

# **C O N S T I T U T I O N**

## **CANADIAN PIEDMONTESE ASSOCIATION**

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## AMENDMENTS

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# CONSTITUTION

## 1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be "Canadian Piedmontese Association".

## 2. OBJECTS

The Association shall have for its objects the encouragement, development, and regulation of the breeding of Piedmontese cattle in Canada. The terms "Piedmontese cattle" or "Piedmontese breed" wherever used herein refer to registered or recorded Piedmontese cattle. To facilitate the achievement of such objects the Association shall:

- (a) keep a record of the breeding and origin of all Piedmontese cattle and collect, 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 the propagation and breeding of Piedmontese cattle in compliance with the Articles hereof;
- (d) maintain efficient supervision of breeders of Piedmontese cattle to detect, prevent, and punish fraud;
- (e) compile statistics of the industry and furnish official and authentic information thereto;
- (f) in order to implement and achieve the foregoing, to make all necessary contracts and agreements and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provisions of the By-laws.

## 3. MEMBERS

1. There shall be four classes of members:

(a) **HONORARY MEMBERS:** The association, by ordinary resolution of a general meeting may appoint Honorary Members of the Association, if the Board of Directors has, by prior resolution thereof, named the proposed member or members and recommended that such appointments be made for life, or for a term, as the case may be, but such Honorary Member shall take no part in the management of the Association's affairs, and shall have no vote and shall not be entitled to hold office in the Association, other than the office of Honorary President. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any Honorary Membership may at any time be revoked by recommendation of the Board of Directors, confirmed by ordinary resolution of a general meeting.

(b) **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** Active Members shall be those individuals, partnerships, firms or companies incorporated under the Laws of Canada or any Province of Canada which individual, partnership, firm or company is or are actively engaged in the breeding of registered or recorded Piedmontese cattle, who apply for active membership and are accepted as Active Members, and who pay the prescribed admission fee. Active members may pay either a lifetime or an annual fee.

(c) ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS: Individuals, partnerships, firms or corporations may, upon application and acceptance, and upon payment of the prescribed fee, become Associate Life Members. They shall not be entitled to vote, shall not hold office in the Association. They shall not be entitled to register and transfer cattle at members' rates, except in the case of foreign residents applying for "double registry" in accordance with Article 24 of this Constitution.

(d) JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Junior Members shall be those members who have not attained the age of eighteen years, who apply for Junior membership and who are accepted as Junior Members having paid the prescribed admission fee. Junior Members shall have no vote and shall not be entitled to hold office.

(e) The board of directors shall not discriminate against any person in the acceptance or rejection of applications for membership. Only those applications from persons known to have violated the provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act may be rejected.

2. Application for Active, Associate and Junior membership will be made in writing to the Board of Directors and each applicant whose application is accepted by the Board of Directors shall agree to be bound by these By-laws and all amendments thereto and all rules and regulations of the Association, provided that the Board of Directors shall at all times have the power to reject or defer any application for membership. Any applicant for any form of membership which has been rejected by the Board of Directors shall not be allowed to register, record or transfer as a non-member, except with the approval of the Board of Directors. A member may at any time terminate his membership in the Association by giving written notice to the Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary, as the case may be, but there shall be no refund of membership dues.
3. Partnerships, firms or corporations which are Active Members shall each designate to the Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretary, as the case may be, some individual partner, officer, director, or member of the firm, partnership or corporation, who shall exercise on behalf of the partnership, firm or corporation the rights and privileges of such membership, including the right to vote and hold office in the Association.

#### **4. GENERAL MEETING**

1. A general meeting of the Association (to be called "Annual 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. In addition to the Annual meeting, the Board of Directors may, whenever they think fit, call a general meeting of the Association (to be called "Special Meeting") at such a time and place as the Board of Directors may designate. Thirty days notice, at least, specifying the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in the case of special business, the general nature of such business, shall be given to members of the Association. Accidental omission to give notice to any member, or by non-receipt of notice by any member of such notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings of any general meeting. The Annual Meeting and a Special Meeting may be convened by one and the same notice. Without any special notice that such other business is to be dealt with, the business of an Annual Meeting shall be to receive and consider the report or reports of the Board of Directors and officers, the accounts and balance sheet and the report of the auditors thereon and the elections of Directors. As well, to consider and if thought expedient, the approval and ratification of the acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors and officers, or amendments to the Constitution and/or By-laws will be included as Special Business. All other business transacted at a general meeting shall be deemed to be Special.

