

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **CANADIAN WELSH BLACK CATTLE SOCIETY**

**Amended to November 15, 2005**

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**Incorporated February 7, 1972**

## **AMENDMENTS**

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Rules and Regulations, Sections 2 and 5	March 28, 1996
Rules and Regulations, Sections 2, 5 and 6	November 26, 2002
Article 4, Rules and Regulations, Sections, 2, 3, 4 and 5	November 15, 2005

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## **BY-LAWS**

### **Article I**

The name of the Association shall be “Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society”.

### **Article II**

#### PURPOSES

1. The Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society is a non-profit breed association, organized to promote and develop the Welsh Black breed of cattle in Canada, to conduct research on this and other breeds of cattle, and to improve the breeding production of existing cattle herds in Canada through the infusion of Welsh Black blood.
2. The Society will provide methods of gathering information on the cross-breeding of Welsh Black with other breeds of cattle and maintain records of performance, bloodlines, ownership and other information on cattle demand useful by its Directors.
3. The Society will conduct an active promotion and publicity campaign to inform the cattle industry in Canada of the benefits and advantages of the Welsh Black breed, and will perform and maintain research, marketing, and development programs and services towards this end.
4. The Association will issue and publish certificates of pedigree and performance, research reports, bulletins, and other information and material on the cattle involved, and maintain records and research data of interest and benefit to the cattle industry and to its members.
5. The Society will be authorized to buy and sell property, livestock, equipment, supplies, and research data and facilities, and to contract for any and all such property or services as the Directors may deem necessary to conduct the activities of the Society.
6. The Society will encourage and endeavour to facilitate importation into Canada of Welsh Black cattle.
7. The Society will strive to cooperate and maintain rapport with the Welsh Black Society in Wales and other related organizations.

## Article III

### MEMBERS

1. **Qualifications:** Any reputable breeder or owner of cattle may, upon written application on forms provided by this Society, become a member of this Society and/or the Board of Directors or its Appointee, and upon payment of such membership fee as may be established from time to time by a majority vote of the general membership of the Society at an Annual Meeting of the Society. Applications for membership on the Society shall be made to the Secretary who may bring such applications before the Board of Directors for approval. A corporation, partnership or firm composed of two (2) or more parties may become a member of this Society with all the rights and privileges and subject to all duties of an individual. If all members of the said corporation, partnership, or firm are active lifetime or yearly members, the group will be allowed to register or record cattle in the name of the corporation, partnership or firm.

2. **Application for Membership:** Applications for membership must be typed or filled in with ink, and must furnish all information called for on the official form.

3. **Classification of Members:**

a) Active Member (Lifetime and Yearly) – shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, and owner-breeders of any breed or cross-bred cattle according to the requirements of this Society. They shall be entitled to vote and to participate in the affairs of this Society, and shall be bound by the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of this Society.

b) Associate Members – shall be persons interested in the advancement of this Society and Welsh Cattle. Associate Members are non-voting members and are not entitled to register cattle at member fees.

c) Junior Members – shall be persons between the ages of ten (10) and twenty-one (21) who are interested in Welsh Black or Welsh Black Cross cattle. Junior Members are non-voting and cannot hold office in the Society, but are entitled to register cattle at member rates, and shall be bound by the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of this Society.

d) Honourary Members – are non-voting members who have been granted Honourary Membership in recognition of outstanding services or contributions to this Society on written recommendations of two Active Members, and when such recommendation is approved by the Board of Directors.

e) Founder Member – are the initial underwriters of the Welsh Black Cattle Society and are entitled to certain privileges, including eligibility for office in the Association. Only Founder Members shall be eligible to serve as Officers or Directors of the Society during the first three years of the operation of the Society; thereafter, Active Members shall also be eligible to serve. Founder Memberships shall be available only

until the time of the Founding Convention, October, 1971. \$75.00 of the total fee of \$150.00 will be returned in the form of free registrations.

