

CONSTITUTION

WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF CANADA

Amended to November 27, 2019

WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF CANADA

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the Society is the WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF CANADA.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTS & PURPOSES

The Society shall have for its objective the encouragement, development and regulation of Welsh Ponies & Cobs in Canada.

- Sec. 1: To keep a record of breeding and registration of Welsh Ponies and Cobs under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation System.
- Sec. 2: To promote the breed and the use of the breed while striving to maintain its trueness to type.
- Sec. 3: To promote, encourage and assist the livestock exhibitions and fairs, and offer, grant and contribute prizes in cash or otherwise for such purposes which shall be limited to registered Welsh Pony or Cob competitions.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERS

- Sec. 1: There shall be five (5) classes of members:
- (a) **HONORARY MEMBERS** - the Board of Directors of the Society may appoint Honorary Members. An Honorary Member shall take no part in the management of the Society's affairs and shall not vote.
 - (b) **LIFE MEMBERS** - shall be those individuals who have paid a life membership fee. The rights of a member as such shall not be transferable.
 - (c) **ANNUAL MEMBERS** - shall be those individuals who have attained the age of 18 years as of January 1st of the current year, who have paid the prescribed membership fee.
 - (d) **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS** - Companies, Associations and Syndicates may apply for Corporate Membership in the Society and shall pay the prescribed fee and shall nominate one of its members to act as its representative, apply in its name for membership and sign the application form as its representative and exercise the rights of the membership on its behalf.
 - (e) **JUNIOR MEMBERS** - shall be those individuals who have not reached their eighteenth birthday as of January 1st of the current year and who pay the prescribed membership fee, but shall not hold office or be entitled to vote.
- Sec. 2: Application for membership shall be in writing and each applicant, on becoming a member, shall agree to be bound by the Constitution and all rules of the Society.
- Sec. 3: No applicant shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership until his membership number has been assigned by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

- Sec. 4: A member in good standing is a member who has complied with the regulations as hereinafter set forth and who is not in arrears of membership or other fees or dues or suspended.
- Sec. 5: The financial liability of the member to the Society shall be limited to the amount due from him in respect to his membership fees.
- Sec. 6: No member shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Society during any year until his annual fee for that year is paid. On March 31st in each year all members who paid for the preceding year, but who have not paid for the then current year, shall be removed from the Newsletter mailing list. (Refer to ARTICLE 6- FISCAL YEAR).
- Sec. 7: The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel any member who, at a hearing held by the Board of Directors, or if the Board wishes, by the Executive Committee, is found to have failed to abide by this Constitution; or, has been found guilty of an offense under Sections 63, 64 or 65 of the Animal Pedigree Act.

A member suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal a decision of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors, or a decision of the Board of Directors to the General Membership at the next regular meeting of the body hearing the appeal.

- Sec. 8: The membership year of the Society shall correspond with the calendar year, except in the case of NEW MEMBERSHIPS received after November 1st of a given year, and this membership would be considered to be effective for the remainder of that given year as well as the complete year following.

ARTICLE 4 - VOTING & ELECTIONS

- Sec. 1: Each Life, Annual and Corporate Member in good standing, resident in Canada is entitled to one vote at an Annual, General or Special Meeting, except that no member may vote more than once no matter how many memberships he represents.
- Every member in good standing on the sixty-first (61st) day prior to the AGM shall be sent a ballot and be entitled to vote.
- Sec. 2: (a) Mail Ballots for the election of directors will be sent to the last known address of each member sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) To be valid a ballot shall be cast for any number of Nominees not exceeding the number of positions to be filled.
- (c) No ballot shall have more than one vote per nominee.
- (d) All ballots shall be returned to the Secretary to arrive not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- Sec. 3: (a) Authorized Voting Forms for voting on amendments to the Constitution will be sent to each member sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is required to carry an amendment.

(b) Mail ballots on the Authorized Voting Form or a vote on the floor of the Annual General Meeting shall be accepted on Amendments to the Constitution.