2. Only Active members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members of the Association and each active member or his proxy shall have one vote; only an active member in good standing may act as proxy for a member, and no member shall vote as proxy for more than three other members. A member in good standing is a member who is not in default under any of the By-laws hereof and who is not in arrears in payment of any membership fees, dues or other monies due to the Association. Notwithstanding anything contained herein no individual shall be at liberty to cast more than four votes (including all proxies and all designations by partnerships, firms or companies) on any matter coming before a General Meeting.
3. 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 and payable January 1st of each year. If on January 1st, a member has a credit balance, the Association will have authority to deduct the amount of his membership fee for that year unless otherwise instructed by the member. Individuals, partnerships, firms or corporations so removed from membership may renew their membership upon payment of the appropriate fee. Until fees for the then current year have been paid, registrations and transfers will be at the non-member rate.
4. For all purposes, the quorum for a general meeting shall be 15% of the active membership in good standing. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless the requisite quorum be present at the commencement of the meeting. The Chairman, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present may adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, as the meeting shall determine. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for one month or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid the members shall not be entitled to any notice of any adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business that might have been transacted at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
5. At the written request (filed with the President or Secretary) of any twelve (12) Active members of the Association, the President or the Secretary shall forthwith call a special meeting of the Association.
6. The order of business at all general meetings shall be substantially as follows:
  - (1) Identification of Active members
  - (2) Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting
  - (3) Report of Officers, Directors or Committees where applicable
  - (4) Correspondence, where applicable
  - (5) Unfinished business, where applicable
  - (6) Election of Directors, where applicable
  - (7) New business, where applicable
  - (8) Adjournment
7. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a member in good standing who cannot attend in person may attend an "Annual/Special Meeting" via tele-conference. Each member that joins the meeting via tele-conference shall be responsible for his/her own telephone costs. The association will provide the link/bridge for the tele-conference. Members connected to the meeting via tele-conference, when the identification of voting members takes place, shall be included in the quorum and the total number joining the meeting in this manner shall be recorded in the minutes. For this provision to be in effect, notice of the ability to join the meeting by tele-conference must be included in the "notice of meeting" when the meeting is called.

## **5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors who shall be Canadian citizens and who shall be elected by ballot by all members present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall hold office for three years. The Board shall consist of no less than six (6) and no more than fourteen (14) members.
2. The directors will be elected from each province or region as defined by the board on a basis proportionate to the active membership of that province or region to the extent feasible, with each province or region having a minimum of one (1) director. All matters pertaining to the distribution are the jurisdiction of the Board. Election of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting. Nominations forwarded to the Nomination Committee will be recognized. Nominations from the floor will be sought and accepted. A balloting (secret ballot) will be carried out. Tabulation of the votes will be supervised by a scrutineer appointed by the President, at the Annual Meeting. Results will be conveyed, followed by a motion to destroy the secret ballots.
3. No member shall hold office as a Director or Officer or be entitled to attend any meeting of the Directors unless he is a member in good standing.
4. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies which may occur among their number, providing, however, that any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next Annual meeting of the Association, but shall then be eligible for re-election.
5. The Board of Directors may delegate any of their powers to Executive Committees.
6. The quorum of any Director's meeting shall be such numbers as the Association by ordinary resolution in general meeting from time to time may fix.
7. The Board of Directors shall meet at the Head Office of the Association or such other place as the Board shall determine.
8. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and other such officer or officers as the Board of Directors may determine.
9. Discipline of Members:
  - (a) The Board of Directors shall have complete power to admit applicants to membership in the Association and the decision of the Board of Directors in that regard shall be final subject to By-Law 3-1-e.
  - (b) The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel any member who has violated, or is reasonably suspected to have violated:
    - (i) one of the within By-laws relating to the eligibility for registration, filing of transfers, maintenance of adequate private breeding records, or payment of fees.
    - (ii) Section 16 or 17 of the Animal Pedigree Act.
  - (c) Any member so expelled shall be denied all privileges as a member of the Association and the right to register, record 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 that two-thirds of the membership of the Board of Directors thereat vote in favour of such

reinstatement. If the Board of Directors refuses to reinstate a person expelled from membership, such persons have the right to apply for reinstatement at the next succeeding general meeting of the Association, but reinstatement by general meeting shall be only by vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association present thereat and entitled to vote. No special notice of such application need be sent to the members of the Association and shall not be deemed to be special business. Upon expulsion, registration certificates containing false or erroneous information, in the name of the expelled may be cancelled.