4. **Advancement of Membership:** Associate or Junior Members, upon qualification, may become Active Members upon payment of the Active Membership fee, less the amount already paid as Associate or Junior Members.
5. **Duration of Membership:** All memberships except yearly, shall be for the lifetime of the member with the exception of Junior Membership, which automatically terminates when the individual reaches the age of twenty-one years, if fees are paid.
6. **Yearly Membership:** Shall have the same rights and privileges of active lifetime members.
7. **Suspension:** Memberships may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Directors as follows: When a member ceases to qualify as such he may be dropped from membership, providing notice in writing is given by the Secretary of the Society as to change membership status, or a member voluntarily changes his status or resigns.

Any membership may be revoked by the Board of Directors if a member conducts himself in a manner detrimental to this Society, or fails to comply with the rules of the Society, providing (a) charges are in writing and signed by the writer; (b) the member is given opportunity of personal appearance before the Board of Directors at closed session to show cause why his membership should not be revoked; (c) a majority of Board members is present following a twenty day notification of all Board members, and two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members vote in favour of revocation of membership.

Any member so expelled or suspended 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, providing two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members present thereat vote in favour of such reinstatement.

Any member expelled from membership in an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada, or any other association approved by the Board of Directors, shall not be eligible for membership in this Society until reinstated in the association, and at the time of such expulsion, his membership in this Society shall be deemed to be terminated immediately and automatically.

8. **Membership Fees:** Membership fees for each classification of member shall be such as established by the Board of Directors and shall be subject to change from time to time as the Board of Directors sees fit.
9. **Distributions:** None of the dues, fees, net earnings, receipts or payments of any kind shall be distributed or shall inure to private or individual benefit of any member, officer, or director, except as may be provided by law upon dissolution of the Society.

## Article IV

### GENERAL MEETING

1. A general meeting of the Society (to be called “Annual Meeting”) shall be held once every calendar year at such 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 see fit, call a general meeting of the Society (to be called “Special Meeting”) at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate. Thirty (30) days notice, at the least, specifying the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting, and in the case of special business, the general nature of the business, shall be given to each member of the Society and to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada, however, the accidental omission to give notice to any member, or the non-receipt 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 therein, and the election of Directors, and to consider and if thought expedient, to approve and ratify the acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors and Officers. All other business transacted at a general meeting shall be deemed special.
2. Only Active Lifetime, Founder and Yearly Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members of the Society, and each such member or his proxy, shall have one vote. 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 fees, dues, or other monies to the Association, and who is not under suspension from the Society. Proxies are permitted, however, they cannot be generic. The proxy must clearly specify the meeting for which they apply and specifically referencing the motion(s) in the agenda of the annual or special meeting for which they are to be applied. Proxies may not be used for Board of Directors’ Meetings.
3. No one individual shall be permitted to carry any more than three (3) proxies at any general meeting of this Association.
4. At the written request (filed with the President or Secretary) of any twelve (12) Active Lifetime, Founder or Yearly Members of the Society, the President or the Secretary shall forthwith call a Special Meeting of the Association; however, such meeting shall have no power to enact constitutional amendments.
5. Standard parliamentary procedures shall be followed at all meetings of the Society membership and all meetings of its Board of Directors. The President will preside at all membership and Directors’ meetings.