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICES

- Sec. 1: The Head Office of the Society shall be at such place as the Board of Directors may determine.
- Sec. 2: The office for the registration of pedigrees shall be at the office of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in the City of Ottawa under the supervision of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Board of Directors.
- Sec. 3: Corporate Seal - The seal as stamped in the margin hereof shall be the corporate seal of the Society.

ARTICLE 6 - FISCAL YEAR

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

ARTICLE 7 - DIRECTORS

- Sec. 1: (a) The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall be a member of the Society and who shall be elected as hereinafter specified.
- (b) Nomination Forms shall be mailed out one hundred and five (105) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of that year and nominations shall be in writing and signed by the nominator, one seconder and the nominee, all of whom shall be members of the Society. No two Directors may be elected from any one immediate family in any province. Nominations shall be in the hands of the secretary no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The secretary shall review the nomination forms to ensure that the requirements for nomination are met.
- (c) If, in the election of Directors, a tie occurs, the winner shall be determined by lot at the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The term of office for the Directors shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting of the year of their election.
- (e) Retiring executive members of the society shall within thirty (30) days of the end of their term of office turn over all books, files, accounts, documents, etc., to their successor.
- (f) A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.
- Sec. 2: Each Province of Canada in which a member of this Society resides may be represented on the Board by at least one (1) Director. For each additional twenty (20) members of the Society resident in that Province as of December 31st of the previous year, there may be one (1) additional Director. There shall be a maximum of five (5) Directors from any one Province. Each Director so elected shall be voted for only by those members of the Society resident in the Province which he represents and he shall be a resident of that Province.
- Sec. 3: (a) The term of office for a Director shall be two (2) years. In order that there may be a continuity of experienced Directors at all times, where more than one Director is elected from any one province, the terms shall end in alternate years. The person receiving the greatest number of votes shall hold office for the longest term.
- (b) If there is an equal number of nominees to the number of directors to be elected, so that no balloting is required, the length of term shall be determined by lot to be drawn at the Annual General Meeting, filling first the two year, then the one year terms.

- Sec. 4: (a) The Board shall have the power to fill any vacancies that occur among the officers and committees.
- (b) The Board of Directors may delegate any of their powers to the Executive Committee.

- Sec. 5: A Director shall cease to be a Director if:
- (a) He ceases to be a member of the Society.
- (b) If by notice in writing to the Society he resigns his office.

ARTICLE 8 - OFFICERS

- Sec. 1: (a) A president shall be elected annually from among their number by the Board of Directors at their first meeting after the Annual General Meeting. He shall hold office for one (1) year or until his successor is elected and shall be eligible for re-election. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Society. The President shall be a member of all committees.
- (b) The Vice-President shall be elected in a similar manner and at the same time as the President. He shall hold office for a similar term. In case the President is unable to act on account of illness or absence, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall be from Western Canada or Eastern Canada whichever is not represented by the President.
- (c) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer or a Secretary/Treasurer, who shall act under the control and with the approval of the Board of Directors. The duties of the Secretary shall be to attend all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, and to keep exact Minutes of the proceedings at same, and to do such other things as may be delegated to him by this constitution, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee. He shall keep the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and any By-Laws of the Society. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received by him into a Chartered Bank account to the credit of this Society and shall pay out again by cheque only, countersigned by the President or his delegate. He shall be bonded in such amount as required by the Board of Directors. He shall keep proper books of account and shall furnish statements in detail of the affairs of the Society and other matters as directed by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.
- (d) The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Director to manage the day to day affairs of the Society at the direction of, and under the supervision of, the Board and/or the Executive Committee.

- Sec. 2: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - The Directors, at their first meeting after each Annual General Meeting, shall elect three of their number to act on the Executive Committee, who, together with the President and Vice-President shall constitute the Executive Committee, which in the absence of the Board shall act for the Board of Directors. They shall be limited to a maximum expenditure of \$1,000.00 for any one project without the approval of the Board of Directors.

- Sec. 3: SPECIAL COMMITTEES - the Board of Directors may appoint Special Committees from their number, or from the other members of the Society. The Action of any Special Committee is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

- Sec. 4: AUDITOR - the Society at each Annual General Meeting shall appoint an auditor. His duties shall be to examine the books of account of the Society and vouchers for all payments and to certify the usual statements of receipts and expenditures, assets and liabilities, for the year for presentation to the next Annual General Meeting.
- Sec. 5: REPRESENTATIVES - the Board of Directors shall appoint representatives to other organizations.
- Sec. 6: The Board of Directors may recognize Welsh Pony and Welsh Cob Associations whose aims do not conflict with this Society.