(d) Any person expelled from membership in any Association incorporated with the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada or any other Association approved by the Board of Directors shall not be eligible for membership 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.

(e) The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend any member who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in these By-laws, or whose conduct is in the opinion of the Board, prejudicial to the interests of the Association. Such power to suspend may be delegated to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. Upon suspension, a member shall be denied all privileges including the right to register, record or transfer until the reason for suspension has been rectified or until further action by the Board of Directors. Cattle properly registered by the member at the time of suspension shall not be de-registered unless by action of the Board of Directors on a subsequent action for expulsion.

## **6. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President who shall be members of and elected by the Board of Directors. The Board may appoint such additional or other officers as they may see fit. Any vacancy in the above offices may be filled by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the year provided that in any event the First Vice-President shall succeed the President in the case of the office of President becoming vacant. The term of office for each of the forgoing officers shall be for a period of one (1) year elected immediately after each Annual Meeting.
2. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He shall preside at all general meetings and the Chairman of the Board of Directors and do all such matters and things in addition thereto as the Board of Directors may from time to time request. He shall present at each Annual Meeting a report of the activities of the Association. He shall call meeting of the Directors when required, and in any event, upon request of a quorum of Directors.
3. The First Vice-President and Second Vice-President will assist the President in the exercise of his duties and will perform the duties and have the powers of the President in his absence in the order of the seniority of their office.
4. The Board of Directors shall as occasion require, 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 Association and the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee and to keep exact minutes of the proceedings of same, and to do such other things as may be delegated to him by this constitution and the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received by him in a chartered bank or credit union, to the credit of the Association and shall pay same out again by cheque only, countersigned by the President or other officer appointed for that purpose by the Executive Committee. He shall keep proper books of account containing entries of all such matters or things that are usually entered in the book of accounts, and shall furnish from time to time such statements in detail of all the affairs of the

Association or other such matters as may be directed by the Board of Directors of the Executive Committee. He shall be bonded in such amount as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors.

5. Past Presidents shall be members of the Board of Directors for the year succeeding their term of President. Past Presidents will then become non-voting, honorary Directors for Life.

## **7. COMMITTEES**

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 number as Chairman of such committees. In addition to any special committees to be appointed by the Board of Directors there shall be in any event, the following standing committees:

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** This committee shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may determine. The Executive Committee shall do such things and execute such matters and carry out such instructions as the Board of Directors may direct from time to time including the functions of financial control and membership grievances with respect to the documentation of cattle.
2. **APPRAISAL COMMITTEE:** This committee shall be responsible for requiring that the appraisal, classification, registration of foundation cattle is in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Association. It shall have supervision, of the officially designated or appointed appraiser, if any. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors and when requested, to the general membership regarding the appraisal, classification, registration of cattle.
3. **PROMOTION COMMITTEE:** This committee shall plan and develop methods of promotion to advance the Piedmontese breed.
4. **BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** This committee shall be responsible for supervising performance and progeny testing and all programs for genetic improvement of the breed.
5. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The membership committee shall be responsible for the investigation and recommendation to the Board of Directors for action to be taken on all applications for membership and all classes of membership. The Committee shall also be responsible for investigating requests for the dropping of members and making recommendations thereon to the Board of Directors.
6. **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Junior Membership Committee shall be composed of Active members and shall be responsible for the supervision of the activities of the Junior Members of the Association, arranging for shows, sales of cattle bred or raised by Junior Members, and for the promotion of the Piedmontese breed among the junior groups of various farm and ranch organizations.
7. **SHOW AND SALE COMMITTEE:** This committee shall design and direct the policy and activities of the Association in the sponsorship of market cattle shows and breeding livestock shows which will enhance the breed in co-operation with provincial associations and fair boards. It shall develop and appoint or nominate judges as requested from time to time.
8. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The Advisory Committee shall contain among its members the Immediate Past-President of the Association and shall be responsible for advising the President on all matters concerning the



promotion, showing, selling and improving of the breed and the registration of Piedmontese cattle. The committee shall also be responsible for investigating all grievances with respect to misrepresentation or improper conduct by any member and the reporting and making recommendations thereon to the Board of Directors.