## Article V

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. **General Power and Authority:** Subject to the provisions of law and of the Articles of this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall have control of the Society's affairs, including the general direction and management of the properties, business and operation of the Society, the appointment and employment of any and all such agents and employees as it seems advisable, and the compensation and terms of office of each, and the delegation of powers to certain standing or special committees as the Board shall from time to time specify and provide.
2. **Number, Tenure and Qualification:** The Board of Directors shall be composed of no less than seven (7) persons of full age of eighteen years to be elected by the members at their Annual Meeting. The minimum number of Directors may be increased by ordinary resolution of the voting membership of the Association at its Annual meeting. Only Founder, Active Lifetime, or Yearly Members who are Canadian residents shall be eligible to fill their expired term at each Annual Meeting of members. At the founding convention, 2 directors will be elected for 3 years, 2 directors for 2 years, and 3 directors for 1 year. New directors to be elected by nomination at each Annual meeting as the positions become vacant.
3. **Vacancies:** All vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors, and each Director elected to fill such a vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Meeting.
4. **Annual Meeting of the Board:** The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting without notice other than this By-Law.
5. **Regular Meetings of the Board:** The Board of Directors may by resolution at any time provide for the holding of regular meetings at such time and place, and upon such notice as shall be specified in the resolution.
6. **Special Meetings of the Board:** Special Meetings of the Board may be called by the President on five (5) days notice to each Director, either personally, or by mail, or by telephone or telegram. Special Meetings shall be called when requested in writing to do so by three (3) or more members of the Board; such meetings may also be held at any time upon the written request of a majority of the Board of Directors. The notice of the meeting shall specify the date, time, place and the business to be transacted at the meeting. Specifications of the business to be transacted at the meeting shall not preclude the consideration at the meeting of other routine business, or business that was not contemplated at the time the notice was sent.

7. **Quorum:** At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the Directors then holding office shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

8. **Presumption of Assent:** Any Director present at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be presumed and deemed to have assented to any and all action taken at such meeting unless he shall register his dissent to the action and such dissent shall be recorded in the minutes.

9. **Compensation:** By resolution of the Board of Directors, any Director(s) may be compensated or reimbursed with respect to expenses incurred in attending any meeting on behalf of the Society.

## Article VI

### OFFICERS

1. The Officers of this Society shall be President and a Vice-President to be elected from the members of the Board of Directors, and a Secretary-Treasurer OR a Secretary and a Treasurer, as well as such other officer or officers as the Board of Directors may at any time from time to time deem it advisable to elect.

2. **Election, Tenure, and Removal:** All officers of the Association, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be nominated and elected by and from the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting. Each officer elected shall hold office for a period of one year, or until his successor has been elected, unless sooner removed by the Board of Directors. at any meeting, the Board may appoint additional officers to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and until his successor has been elected, unless sooner removed by the Board of Directors.

3. **President:** The President, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall:

- a) Sign, either alone or with the Secretary, the Treasurer (or the Secretary-Treasurer), or proper officer, all certificates of membership, contracts, deed, mortgages, leases, and other documents and instruments upon which the President's signature is authorized or required by law;

- b) Call all meetings of the membership;

- c) Preside at all general meetings

- d) Be chairman of the Board of Directors and do all such matters and things in addition thereto as the Board of Directors may from time request;

- e) Present at each Annual Meeting a report of the activities of the Association;



- f) Call meetings of the Board of Directors when required; and
- g) Perform all duties and functions normally incident to his office save as such duties and functions may be restricted by the Board of Directors, as well all duties and functions properly conferred upon or required by him by the Board of Directors.

4. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall assist the President in the exercise of his duties and shall assume the duties of the President in the event of his absence or resignation from Office. He shall be a member of the Executive Committee and may be designated by the President to act in his behalf in fulfilling any of his duties.

5. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to be managing, administrative and clerical officer of the Association, and shall act as the authorized representative of the Board in hiring, discharging, directing the duties, salaries, and other compensation of the employees of the Association. The Secretary, subject to the control of Directors shall:

- a) Be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of all herd books and records;
- b) Be the legal custodian of all the books, papers, deed, instruments, and records of the Association;
- c) Appoint such assistants and employees as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee for the effective conduct of the business of the Association;
- d) attend and keep the minutes of all the meeting of the membership and Board of Directors in one or more minute books provided for that purpose;
- e) Send notices of all members' and Directors' meetings when and as required by these By-Laws and in conformity therewith;
- f) Sign with the President all contracts, deeds, mortgages, leases, and all other documents upon which the Secretary's signature is authorized or required;
- g) Perform all other such duties and functions properly conferred upon or required of him by the Board of Directors; and
- h) keep at the Head Office a book containing a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association with all the amendments thereof, which shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of members who make copies thereof.

6. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall:

- a) Have custody of and be responsible for all funds, money and securities of the Society and keep proper books of account containing entries of all such matters or things as are usually entered in the books of account;
- b) Supervise receipt of monies due and payable to the Society;
- c) Select the corporate depositories subject to the approval of the Board of Directors;
- d) Sign or countersign any and all documents and instruments upon which the Treasurer's signature is authorized or required; and
- e) Perform all duties and functions properly conferred upon or requested of him by the Board of Directors.

In the event the Board of Directors should appoint one individual to act as both Secretary and Treasurer (i.e: a Secretary-Treasurer) this person shall perform the functions as listed of both the Secretary and Treasurer.

7. **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a) the President, who shall act as Chairman of this committee;
- b) the Vice-President;
- c) the Secretary-Treasurer OR the Secretary and:
- d) the Treasurer: and
- e) one or more additional Directors.

Each retiring President of the Society shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee until such time as his successor in office is replaced by a newly-elected President. This Committee shall act as the governing body of the Association in matters not requiring the full decision of the Board of Directors, and shall manage its business and affairs, and enforce the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Society as determined by the Board of Directors in order to carry out the purposes of the Society.

## Article VII

### HEAD OFFICE

The Head Office of the Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## Article VIII

### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Society shall correspond to the calendar year and be from January 1 of any year to December 31 of the same year. At each Annual Meeting, auditors of the Society shall present their report for the previous year, and there shall be presented to the Annual Meeting, balance sheet and statements of receipts and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. The auditors of the Society shall be appointed at each Annual Meeting.

## Article IX

### AMENDING OR ALTERING THE BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of this Constitution may be amended by extraordinary resolution at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Society by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the Secretary in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance of a General Meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting, otherwise there shall be no power to deal with same. No amendments adopted at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Society shall become effective until approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada.

## Article X

### INDEMNIFICATION

Each person who shall serve as a Director or Officer of the Society shall be indemnified by the Society against all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him, in connection with or resulting from any action, suit, or proceeding to which he is, or may be made a party, by reason of his being or having been an Officer or Director of the Society. Such indemnification shall include settlements made with a view to curtailment of litigation costs in amounts approved by the Board of Directors at the time such settlement is effected, whether or not such person is a Director or Officer at the time such costs are incurred by or imposed upon him, except in such action suit or proceeding in which he shall be finally judged to be liable, or to have been negligent, guilty of misconduct, or otherwise derelict in the performance of his duty as an Officer or Director. The rights of indemnification herein provided shall not be exclusive of other rights to which such person may be entitled as a matter of law.

## Article XI

### COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may appoint from their number and/or from other members of the society, committees, whether special or standing, but must in all cases name one of their number to serve as Chairman of such Committee.

## Article XII

### CORPORATE SEAL

The Seal of the Society shall be kept in the custody of such officer(s) or Person(s) as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution designate. It shall be affixed in the presence of such persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time resolution designate. The form of the seal shall be such as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### Section One

#### HERD BOOKS AND RECORDS

##### **1. Welsh Black Cross Record Book:**

The Secretary (or Secretary-Treasurer) shall cause to be kept in the head office of the Society, a Welsh Black Cross Record Book in which all records of pedigree, brand, sex, date of birth, performance data and owner of all Welsh Black Cross animals offered for registration to the Society will be maintained. Only animals containing fifty per cent (50%) or more Welsh Black blood, and up to but not including ninety-seven per cent (97%) Welsh Black blood for males, and ninety-four per cent (94%) for females will be eligible for registration in the Record Book. Males of 97% or greater and females of 94% or better Welsh Black blood shall be eligible for registry in the “Welsh Black Registry Book”.