ARTICLE 9 - MEETINGS

- Sec. 1: The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place designated by the Executive Committee, but shall alternate between Eastern and Western Canada. The location of the next Annual General Meeting will be decided by the board of Directors after giving careful consideration to all invitations received, which may at times supersede the alternating between Eastern and Western Canada. Other General Meetings may be held at a time and place fixed by the Board of Directors. A notice at least sixty (60) days in advance shall be mailed to each member to his last known address, and to the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.
- Sec. 2: Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors, other than the one immediately following the Annual General Meeting, shall be mailed, postage prepaid to each Director at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of meeting to his last known post office address appearing on the books of the Society. Notice of Meeting may be sent by fax, e-mail, or printed in the Society's newsletter "Welsh in Canada", such notice to be received at least 10 (ten) days before the date of the meeting.
- Sec. 3: Notice of meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given to each member thereof at least 10 (ten) days before the date of meeting, except in the case where a scheduled meeting has been postponed.
- Sec. 4: The accidental omission to give Notice of Meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive said notice thereof shall not invalidate any resolution passed at said meeting.
- Sec. 5: A meeting of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee may be held on shorter notice, or without written notice, provided all Directors or Committee members have given their consent to the meeting being held. This consent shall be entered into the Minutes.
- Sec. 6: Meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee may be held in person or by conference call.

The President or Secretary may inform the Directors of an issue requiring their input by mail, fax or email, or a combination of these. A full, unbiased explanation of the issue is to be provided. Both the input and the response is to be in writing. If a vote is required it is to be by ballot by the same means. Sufficient background information and time is to be given to allow the directors to make an informed decision.

The written responses and the results of a vote, if held, are to be circulated to all members of the Board within 21 days of the deadline for response.

Sec. 7: For the transaction of the business of the Society at an Annual or other General Meetings of the Society, a quorum shall be ten (10). At a meeting of the Board of Directors a quorum shall be six (6). At a meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall be three (3).

Sec. 8: At the written request of twenty (20) members, the Secretary shall call a special General Meeting of the Society held in that region of Canada as designated in the written request. This meeting shall have the same status as if it had been called in a regular way by the Board of Directors but such meeting shall have no power to amend the Constitution.

Sec. 9: The order of Business at all annual and general meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Directors
3. Introduction of Members
4. Greetings from Host Province
5. President's Address
6. Appointment of Ballot Committee**
7. Minutes of Previous Meeting
8. WPCSC Annual Report (See Article 10)
9. Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Auditor
10. Business Arising from the Minutes
11. Committee Reports
12. Correspondence (addressed to AGM)
13. Unfinished Business
14. New Business
15. Provincial Reports

** When the Ballot Committee completes its count, the proceedings may be interrupted to name and introduce the new Directors.

Sec. 10: A copy of the Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee shall be mailed within twenty-one (21) days following such meetings to each Director.

ARTICLE 10 - AUDIT & ANNUAL REPORTS

The Board of Directors at each Annual General Meeting shall submit a complete statement of its acts and of the affairs of the Society. It shall present a detailed statement duly audited of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Society. A copy of the Annual Report, a list of the officers of the Society and a list of the Society's representatives to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Board of Directors shall be mailed to each member in good standing; to the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and to the Director, Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

ARTICLE 11 - DISTRIBUTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Society shall supply a copy of the Constitution to all members in good standing in the year in which they become a member.

ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENTS AND RULES OF ORDER

- Sec. 1: Subject to Article 4 - Voting, the Constitution may be amended at any General Meeting of the Society with the exception of a meeting called under Article 8, Sec. 8, of this Constitution by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting. All proposed amendments shall be in writing, signed by the proposer and signed by a seconder.
All proposed amendments shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least seventy-five (75) days in advance of a General Meeting. The proposed amendments shall be included in the Notice of Meeting otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with them. No amendment shall be valid until approved by the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and filed at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.
- Sec. 2: In all cases not covered by these By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall prevail.
- Sec. 3: In the case of a tie, the President shall have a second or casting vote, except on constitutional amendments.