9. **NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** The Nominating Committee shall be appointed at least ninety (90) days before the Annual Meeting and 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.

## **8. PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Members of this Association in good standing may organize Provincial Associations under By-laws or constitutions approved by the Board of Directors of this Association. The activities of any such Provincial Association shall be confined solely to its own provincial interest and shall not conflict in any way with the activities of this Association. No more than one Provincial Association shall be organized unless authorized at an annual meeting.

## **9. OFFICES**

The head office of the Association shall be at such a place as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

## **10. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall end September 30th. There shall be presented to the Annual Meeting the balance sheet and statement of receipts and expenditures for the preceding year. The auditors of the Association shall be appointed at each Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor.

## **11. NOTICES**

1. Notice calling any general meeting shall be given by postage prepaid letter, or by e-mail to members who request their correspondence by this method, to each of the members last known address appearing in the records of the Association. Any member wishing to receive their correspondence by e-mail must have a signed letter on file at the office of the Association stating their desire to receive correspondence in such a manner. In the event of the Association publishing an Official Organ, the notice published therein shall be deemed to be sufficient, provided such Official Organ is circulated at least thirty (30) days in advance.
2. Notice of meeting of the Board of Directors other than the one immediately following the Annual meetings, shall be given by postage prepaid letter, to each of the Directors at least ten (10) days before the meeting, at his last known address, or by fax or e-mail to directors who request their correspondence by this method, at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice, or without notice, provided all the directors have given their consent to the meeting being held.

## **12. AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by a resolution at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present voting in person or by proxy as defined in Article 4, Clause

2. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the Secretary in writing sixty (60) days in advance of a General Meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meetings, otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with same.

### **13. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY**

The income and property of the Association from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely toward the promotion and furtherance of 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, Editor, Officer, Clerk, Servant or other person or persons for services actually rendered the Association whether such are members of the Association or not and also including contributions to a pension fund for any such services and the expenses of the Directors or their offices incurred in doing the business of the Association.

### **14. CORPORATE SEAL**

The seal as stamped in the margin hereof shall be the Corporate Seal of the Association.

### **15. BOOKS OF RECORD**

1. A register shall be kept at the office of the Canadian Piedmontese Association and shall be known as the Canadian Piedmontese Herd Book. It shall be published by the Canadian Piedmontese Association at such time and in such form as decided by the Board of Directors.
2. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS: 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 inspection of officials of the Department of Agriculture for Canada and officials of the Canadian Piedmontese Association.

### **16. REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS**

1. A breeder must apply to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for and be allotted identification letters for his exclusive use.
2. Animals must be identified with the tattoo marking in the ear specified by the Canadian Piedmontese Association, with the registered identification letters of the owner of the animal at birth and a serial number followed by designated year to signify year of birth. The letter "L" will signify that the animal was born in 1979, ("M" 1980), ("N" 1981), ("P" 1982), ("R" 1983), ("S" 1984), etc. The letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" shall not be used as designated year letters.
3. All calves must be identified by tattoo markings before they are six (6) months of age and before applying for registration. No two (2) animals, regardless of sex, may be tattooed with the same identification.
4. After the expiration of five (5) years, registered tattoo letters may be forfeited if they have not been used on any evidence of birth forms or in recording animals by the registered owner during that period. Such letters may, at the discretion of the Canadian Piedmontese Association, be allotted to another breeder.

## **17. REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES**

1. There shall be furnished by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for all living animals eligible, a Certificate of Registration on the form adopted by the Canadian Piedmontese Association. The certificate shall be in such form as decided on by the Board of Directors of the Association.
2. Any person suspended or expelled from membership, shall not be allowed the privilege of recording pedigrees in the records of the Association.
3. 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 Canadian Piedmontese Herd Book.
4. The Board of Directors shall have power, for any cause which in the opinion of the Directors seems proper, to suspend any member.  
The Board of Directors may refuse to accept the signature of any person on an application for registration or transfer, whether a member or not, pending action of the Directors, the Executive Committee or a General Meeting of the Association.