## **2. Welsh Black Registry Book:**

The Secretary (or Secretary-Treasurer) shall also cause to be maintained a Welsh Black Registry Book for the recording of the pedigree, brand, sex, date of birth, performance and owner of all Welsh Black animals meeting the requirement as set forth by the Rules and Regulations for the registration in the Registry Book.

## **3. Register of Merit:**

The Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society will establish and maintain a Register of Merit for Purebred Welsh Cows that meet the standards proposed below:

a) For domestic born purebreds, the cow must deliver 4 live calves (by natural birth, i.e. no cesareans) on or before her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, plus 2 months (ie. as a two year old and continue to calf within 12 month intervals).

b) For imported females, they must deliver 4 live calves (by natural birth) within 3 years of the date of the birth of their first calf born in Canada.

c) The cow must raise each of the 4 calves specified above to weaning age.

d) Each of the four calves must be registered or recorded with C.W.B.C.S. so that the cows reproductive ability is a matter of official record (ie. if a calf died or was too poor to register, the cow would not be eligible).

## **4. Recognition of Certificates:**

This Association shall accept at face value from reputable breeders properly executed certificates from the Welsh Black Cattle Society Record Book of Wales and the Performance Certified Welsh Black Registry of Wales or any other approved Welsh Black breed Society or Association, so long as these certificates have met the requirements of the Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society.

# **Section Two**

## RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING RECORDATION AND REGISTRATIONS

### **1. General Requirements:**

All animals to be accepted for registration in any herd book of this Society (with the exception of those animals which have already been recorded or registered in the Welsh Black Herd Book of Wales or any other approved national Welsh Black Registry) must be identified with a permanent ear tattoo as follows; a breeder must apply to the Secretary (or the Secretary-Treasurer) for and be allotted herd letters for the exclusive use of that breeder with which to tattoo mark animals, the property of such breeder. \*Letters shall be tattooed in the left or right ear as designated by the Secretary at

the time the letters are allotted. In addition to these letters they must also be tattooed in the same ear the herd numbers of the animal and the designated year letter to indicate the year of birth.

To be eligible for registration in any Herd Book in this Society, an animal must have been sired by a bull which is at least ninety-seven per cent (97%) Welsh Black blood, and which is registered in the Canadian Welsh Black registry book. In the case of imports, it isn't necessary for the sire and dam to be registered in Canada, but the import certificate of registration must be accompanied by a verified copy showing four (4) generations of ancestry from the country of origin. Assuming that the proper affidavits of parentage are presented, this Society does not discriminate about the color of any animal presented for registration or recordation. Red animals shall be designated with (R) after the name of animal to be registered. Application for animals to be registered are to be made to the Society on the forms provided by the Society.

The Society reserves the right to refuse any name for an animal which may be misleading as to the origin or relationship of an animal. All Canadian-born bulls and heifers must be entered on preliminary enrollment eligibility before twenty-four (24) months of age, and after all required data on the animal has been collected. Graded up purebreds will be designated "D" on their registration. After February 1, 1994 all animals registered shall have percentage of blood fraction specified on preliminary enrollments and registration certificates.

## **2. Requirements for Registration in the Welsh Black Cross Record Book:**

All cattle to be accepted for registration in the Welsh Black Cross Record Book must contain at least fifty per cent (50%) Welsh Black blood. The Society requires the following data on animals to be registered in the Welsh black Cross Record Book: (a) Identification; (b) Date of birth; (c) Actual or estimated birth weight with ease of calving code; (d) Weaning weight (taken between 160 and 260 days of age); (e) Weaning date; (f) Yearling weight – optional (taken between 12 and 15 months of age); and (g) age of dam. Information pertaining to Items (a) through (c) OR items (a) through (e) inclusive may be reported to the Society as soon as collected, at the discretion of the owner-breeder, in which case, said animal(s) will be listed on the Preliminary Enrollment Eligibility Sheet. Only after items (a) through (g) inclusive had been reported would said animals(s) be permanently entered in the Welsh Black Cross Record Book, and the certificate(s) on the said animal(s) be issued. Animals listed on Preliminary Enrollment Eligibility Sheets are eligible for transfer of ownership before permanently entered in the Welsh Black Record Book. In this case, the Certificate of Registration is sent directly to the new owner as soon as the animal qualifies for permanent entry.