ARTICLE 13 - FEES

Fees will be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and will be effective immediately upon such determination. All changes shall be ratified by the members at the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE 14 - USE OF FUNDS

- Sec. 1: The Society may use its funds for any purpose calculated to advance the purpose of the Society as set out in ARTICLE 2 above, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, using those funds for developing and promoting breed improvement programs, making grants to exhibitions and providing services to the breeders of Welsh Ponies and Cobs.
- Sec. 2: Subject to any by-laws providing for the remuneration of its directors, officers, employees and agents, all profits or accretions of value to the property of the Society shall be used in furtherance of the purpose of the Society and no part of the property or profits of the Society may be distributed, directly or indirectly, to any member of the Society.

ARTICLE 15 - REGISTRATIONS

- Sec. 1: **REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES**
- (a) A register shall be kept at the office of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. This register shall be known as the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada Stud Book, hereinafter referred to as the Stud Book, and shall be published by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation at such time as decided by the Board of Directors.
- (b) There shall be furnished by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for all living animals registered, a certificate of registration on the form adopted by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The pedigree shall be in such form as decided on by the Board of Directors.
- (c) It shall not be permissible to change the name of an animal.
- (d) Any persons suspended or expelled from membership shall not be allowed the privilege of recording pedigrees in the record of the Society.

- (e) Any person prohibited from recording pedigrees by any other organization incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act shall not be allowed to record pedigrees in the Stud Book.
- (f) The Board of Directors of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada shall have power, to refuse applications for registration or transfer from any person whether a member or not, who
 - a) is, at the time the right is denied, in arrears of any fees owing to the Society: or
 - b) has contravened
 - i. a by-law of the Society relating to
 - A) the eligibility for registration or identification, as the case may be, of animals by the Society
 - B) the individual identification of animals, or
 - C) the keeping of private breeding records.
 - ii. any provision of the Act (Animal Pedigree Act) or the regulations, or
 - iii. any provision of the Animal Disease and Protection Act or the regulations thereunder relating to the identification, within the meaning of that Act, or testing of animals.

ARTICLE 16 - REGISTRATION OF HERD NAMES

- Sec. 1: (a) A breeder should register for his exclusive use a herd name to be used as a prefix or suffix in naming his animals.
 - (b) All applications to register a prefix or suffix shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
 - (c) Any such herd name must be original and will be allowed to only one person or partnership. In registering such names, priority in use and in application for registration shall be considered.
- Sec. 2 (a) The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, in granting exclusive use of a name to be used as an affix shall give due regard to affixes already registered with the Canadian Pony Society, Welsh Pony and Cob Society (Great Britain), and the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc.
 - (b) If, inadvertently a duplication of a foreign registered prefix or suffix occurs, (C) - signifying Canadian, shall be added to that prefix or suffix when necessary, in order to correctly establish the country of origin of the herd name.
 - (c) If an application for registration is received for an imported animal whose prefix is already registered in Canada, letters signifying the country of origin of the herd name shall be added to the herd name, before the registration can be effected.
 - (d) Full registered names shall not contain more than thirty (30) letter spaces or characters including numeral affix.
- Sec. 3: (a) In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company, or if any party is taken into partnership, the name may be transferred upon application to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation by the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise the transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir.

- (b) A registered affix may be transferred to another person upon application of the person in whose name it is registered.
- (c) The Registrar shall keep the Welsh Pony & Cob Society (Great Britain), and the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, Inc., informed of herd names and prefixes registered in Canada, and of the owners thereof, to strive for reciprocal recognition.