## **18. DESIGNATIONS ON REGISTRATION NUMBERS**

1. Every animal registered or recorded shall be given a registration number together with the following designations:
  - (a) No letter designations before the registration number signifies the animal is a full blood Piedmontese.
  - (b) The registration certificates of all animals qualifying as an up-graded purebred of domestic stock shall have the letter "G" before the registration number and shall be designated as "DOMESTIC" purebred on the registration certificate.
  - (c) The letter "R" before the registration number signifies the animal is a recorded Piedmontese.
2. The following designations shall also be used in allocating registration numbers:
  - (a) The letter "T" before the registration number signifies the animal is the result of a transplant.
  - (b) The letter "P" before the registration number signifies the animal is a polled Piedmontese.
  - (c) The letter "R" before the registration number signifies the animal is a recorded Piedmontese.
  - (d) The percentage of purebred blood will also be indicated on each pedigree certificate.

## **19. REGISTRATION OF PREFIXES AND NAMING ANIMALS**

1. A member may register a prefix for his exclusive use in naming animals owned by him at their birth. A prefix registered under this regulation shall not be used by any other person, partnership or corporate body in naming animals for registration.
2. In registering a prefix, priority shall be used in consideration. Any dispute between breeders as to priority right to a prefix shall be referred to the Executive Committee for decision.
3. A prefix may be transferred on application to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, by the registered owner.
4. A registered prefix that has not been used in the naming of registered animals, may be cancelled after a period of five (5) years.

5. A registered prefix may be used by a son or a daughter who is a Junior member, provided written consent of the registered owner is on file with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. This shall not apply to prefixes registered in the ownership of partnerships and companies.
6. Names of animals should not be duplicated. The right is reserved to change any name when necessary, preserving, however, as far as possible, some characteristics of the name given on the application.
7. A name shall not contain more than thirty (30) letter spaces or characters, including numeral affix.
8. Animals from other countries shall be eligible to have their names changed from that on the certificate from the country of origin and the name shall include either the registered prefix or the allotted herd letters of the importer plus the tattoo number and year letter.
9. The Association reserves the right to refuse any name which may be misleading, or any name that may be misleading as to the origin or relationship of the animal.
10. Names of members of the Royal Family or leaders of national governments of the day shall not be used.
11. Canadian Livestock Records Corporation may approve a change in the name of an animal, providing there are no registered offspring. A new application for registration must be completed by the owner at birth, then presented to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation with the Certificate of Registration and the necessary fee. If a registered prefix was used in the original name, it must also be used in the suggested change.

## **20. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

1. Application for Canadian registration of Piedmontese animals must be:
  - (a) made to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation on forms supplied by them with all the blank spaces filled in; information to be completed in ink; typewritten information acceptable;
  - (b) accompanied by or have on file with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation office, a minimum of performance data as specified by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
  - (c) accompanied, in the case of artificially sired calves, by a completed certificate of service or standard report of service signed by an authorized technician;
  - (d) accompanied by written evidence of the birth and parentage form if issued for animal.
  - (e) 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 CLRC. This signed agreement must be on file with the Association office (the office will forward a copy of the agreement to CLRC).
2. Applications for registration of animals from other countries must:
  - (a) be signed by the importer showing date of importation;
  - (b) be accompanied by the certificate of registration;
  - (c) if a bred female, be accompanied by service information acceptable to the Canadian Piedmontese Association. (i.e. that used in the country of origin for certificate of service).
  - (d) that animals already registered in a Piedmontese Association Herdbook in a foreign country, pending acceptance by the Board of Directors, are to be registered in the Herdbook of the Canadian Piedmontese Association, at any age, at the lowest scheduled fees, their owners having been granted Associate Membership in the Association.

3. Recordation or registration of a Canadian-born animal must be in the name of the owner of the dam or the lessee of the dam at the time the calf was born. 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 a statement, no subsequent application for entry of an animal with the same data shall be accepted.