Welsh Black Cross Certificates of Registration will provide the following information: (a) Name of animal; (b) Identification; (c) Date of Birth; (d) Sex; (e) Percentage of Welsh Black blood; (f) Name and address of owner-breeder; (g) Three generation pedigree; (h) Canadian Welsh Black Society registration number; (i) Weights as reported – birth, weaning\* and yearling (optional yearling) weight; (j) Performance

ratios and indexes (only if requested by applicant); (k) Performance data of ancestors where available.

\* adjusted 200 day weight and adjusted yearly weight.

### **3. Recording of Polled Welsh Black:**

(a) No separate registry shall be used for polled cattle, only additions made to the present registration papers by the Society office; which will designate an animal as polled.

(b) All costs incurred to inspect and record polled cattle shall be paid by the breeder of the polled cattle, not the Society.

(c) All polled females recorded in either the cross record book or the registry book shall be designated as polled by the letter (P) after their name.

(d) Only polled males recorded in the registry book shall be designated as polled by the letter (P) after their name.

(e) Any polled animal may have scurs, but these scurs shall not be attached to the skull.

(f) Any animal designated polled (P) shall also have shown the number of polled ancestors for two (2) generations.

(g) To Prove a Bull Pure for the Polled Factor: He must be mated to a minimum of twelve (12) horned cows and produce 100% polled calves. The calves to be inspected for polled factor at 6 to 8 months of age and prior to weaning by a committee of the Society.

The Society to be notified of breeder intent to prove a bull and supply the society with the number and identification of the horned cows mated, prior to the birth of the first calf.

A proven bull would be recorded H.B. (PP) (ie.166)

(h) Any polled (PP) male that produces a horned calf shall be proven “not sure” for the polled factor and shall lose polled (PP) status in the herd book.

### **4. Multiple-Sire For 1<sup>st</sup> Cross Breeding:**

Progeny from multiple-sire breeding (ie. using more than one bull in a pasture) are not eligible for in any Herd Book of this Association. Progeny resulting from a change of bulls within twenty-one (21) days (either after A.I. or with a single-bull pasture matings) may be declared ineligible for registration until such time as positive evidence of actual sire can be furnished to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

**5. Foundation Cows:**

Foundation cows shall be cows of any recognized beef breed, dairy breed, or combination of these breeds and for the purpose of recording her progeny with the Association, the amount of Welsh Black blood in any foundation female shall be assumed to be zero. Cows must have permanent identification (ear tattoo or hot iron number brand) or be identified by two (2) ear tag numbers. Breed background must be stated.

**6. Breeder Records:**

Every member is required to keep accurate records of cattle registered or intended for registration in this Association. These records must contain all information that is required by the association for registration of animals, and such other information that will clearly determine the parentage and Welsh Black percentage of all animals offered for registration in this Society. Calves must have the appropriate permanent identification affixed before or at the time they are weaned in order to be eligible for registration. All breeder records shall be open for inspection at any time by an authorized Society representative, or by an official of the Canada Department of Agriculture. Cattle owned by any corporation, partnership or firm can be registered only in the name of the membership as issued, although it is quite permissible for all individuals who are party to the said corporation, or firm to keep breeder records on the cattle owned by the corporation or firm.

