as a Percentage Belgian Blue.

15.4 Artificial Insemination.

(a) All bulls to be used artificially must be officially blood typed. The blood for this typing must be drawn and the animal identified by an accredited veterinarian or a person authorized by the Canadian Belgian Blue Association. In Canada they must be blood typed at a Canadian Blood Typing laboratory approved by the Association. Whenever possible, such bulls should also have a parentage test before their semen is offered for sale.

(b) A calf the product of artificial insemination shall be eligible for registration provided:

- (1) The dam is registered in the Canadian Belgian Blue Association Herd Book.
- (2) The sire is registered in the Canadian Belgian Blue Association Herd Book.
- (3) The sire in question has been blood typed and the blood typing is acceptable in

Canada.

- (4) The sire is not known to be a carrier of Genetic Defects defined as follows:
- a. Congenital reproductive abnormalities
 - b. Dwarfism
 - c. Osteoporosis (Marble-bone disease)
 - d. Syndactyly (mule foot)

(5) If semen has already been imported and used in Canada from a particular bull, prior to January 1, 1987, Canadian registration of the bull is not required. A bull whose semen is purchased and imported for the first time after January 1, 1987, Canadian registration of the bull is required before any progeny can be eligible for registration.

(c) If a cow is re-bred with semen from a different sire, within 14 days of the previous service, the owner is required to report both services to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and a parentage test will be required. It shall be the responsibility of the breeder to bear cost of such parentage test.

15.5 Collection of Semen.

15.5.1 All bulls from which semen is collected in Canada must meet the Health Requirements of the Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada. During the period of isolation, semen may be collected but such semen shall not be distributed until the bull has met the Health Requirements of Agriculture Canada's Department of Health of Animals.

15.5.2 Blood Typing. All bulls must be blood typed and no semen may be distributed until the blood typing certificate is on file at the processing laboratory.

15.5.3 Imported Semen:

(a) The donor bull must meet the same eligibility requirements as bulls imported into Canada, and if semen from donor bull was not imported into Canada prior to January 1, 1987, then the bull must be registered in the Canadian Belgian Blue Cattle Herd Book.

(b) The importer must provide Canadian Livestock Records Corporation with two legible copies of the official foreign certificate and a blood type report.

15.6 Embryo-Transfer. Animals produced by the transfer of embryos or fertilized ova from one female to another shall be eligible for registration provided that the genetic parents are eligible and provided that the details of the embryo transfer are certified to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation by the person performing the embryo transfer.

15.6.1 REGISTRATION OF EMBRYOS

An embryo may be registered by the registered owner of the donor dam at the time of extraction upon submission to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation of an appropriate certificate of recovery bearing the identification of the recipient dam and the date of implantation, or in the case of a frozen embryo, the identification of the storage container, as well as the signature of the person performing the embryo transfer. Identification of recipient dams shall be by ear tag or tattoo. In order for any calf born as the result of embryo transfer to be registered, the particular embryo from which the calf was resultant, shall be registered before the calf is eligible to

be registered, although the embryo and calf registration may take place simultaneously if all other provisions have been met.

A blood type for both the sire and the donor dam of an embryo must be on file with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation before the embryo can be registered, whether the embryo was produced in Canada, or imported from another country.

An embryo imported from any country whose herd book is recognized by this Association may be registered under the same terms and conditions, but in addition, there shall be submitted to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, a document from the foreign country showing the name of the importer.

The embryo certificate issued shall be on a form adopted by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

15.6.2 IMPLANTATION OF FROZEN EMBRYOS

When a previously registered frozen embryo has been implanted, the owner, and the person performing the implantation shall notify Canadian Livestock Records Corporation by completing the implant certificate on the reverse of the embryo certificate.

15.6.3 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF EMBRYOS

The registered owner of the donor dam at the time of extraction of an embryo or the subsequent registered owner of an embryo may transfer the ownership of the embryo by submitting to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation the appropriate application form provided by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. Upon recording of the transfer by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation the right to register the resulting animal passes to the buyer. These provisions shall apply to both implanted and frozen embryos.

16. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

16.1 Application for registration of an animal must be on a form approved by the Association. Applications must be signed by the owner of the animal at the time of birth, by the owner of the dam at the time of service and by the owner of the sire at the time the dam was served unless service was by artificial insemination.

16.2 Where an animal in calf to a Belgian Blue sire is sold and where such animal is not registered in the Belgian Blue Herd Book, the owner of such animal at time of service must complete a report of sale and service, to enable the new owner to register the resultant progeny.

16.3 Imported Animals. Imported animals must be registered in the Canadian Belgian Blue Herd Book to make their offspring eligible for registration.

17. CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION

17.1 The recording office shall issue a certificate for each living animal eligible for registration in accordance with the rules of eligibility. The format and content shall be as agreed upon between the recording office and the Board of Directors. Every certificate of registration issued must set out the following information:

17.1.1 Animal name and identification number.

17.1.2 Date of Birth.

17.1.3 Sex of Calf.

17.1.4 Number and sex of calves born if of multiple birth.

17.1.5 Registration number of sire, dam and three grandparents, if registered Belgian Blue, and the identification and breed(s) of other foundation non-Belgian Blue ancestors and registration number(s) if available.