ARTICLE 17 - PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS

Sec. 1: There shall be kept by each breeder a private record which shall contain full particulars of his breeding operations. This record shall at all times be open to the inspection of officials of this Society, officials of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and officials of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

ARTICLE 18 - SUSPENSIONS

Sec. 1: **SUSPENDED MEMBER** - a suspended member is a member who has been suspended by the Board of Directors or who automatically suspends himself because he has not conformed to the rules and regulations of this Society, or who, as a member, has been placed on probation by the Records Committee of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

Sec. 2: **SUSPENDED REGISTRATION** - a suspended registration is a registration of pedigree or transfer that has been placed under suspension by the Board of Directors or by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation on account of some irregularity. This suspension is to remain in force until it has been lifted by a resolution of the Directors of this Society.

ARTICLE 19 - RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Sec. 1: The Stud Book shall be divided into four (4) sections and a Half-Welsh Registry as follows:-

Section A

Section A Mountain Ponies shall provide for registration of those ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands (50 inches) at matured height.

When both parents are Section A ponies, the progeny is to be registered under Section A. Should a pony at any time exceed the height limit for Section A, application for transfer of registration to Section B should be made by the owner and such transfer shall be authorized by the Board of Directors providing that the height of the pony is certified by a licensed veterinarian on the form prescribed by the Society.

Section B

Section B Welsh ponies shall provide for the registration of those ponies not exceeding 14 hands (56 inches) at matured height. When both parents are Section B ponies or when one parent is Section A and one parent is Section B, the progeny shall be registered under Section B.

Section C

Section C shall provide for the registration of Welsh Cobs not exceeding 13.2 hands (54 inches) at matured height.

Section D

Section D shall provide for the registration of Welsh Cobs exceeding 13.2 hands (54 inches) at matured height.

Sec. 2: (a) If a registered pony is mated with another registered pony, the resulting progeny shall be eligible for registration in the section indicated in the following table, provided it fulfills all other requirements of this Article.

A + A = A	B + B = B	C + C = C	D + D = C or D
A + B = B	B + C = C or D	C + D = C or D	
A + C = C	B + D = C or D		
A + D = C or D			

- (b) The transfer of a Cob from one Section to another may be authorized by the Board of Directors subject to the following conditions:
- Transfer of animals from Section C to Section D shall be considered solely on the grounds of height.
 - Transfer of animals from Section D to Section C shall be considered solely on the grounds of height and such animals shall be not less than seven (7) years old.
 - The height shall be certified by veterinarian on the form prescribed by the Society.

Sec. 3: (a) Subject to Article 19- Sec. 2 (a) preceding, ponies or Cobs which are by a registered sire and out of a registered dam or a foundation stock Grade 2 (FS2) dam, which FS2 dam has been "entered" in the appendix to the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Stud Book (Great Britain) are eligible for registration; that is to say, pony or Cob directly descended from a foundation stock (FS) mare and having three or more direct and successive top crosses of registered blood are eligible for registration; except that a pony or Cob is not eligible if its sire has a short pedigree or if its dam is a lower grade of foundation stock than FS2. Note: Grades of foundation stock mares referred to herein are as defined in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society (Great Britain).

- (b) "Registered" as referred to above, means registered in any one of the Stud Books of the following Societies:-The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada, The Canadian Pony Society, The Welsh Pony and Cob Society (Great Britain), and the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, Inc. Section A and Section B ponies registered in the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Stud Book will be accepted provided they are directly descended in all lines of pedigree from ponies registered in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society (Great Britain). Section C and Section D Cobs will not be accepted.
- (c) Subject to Article 19- Sec. 2(a) preceding, ponies or Cobs are eligible for registration if they are already registered in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society (Great Britain), or the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. Section A and Section B ponies registered in the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Stud Book will be accepted provided they are directly descended in all lines of pedigree from ponies registered in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society (Great Britain). Section C and Section D Cobs will not be accepted. Imported Welsh ponies and Cobs shall be granted Canadian Registration only according to the Rules of Eligibility stated in Article 19 which are in effect at the time of the application for registration. .
- (d) Provisions shall be made for an appendix to the Stud Book for the listing of foundation stock mares as follows: FS2 mares which have been entered in the appendix to the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society (Great Britain) shall be eligible for listing in the appendix to the Stud

Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada and the male and female progeny of these listed FS2 mares, when by a registered sire, shall be eligible for registration.

- (e) FS and FS1 mares shall not be accepted for inclusion in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada.