**7. Multiple-Ownership:**

Any number of individuals and/or firms may be co-owners of an animal or group of animals; however, the ownership of record must be a single entity. The Society requires said group to file a Memorandum of Multiple-Ownership and a Signature Card for co-owner. One of the co-owners must be selected as the Chief Representative for said ownership and so indicate on his Signature Card.

The Chief Representative will be responsible for knowing the location of any and all animals owned by the Multiple-Ownership, must attest to all addition, deletions and changes to the Multiple-ownership roster, and must attest to all transfers of animals by this group.

The Society will provide anyone with Memorandum of Multiple-Ownership form with accompanying Signature Cards upon request and at no extra charge. Unless each individual that is party to Multiple-Ownership of the Multiple-Ownership itself is a member of the Society, the Multiple-Ownership group will be assessed at non-member rates.

**8. Change of Name:**

Change of an animal's name is permitted only on Welsh imports provided the new name desired is registered with the society within ninety (90) days after the animal is released from quarantine, and provided the proper fees accompany the application for a change of name.



## 9. **Blood Percentage References:**

The use of percentages, rather than fractions, will be apparent in all references expressing the content of Welsh Black blood in an animal. Only the following basic percentage will be used. Animals whose percent falls between these basic crosses will be recorded at the next higher per cents. Basic per cent of the first cross of 47% or greater will be considered 50%. It is the intent of this clause that Purebred bulls (97% or greater) may be used in an upgrading program but that four basic crosses are still needed to produce 94% females and five basic crosses are still needed to produce 97% males.

<b>Basic Cross</b>	<b>Fraction of Blood</b>	<b>Basic Per Cent of Blood</b>
First	$\frac{1}{2}$	50%
Second	$\frac{3}{4}$	75%
Third	$\frac{7}{8}$	87%
Fourth	$\frac{15}{16}$	94%
Fifth	$\frac{31}{32}$	97%

## 10. **Registered Herd Names:**

Members may elect to register with the Society a herd name for their exclusive use within the registration system for naming Welsh Black animals in this Society.

## Section Three

### TRANSFERS AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

1. It is the responsibility of the seller of an animal or the interest in an animal to furnish the secretary (or the Secretary-Treasurer) with the Certification of Registration pertaining to the animal, with a completed, signed transfer application showing the purchaser's ownership within ninety (90) days of the date of transfer of the animal. Failure to do so shall be grounds for expulsion in the case of a member, or for refusal of registration, recordation, or transfer in the case of a non-member.
2. It is the responsibility of both the seller and the purchaser to confirm that the tattoo identification of the animal to be transferred is in accordance with the certificate issued to the said animal.
3. Every change of ownership of cattle registered in this Society must be made known to the Association before progeny of the animal can be registered by the new owner. Application for the registration of a change of ownership must be made on the form accompanied by the proper transfer fees to be remitted by the seller of the animal.

4. If transfer is of a registered cow with calf at side, special section of transfer is required for the pair, and the calf must be properly tattooed as outlined in section One, Item 1, before it can be transferred.
5. In case of a bred female, a service certificate must be completed and signed by the appropriate persons as indicated on the transfer forms.
6. In the event of Certificate of Registration is lost or accidentally destroyed, a duplicate certificate may be issued upon receipt by the society of a statutory declaration prepared by the registered owner on a form issued by the Head Office of the Society, showing to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee that the original certificate was in fact so lost or destroyed.
7. When a registered animal is sold for slaughter, the transfer of ownership shall not be recorded as such with the Society. Rather a notation in ink shall be made on the face of the certificate of said animal, indicating that the animal was sold for slaughter, and date sold. The certificate shall be forwarded to the Head Office of the Society. Similarly, the certificates of animals that die accidentally should be marked and forwarded to the Society's Head Office.
8. Should an animal be leased for breeding purposes, an application for lease supplied by the Association Head Office must be completed and signed by both the lessor and lessee and a copy thereof forwarded to the Society's Head Office. The terms of the agreement shall be fully disclosed on the application. The lessee will in all cases be considered the owner of the progeny of leased females.