## **21. APPLICATION FOR WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF BIRTH AND PARENTAGE**

Application for the written evidence of birth and parentage of Canadian Piedmontese animals must be:

1. (a) made to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation on forms supplied by them with the blank spaces filled in in ink, or typewritten.  
(b) accompanied in the case of artificially sired calves, by a breeding receipt (i.e. standard c.c. report of service) signed by the authorized technician or the completed insemination declaration by the applicant.
2. Written evidence of the birth and parentage of a Canadian born animal must be in the name of the owner of the dam or the lessee of the dam at the time the calf was born.
3. When an animal is a twin it shall be so stated when applying for written evidence of birth and parentage, and the sex given of the animal with which it is a twin.

## **22. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES**

1. (a) Applications for transfer of ownership of a recorded or registered animal must be made in ink or typewritten on forms supplied by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation showing the date of sale and the date of delivery, and be accompanied by the certificate of registry.  
(b) Applications for transfer of ownership of a Piedmontese animal having written evidence of birth and parentage must be made in ink or typewritten on forms supplied by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation showing the date of sale and the date of delivery, and be accompanied by written evidence of birth and parentage.
2. In the case of a female if bred:
  - (a) Naturally: The certificate of service must be completed and signed by the owner of the service sire.
  - (b) Artificially: The standard c.c. breeding slip or a completed certificate of service must accompany the application for transfer in order that the new owner may record or register the resultant calf.
3. In the case of the sale of an animal, the seller must supply the buyer with written evidence of birth and parentage or a registration certificate or the means by which it may be obtained, and it shall be the responsibility of the seller to:
  - (a) confirm that the tattoo identification is in accordance with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation regulations, (Section 16):
  - (b) provide the buyer with:
    - i) an application for registration for change of ownership completely filled in and duly signed as designated in subsection 1 above;
    - ii) an application for written evidence of birth and parentage or registration completely filled in and duly signed. (The animal must be identified with tattoo markings in accordance with Section 16).

4. In the case of a transfer of an unrecorded or unregistered animal, but on which at a later date application for registration is to be made, it shall be the responsibility of the individual applying for the registration of that animal to include with the application all performance data in accordance with Section 24:2.
5. Where a recorded or registered animal dies, is sold for slaughter or is used in a commercial herd and not represented as recorded or registered, the transfer shall not be recorded. A notation in ink stating the animal died, was slaughtered or is now used in a commercial herd and shall be made on the face of the certificate and the certificate shall be forwarded to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
6. When an animal is leased for breeding purposes, an application for lease supplied by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation must be completed and signed by the lessor and forwarded to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The terms of the agreement will be fully disclosed in the application. The lessee will in all cases be considered the owner of the progeny of the leased females.
7. Where written evidence of birth and parentage, or a Recordation or Registration Certificate is lost, destroyed or unobtainable, a duplicate certificate may be issued by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation upon the receipt of a statutory declaration form from the last recorded owner.
8. Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall have the authority to accept application for written evidence of birth and parentage or registration or transfer from the purchaser.

### **23. FEES**

All fees should be paid to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and may be sent by money order or certified bank cheque payable at par.

### **24. RULES FOR REGISTRATION**

1. Animals eligible for registration:
  - (a) Those recorded in the herd book of an Association in the country of origin and considered eligible by the Board of Directors.
  - (b) Those whose parents have qualified and are recorded or registered in the Canadian Piedmontese Herd Book and provided the performance data as required in the rules specified by the Canadian Piedmontese Association has been supplied.
  - (c) Calves conceived by Artificial Insemination will be recorded or registered on the same terms as calves conceived by natural mating, except that a DNA type record of their sire must be on file with the Canadian Piedmontese Association.
    - i) To verify parentage of embryo transplant offspring, the DNA typing record of all sires used as semen sources must be on record with a recognized laboratory. The DNA typing record of the donor cow used should be on record with a recognized laboratory prior to the time of transplanting. The required donor cow DNA must be drawn no later than the time of transplanting if not already on record. A DNA type verifying parentage must be on file for all donor females flushed for the purpose of exporting embryos.