Sec. 4: Application for registration of Welsh Ponies and Cobs from dams which have been bred in the year following the calendar year in which they were foaled shall not be accepted for registration.

Sec. 5: Animals which are skewbald or piebald will be accepted for registration provided both parents are purebred registered Welsh.

- Sec. 6:
- (a) Every registered stallion used for breeding shall be DNA genotyped (or DNA typed) for parentage verification and the record of his DNA genotype shall be on file with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
 - (b) Every registered stallion owner shall report all mares bred to his or her stallion during the year to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation at Ottawa. The report shall be filed before December 31st of the year of service.
 - (c) The Stallion owner shall give a service report, using the short form, to the owner of each mare bred.
 - (d) When a bred mare is sold, a Certificate of Service, shall be given to the purchaser at the time of sale or the Certificate of Service on the back of the mare's registration papers shall be filled out and signed.
 - (e) Foals shall not be registered unless the stallion service report is on file at the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, Ottawa, without the approval of the Board of Directors.
 - (f) If a mare is bred to more than one stallion in a 42 day period, the identity of the resulting offspring shall be determined by DNA parentage verification, at the breeder's expense, before registration can be approved.
 - (g) That every fortieth (40th) foal registered shall be selected for random DNA testing to verify parentage and that the recorded owner(s) of the stallion, mare and foal shall agree to permit such DNA genotyping for parentage verification of their animals. Failure of an owner to comply with this regulation shall automatically place the Certificate of Registration for this foal under suspension. The DNA genotyping for parentage verification shall be at the Society's expense and the Society and Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall keep the records, with a copy to the recorded owner(s).

Sec. 7: Half-Welsh Registry

In order to be eligible for Half-Welsh papers, either the sire or the dam must be a registered purebred Welsh pony or a registered purebred Welsh Cob. The word registered to mean as defined in Article 19, Sec. 3: (b) of this Constitution. Only one parent shall be a registered purebred Welsh pony or a registered purebred Welsh Cob.

Sec. 8: At each Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors shall approve a laboratory or laboratories to perform DNA genotyping for parentage verification and other services for the Society for the coming year.

ARTICLE 20 - APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

- Sec. 1: Application for registration of all animals born in Canada shall be made on forms supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The owner of the foal at birth is the owner or lessee of the dam as shown on the records of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
- Sec. 2: If a question of parentage exists, the Executive may pass a motion to request the applicant to provide a DNA genotype for parentage verification on the foal and both parents. These reports are to be supplied at the applicant's expense within one (1) year of the date of the request. This time may be extended by the Executive Committee for reasonable cause upon request from the applicant.
- If no parental incompatibility is shown, the applicant will be reimbursed by the Society for laboratory costs incurred in providing the requested reports.
- Sec. 3: Every certificate of entry or transfer in the registry is based on the representation contained in the application. If animals have been admitted to entry or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, such entries or transfers are void, together with any entries or transfers that may have been made of descendants of such animals and the Society assumes no liability for damages from such entry or transfer.
- Sec. 4: Application for registration shall be made by December 31st of the year of foaling or within six months of the date of importation. Later application shall be made in accordance with the current list of registration fees.
- Sec. 5: Twin animals shall be registered at the same time providing both are living. If one is dead, it shall be so stated and the sex of the dead animal given.
- Sec. 6: The breeder of an animal is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time she was served. The Prefix affixed to the animal shall be that of the breeder. The first owner is the owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
- Sec. 7: No two animals shall have the same name.
- Sec. 8: Upon the death of a registered animal, its Certificate of Registration and a statement signed by the recorded owner, indicating the date of death, shall be sent to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for recording and cancellation within forty-five (45) days of death. Upon request, the canceled certificate will be returned to the recorded owner.
- Sec. 9: A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized agent files, on a form supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, a statutory declaration that the original certificate is irretrievably lost or destroyed.
- Sec. 10: **IMPORTATIONS**
- (a) Imported Welsh Ponies and Cobs shall be granted Canadian registration only according to the Rules of Eligibility stated in Article 19 – Rules of Eligibility, which are in effect at the time of the application for registration.
 - (b) The date of importation shall be the date the animal arrives in Canada.
 - (c) Application for registration of imported animals must be accompanied by a copy of the Certificate of Registration from the country of origin, which must be in the name of the

Canadian importer. If an animal is in foal, in order to register the produce, a certificate shall be furnished, signed by the owner of the service sire.