17.1.6 The fraction of Belgian Blue ancestry shall be stated as a percentage rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

17.1.7 If the animal is pure-bred, the word "Pure-Bred" must appear on the certificate.

17.2 Performance requirement. Animals presented for registration shall have certain records of performance identified on the application as may be set out from time to time by the Board of Directors.

17.3 The recording office shall add the following letters to the registration certificate prior to the animal's number identifying that animal's status in the Canadian Belgian Blue Association Herd Book:

17.3.1 The letter "P" shall be used preceding registration number to designate naturally polled animals.

17.3.2 The letter "R" shall be used preceding the registration number to designate all animals below pure-bred status.

17.3.3 Registration numbers not preceded by the letter "R" will signify that the animals are purebred.

18. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

18.1 In the case of animals stated to be Registered Belgian Blue Cattle, the Seller shall provided to the Buyer, said certificate of Registration duly transferred to the Buyer in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act.

18.1.1 If an animal that has been sold has not been transferred in 90 days, the seller's membership may be suspended.

18.2 In the case of animals stated to be eligible for registration in the Belgian Blue Herd Book, the seller must provide properly completed and signed applications for registration and transfer certificates.

18.2.1 When an inseminated female is sold, the Certificate of Service on the reverse of her paper must be filled out or the report of service (Form CC) issued by the technician must accompany the application for transfer.

18.3 When a registered animal is sold for slaughter, the transfer shall not be recorded on the records of the Association. A notation in ink shall be placed on the face of the certificate, stating that the animal was sold for slaughter and the date. The certificate shall be forwarded to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. Similarly, the registration certificate for dead animals should be so marked and forwarded to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

18.4 When a registered female is sold for use in a commercial herd and not represented as purebred, the transfer shall not be recorded on the records of the Association. A notation in ink shall be placed on the face of the Certificate stating that the animal was sold for use in a commercial herd and the date. The certificate shall be forwarded to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

18.5 A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized agent files a signed and witnessed declaration on a form supplied by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed, or unobtainable.

19. LEASED ANIMALS

19.1 In the case of lease of an animal the owner must provide the lessee with a properly completed and signed lease form which must be registered with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The lessee will then be considered the owner of the animal for registration purposes.

20. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS

20.1 There shall be kept by each breeder a private record on a farm approved by the Association which shall contain full and up-to-date particulars of his/her breeding operations.

20.2 A complete breeding and production record must be kept on all breeding females registered with the Association whether or not their offspring will be registered. Details on every calf born, living, or dead, must be included.

20.3 The breeding record shall at all times be open to inspection of officials of the Association, Canada Department of Agriculture and Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

21. FEES

21.1 The fees for memberships, registrations, transfers of ownership and other services provided by the Association will be set from time to time, by the Board of Directors, at a meeting of the Board of Directors; and notice of such change of fees shall be provided to the general membership in writing to their last known address by pre-paid ordinary mail at least sixty (60) days prior to the date on which the change will take effect.

22. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

22.1 Any member who violates any rule or regulation of this Constitution is automatically suspended and deprived from any of the rights and privileges accorded to members under the Constitution.

22.2 Registration or transfer of ownership of Belgian Blue Cattle is made on the understanding that the particulars given on the application are correct. If it is subsequently discovered that the particulars given are incorrect or fraudulent, the registration or transfer shall be suspended. Pedigrees recorded incorrectly may be canceled and recorded by the owner or by the Association or its designate, at the expense of the original applicant for registration or transfer, but it is understood that neither this Association nor its agent shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that may be sustained through suspension, cancellation or correction of any registration or transfer.

22.3 When as a result of an inspection of the manner in which any Belgian Blue Cattle breeder's records are being kept and identification being practiced by the breeder, it is shown that the regulations as laid down herein are not being observed, the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Registration Committee may suspend or expel such breeder, if a member, and if not a member further registrations and transfers may be refused. And if such inspection should reveal that the private breeding records and identification system as practiced by the breeder are inadequate or in such a state of confusion as to raise a doubt as to the identity of any or all of the Belgian Blue Cattle in the establishment, the Board of Directors may suspend the pedigree of any number or of all the Belgian Blue Cattle involved.

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23. RELATIONSHIP TO THE CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION

The Canadian Belgian Blue Cattle Association shall use the offices of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation to carry out some or all functions normally handled by that organization for breed associations in Canada. In such cases the rules and regulations governing the operations of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall apply.

24. HERD BOOK

A register shall be kept or contracted to be kept to be known as the Canadian Belgian Blue Cattle Herd Book and which may be published at such time and in such form as decided by the Board of Directors.

25. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

There shall be furnished for all living animals registered a certificate of registration on the form adopted by the Association.

26. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may only be amended at any general meeting of the Association, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting, but no amendment shall be valid until approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the Secretary/Treasurer forty-five days in advance of a general meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting otherwise they cannot be dealt with at that meeting. At the meeting, the proposed amendment may be adopted or rejected. In addition, the general meeting may consider any amendments to be proposed amendments without further notice being given to the members.

27. LIABILITY WAIVER

Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Association, its Board of Directors and Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, assume no responsibility by reason of (a) financial or otherwise, for any loss or damage that may be sustained by any person which includes any individual, partnership, firm or corporation by reason of the suspension, cancellation or correction of any registration, transfer or other documents including membership, or (b) of the rejection of any application for membership in the Association, or, (c) the transaction of the normal business of the Association.