- (d) A DNA type verifying parentage must be on file with the Canadian Piedmontese Association for all bulls siring fullblood and purebred Piedmontese animals and for all bulls used for artificial insemination. Bulls used for artificial insemination shall be DNA typed before entering the semen centre for collection.
- (e) i) Parentage verification by DNA typing is required for one calf from each embryo flush. The calf to be DNA typed will be randomly selected by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation at the time of application for registration. No animal from a particular flush will be registered until parentage test is complete for the selected calf. The DNA typing and related veterinary fees will be the responsibility of the owner.
- (f) A list will be maintained of sires/dams, that are not registered in the Canadian Piedmontese Herdbook, but that have been "recognized" by the Canadian Board of Directors, and that have supplied the prescribed data...so that offspring from these animals may be eligible for registration in Canada. These sires/dams to be designated as "RECOGNIZED", and the following will be the RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR RECOGNIZED SIRES/DAMS:  
 - application must be made to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Piedmontese Association, and be accompanied by data as in numbers 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 of RULES FOR DOUBLE REGISTRY
- (g) In all cases, the definition of the term "DOUBLE REGISTRY" shall be: the registration of animals presently recorded or registered in a foreign country's Herdbook, by members of that country's Association who have become Associate Lifetime Members of the Canadian Piedmontese Association, without necessarily transferring ownership of the animal.  
 The following will be the RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR DOUBLE REGISTRY. Application must be made to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Piedmontese Association, and be accompanied by:
- 1) completed forms, supplied by the Association, with all blank spaces filled in, information to be completed in ink, typewritten information acceptable, and signed by the owner.
  - 2) copy of registration certificate from country of origin.
  - 3) DNA type certificate of parentage.
  - 4) a minimum of performance data as specified (Amendment Art. 24(b)).
  - 5) all animals will be designated as recorded, purebred, or fullblood according to the Canadian Piedmontese Association standards.
  - 6) it is recommended that Canadian Animal Records Corporation be advised that all Applications for Double Registration be accepted, provided all requirements are met as outlined.
  - 7) if a bred female, be accompanied by service information acceptable to the Canadian Piedmontese Association.
  - 8) appropriate fees for registration (see Art. 20, Item 2 and Art. 32, Amendment Nov. 30/86) in Canadian funds, made payable to "Canadian Livestock Records Corporation", Ottawa.

2. All breeders who desire to record or register Piedmontese cattle born in Canada must provide certain data. Data supplied by the breeder for registration shall be in accordance with rules specified by the Canadian Piedmontese Association and Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The indicated data required to register an animal

consists of birth date, name, tattoo number, location of tattoo, name of sire, name of dam or type of dam, birth weight, and adjusted weaning weight and adjusted yearling weight where applicable.

3. Upgrading:

In order to facilitate the development of the Piedmontese breed of cattle in Canada through the widest possible genetic base, the Canadian Piedmontese Association will encourage breeders to engage in an upgrading program using established breeds.

- (a) Upgrading to registered status may be accomplished using purebred (registered) bulls.
- (b) Parent stock must be recorded through each phase of upgrading.
- (c) Bulls are accepted as purebred and registerable if they are at least 31/32 Piedmontese breeding and sired by a registered bull.
- (d) Heifers are accepted as purebred and registerable if they are at least 15/16 Piedmontese breeding and sired by a registered or recorded bull of at least 31/32 Piedmontese breeding.
- (e) Bulls below 31/32 (96.8%) but not lower than 1/2 (50.0%), and following the same rules as for registration of percentage females be eligible for registration, but NOT to be used in the up-grading program.

A DNA type of all Piedmontese sires in Artificial Insemination Stud use, and a DNA type record of all 100% pure blood imported Piedmontese females must be kept on file with the Canadian Piedmontese Association.

The Canadian Piedmontese Association reserves the right to require DNA typing on any recorded or registered Piedmontese animals.

In the case of parentage dispute, the owner of the animal shall be responsible where proper parentage is not established.

## **25. STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION**

1. The Canadian Piedmontese Association will require that every owner must maintain a proper performance and progeny card for every recorded or registered Piedmontese female. Performance and progeny cards may be obtained from the Association office.
2. The Canadian Piedmontese Association shall maintain a list of defects known to be inherited, and if accepted by a 2/3 majority vote at an Annual Meeting, to be disqualifying genetic defects. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these By-laws, animals expressing any such defect shall be ineligible for registration.