ARTICLE 21 - ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- Sec. 1: All documentation in regards to semen and semen transfers shall be forwarded to the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
- Sec. 2: Any purebred Welsh Pony, Cob or Half-Welsh animal born in Canada as a result of Artificial Insemination shall be granted Canadian registration only according to the Rules of Eligibility stated in Article 19 which are in effect at the time of application for registration. The properly executed and signed Artificial Insemination Certificate shall accompany the Application for Registration.
- Sec. 3: All stallions which are the source of semen for the purpose of Artificial Insemination shall be DNA genotyped for parentage verification and a record of their DNA genotype shall be filed with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada, before foals which are sired artificially by such stallions shall be eligible for registration.
- Sec. 4: DNA genotyping for parentage verification may be a requirement prior to registration of a foal(s) which is the product of artificial insemination, if a question of parentage is suspected. The DNA genotype of the foal shall not indicate paternal incompatibility.
- Sec. 5: A Semen Transfer Agreement for Cooled Semen shall be obtained from the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation filled in and signed by the stallion owner, and sent to the mare owner at or before the time the mare is bred. The original Semen Transfer Agreement must accompany the application for registration of the offspring.

Frozen Semen:

- Sec. 6: All semen shall be frozen in a laboratory which has been approved by the Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.
- Sec. 7: Each collection of semen shall be clearly labeled and the approved laboratory is hereby directed to refuse any semen if the identification is in any way questionable.
- Sec. 8: It shall be the responsibility of each approved laboratory to permanently label semen before freezing and when withdrawn to again verify the identification and to keep a perpetual record of semen received for freezing and likewise all out-going semen.
- Sec. 9: The owner of the stallion may retain ownership of frozen semen when a stallion is sold, providing the seller reports the number of vials retained to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. Any further change of ownership of the aforementioned semen or any portion thereof for registration purposes shall be transferred to recorded owner(s) of females and shall be documented with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation by the means of a Semen Transfer Certificate.

Fresh or Frozen Semen:

Sec. 10: It shall be the responsibility of the owner/lessee of the Stallion to maintain a record of each semen collection, freezing, sale and transfer.

These records shall be kept in compliance with “Section 17 - Private Breeding Records” of this Constitution.

Death or Castration of a Stallion used for Artificial Insemination:

Sec. 11: Foals conceived after the death or castration of a stallion shall be eligible for registration under the same conditions and provisions governing the eligibility of foals conceived by Artificial Insemination prior to the death or castration of said stallion.

No time limit is imposed on the use of semen after the stallion's death or castration, providing the stallion met the requirements for registration of foals via frozen semen.

Sec. 12: When the semen is sold for the production of animals eligible for registration in the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada, the seller shall transfer ownership of such semen to the purchaser on the A.I. Service Certificate.

Sec. 13: The application for registration of a foal(s) conceived by Artificial Insemination or the application for transfer of an artificially inseminated female shall be accompanied by the original Artificial Insemination Service Certificate.

ARTICLE 22 - EMBRYO TRANSFER

Sec. 1: Any purebred Welsh Pony, Cob or Half-Welsh animal born in Canada as a result of Embryo Transfer shall be granted Canadian registration only according to the Rules of Eligibility stated in Article 19, which are in effect at the time of application for registration.

Sec. 2: The documentation of embryo recovery, embryo transplant, and embryo freezing shall be on forms supplied by the Canadian Embryo Transfer Association.

Sec. 3: The appropriate above forms are required to be on file with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation prior to application for transfer of ownership of an embryo or application for registration of a resultant foal.

Sec. 4: An Embryo Certificate will be issued for each transplanted or frozen embryo registered with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and transferred to a new owner.

Sec. 5: To register a resultant foal from an owned donor dam, complete an application for registration and indicate that the foal was produced by an embryo transplant.

Sec. 6: To register a resultant foal from a purchased embryo, complete an application for registration, indicate that the foal was produced by embryo transplant and include a transferred Embryo Certificate.