## **26. PROVINCIAL LEVY**

The Board of Directors may from time to time, as requested by a Provincial Association, collect on behalf of said body, a breed improvement fee based on regulations and or transfers in such province for the purposes of funding projects within that province or group of provinces, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT:



1. No request for additional levy from a Provincial Association will be considered by the Board of Directors until a motion has been passed by the Provincial Association by a two-thirds majority at its regular Annual Meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose of such a vote and that notice of the meeting and special motion has been given to members of the Association at least thirty (30) day prior to the meeting.
2. The additional levy shall not exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) of the National basic levy as set forth in the Constitution for each registration and transfer.

### **27. NON-MEMBERS**

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

### **28. INTERPRETATION**

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

### **29. BREED PROMOTION**

The Canadian Piedmontese Association will encourage its members to emphasize the economic productivity of the breed rather than specific types or models.

### **30. BY-LAW TRUSTEESHIP**

A copy of the By-laws together with the amendments thereto shall be maintained by the Secretary of the Association and the Secretaries of the provincial organizations. These shall be available for inspection by members of the Association.

The original documents conveying the Articles of Incorporation will be maintained by the Secretary of the Association, and the Secretaries of the Provincial Associations and be available for inspection by members of the Association.

### **31. HARDSHIP CASES**

In cases of proven hardship to a member, the Board of Directors may, at their discretion, instruct the Secretary to proceed with registration or transfer of an animal without the required signature on applications, and in the granting of such relief, the Board of Directors may impose such terms and conditions as to costs, payment of fees and all other matters as the Board of Directors sees fit.

### **32. FEE STRUCTURE**

Fees for registration will be set at the discretion of the Board of Directors and approved at a General Meeting of the members of the Association.

## ARTICLE 33

In any Judged Show Event, sponsored by or affiliated with, the Canadian Piedmontese Association, NO classification shall exist whereby fullblood (100%) animals compete against up-graded purebred or percentage animals.

### ADDENDA:

Life Member: Life members shall be those individuals, partnerships or companies incorporated under the laws of Canada or any province in Canada, which individual, partnership, firm or company is or are engaged in the breeding or registered or recorded Piedmontese cattle, who apply for membership and are accepted as Life Members, having paid the prescribed admission fee.

Associate Life Members: Individuals, partnerships, firms, or corporations may, upon application and acceptance of the Board of Directors, and upon payment of the prescribed admission fee, become Associate Life Members, however, such Associate Life Members shall not be entitled to vote and shall not hold office in the Association.

### APPENDIX

#### REPEAL

The Canadian Piedmontese Association is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act. All breeders of registered stock must comply with this Act. The following excerpts are of particular interest:

#### Section 17:

1. Every person who:

- (a) knowingly signs or presents, or causes or procures to be signed or be presented to the recording officer of an association or to the person in charge of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, any declaration or application for registration or any transfer of ownership respecting any animal, containing any material false statement or representation,
- (b) knowingly represents that a certificate of registration applies to an animal other than the one in respect of which it was issued,
- (c) falsifies or alters a certificate of registration or of a transfer or of any document of or pertaining to a pure bred animal registered in the records of an association,
- (d) sells as pure bred an animal that is not identified as prescribed by the by-laws of any association,
- (e) sells as pure bred or contracts to sell as pure bred any animal of a class or breed in respect of which an association has been incorporated, without furnishing, or agreeing as an integral part of the contract for sale to furnish, the certificate of registration, together with the duly recorded transfer of ownership thereof, to the actual buyer, or
- (f) sells as pure bred or contracts to sell as pure bred any animal of a class or breed in respect of which an association has been incorporated, that is not registered or eligible for registration as a pure bred by the association.

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months.

2. Any animal owned in Canada of a class or breed for which no record exists in Canada and duly registered in a foreign book of record recognized as authentic by the Minister, shall, for the purposes of the section be deemed to be pure bred: R.S., c.168, s.17.

### Section 18

Every person who uses without authority the name of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, Canadian National Live Stock Record Board, Canadian National Live Stock Record Committee, or of any association, or of any name so nearly resembling any of those names that it is likely to deceive the public, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months. R.S.,c. 168,s. 18.

### Section 19:

Every person who violates any provision of this Act in respect of which no penalty is elsewhere provided in this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars. R.S.,c.168,s.19.

### Section 20

The provisions of the Criminal Code prescribing a time limit for making a complaint or laying an information in respect of offences punishable on summary conviction do not apply to proceedings in respect of an offence under this Act. R.S.,c.168,s.20.