Sec. 7: Parentage verification through DNA genotyping, at the owner's expense, will be required for all foals produced by embryo transplant.

- Sec. 8: No resultant foals shall be eligible for registration where the donor dam has been inseminated with semen from, and/or exposed to, more than one stallion per flush.
- Sec. 9: In order to register a foal resulting from an embryo imported into Canada, or an animal resulting from an embryo transplant that is born in another country and imported into Canada, in the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada Stud Book, the same requirements shall apply that apply for foals resulting from embryos produced in Canada. Previous registration in a foreign herd book shall not automatically qualify the animal for registration in the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada Stud Book.
- Sec. 10: The collection, freezing and storage of embryos shall be conducted by a person holding a certificate from the Canadian Embryo Transfer Association (CETA) or an equivalent certificate. This is essential to establish the competency of the Veterinarian to perform all the protocols of Embryo Transfer.
- Sec. 11: It shall be the responsibility of the owners(s)/lessee(s) of the Stallion and of the Mare to maintain a record of each embryo collected, implanted, frozen, sold or transferred. These records shall be kept in compliance with “Section 17 - Private Breeding Records” of this Constitution.

ARTICLE 23 - TRANSFERS

- Sec. 1 (a): In the case of the sale of a registered animal, the seller shall furnish the Certificate of Registration to the purchaser, showing the purchaser as owner, within six months of sale. Refusal to do so, except under Article 23, Section 1(b), shall be grounds for expulsion from the Society.
- (b): The recorded owner of any registered animal sold or disposed of without the Certificate of Registration (i.e. - sold without papers) shall surrender the Certificate of Registration to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for cancellation, within forty-five (45) days of the animal being sold.
- Sec. 2: Application for registration of change of ownership shall be made on the Application for Transfer of Ownership form available from the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, or on the back of the Certificate of Registration and shall give the date of sale and date of delivery and in the case of a female, if bred, a service certificate shall be completed or the Certificate of Service on the back of the mare’s registration papers shall be filled out and signed. Change of ownership will be endorsed by the SELLER on the back of the original certificate of registration which shall be forwarded to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
- Sec. 3: In case a male or female is leased or loaned for breeding purposes, the form of lease supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall be filled in and signed by the lessor and forwarded to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation to be placed on record. The lessee will in all cases be considered the breeder of the progeny of leased or loaned females who are bred during the term of the lease.

ARTICLE 24- NON-MEMBERS

Any person not a member of this Society registering and transferring animals on the records of the Society, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as a member, except as otherwise specifically provided for.

ARTICLE 25 – re ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION / APA

(Sections 1, 2 and 3 which follow relate only to changes to the Articles of Incorporation of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada under the Animal Pedigree Act and are not applicable to proposed changes to the constitution of this Society.)

Sec. 1: To amend the Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Amendment proposals submitted to the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada shall include a statutory declaration attesting that the members have been consulted in writing, that at least twenty-five percent (25%) have responded in writing to the consultation and that at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members who responded have approved the proposed amendment.

Sec. 2: Amalgamation
Two or more Societies that desire to amalgamate and continue as one Society may make application to that end by submitting articles of amalgamation to the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The Articles of Amalgamation must include a statutory declaration attesting that the members of each of the Societies that desire to amalgamate have been consulted in writing, that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of each Society have responded in writing to the consultation and that at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each Society who responded have approved the proposed amalgamation.

Sec. 3: Dissolution
The Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada may, by order, declare the corporate powers of any Association or Society affiliated with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation to be terminated in any of the following circumstances:

- a) Where the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is satisfied that the Association or Society has failed for any period to conduct its business and affairs in accordance with the provisions of its by-laws of the Animal Pedigree Act.
- b) Where the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is satisfied that the Association or Society has failed for a period of twelve (12) months to carry on business.
- c) On petition for dissolution to the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada by the Association or Society supported by a resolution to that effect passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association or Society.

ARTICLE 26 REFERENCE: SINGULAR/PLURAL; MASCULINE/FEMININE/NEUTER

Wherever the context permits in the Constitution, the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine the feminine and the neuter.