## Section Four

### ERROR, FRAUD AND RESPONSIBILITY

#### 1. **Erroneous Entry:**

Should any animal be admitted to entry or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, the Executive Committee on discovery of same, shall declare the entry or transfer void, together with any entries that may have been made of descendants of such animal. When an animal shall have been entered or transferred through misrepresentation or fraud, the Executive Committee may direct corrective measures or punitive action against any person implicated in such fraudulent entry or transfer.

#### 2. **Responsibility:**

Every certificate of registration or of transfer of ownership is based on statements in the application thereof. The Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society shall never be responsible for damages which may be caused by any certificate issued on

erroneous or fraudulent information, or damages arising out of any action taken under the provisions of these By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

## Section Five

### RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION, EMBRYO TRANSPLANTS AND GENETIC DEFECTS

#### 1. **General Requirements:**

All artificial insemination must be done in compliance with the regular breeding requirements of this Society. If offspring are to be registered, semen must be provided by a reputable breeder, breeding services or inseminator, and be taken from bulls of known pedigree which are registered in this Society or any other recognized and approved Welsh Black Society or Association. All such bulls must meet the health and breeding requirement standards of the Federal/Provincial Departments of Agriculture and a blood type or DNA genotype record of the sire must be on file with the Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society. Every cow bred by artificial insemination must be individually identified (see Section One, Item 1) if her progeny are to be registered in the Society.

#### 2. **Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society AI Bull Listing Service:**

Any bull whose semen is drawn for purposes of artificial insemination is eligible for this for this category. To qualify, a bull must be at least ninety-seven (97%) Welsh Black and be registered in the Welsh Black Registry Book of this Society or other approved Welsh Black breed Association Registry.

Application must be accompanied by the registration certificates of the animal, each owner's name and address, the name and address of health certificate with blood type or DNA genotype certificate from an approved serology laboratory.

The fee for such listing service, including publishing notice thereof, is \$100.00 per year. Upon the death of any AI bull which has been listed with the Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society AI Bull Listing Service, written notification must be given to the Society within ninety (90) days, together with an inventory of the number of samples of semen from that bull remaining in storage.

#### 3. **Embryo Transplant:**

Calves propagated by Embryo Transplant will be registered on the same terms as calves propagated by natural or artificial mating except a parentage record of the

sire and dam must be on file with the Society. A completed embryo verification form (showing implant date) shall be supplied to the Society.

To verify parentage of embryo transplant offspring a blood typing or DNA genotyping record of all sires used as semen sources and the donor cow must be on record with a recognized laboratory and submitted to the Society to be kept on file.

All import Welsh Black embryo offspring presented for registration in the Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society Herd Book must be fully parentage verified and a copy of a four (4) generation registration certificate of the sire and dam, certified by the Official Herd Book in the Country of Origin, must accompany the enrollment forms.

#### **4. Genetic Defects:**

At the present time no genetic defects or chromosomal abnormalities exist in the Welsh Black breed in Canada. The Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society shall maintain a list of defects known to be inherited and accepted by a two-thirds (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.

Any animal suspected of having a genetic defect must be reported to the Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society as soon as possible.

### **Section Six**

The fee schedule or any amendments to the fee schedule will be set by the Board of Directors and approved at the Annual Meeting of the members.

# **APPENDIX ONE**

## **POINTS OF THE BREED**

### **Welsh Black Bull**

General appearance, Breed Type and Gait: Deep. long and low set with straight top and bottom line, short on the leg, with plenty of bone. Free and easy walk.

Head: Short to moderate in length, wide forehead, good depth through jaw; eyes large, placid and prominent; ears fairly large, thickly covered with soft hairs; horns protruding straight outward at base, curving slightly forward, fairly strong and rounded at roots. In young animals the horns are generally rough and of dark slate colour, later becoming smoother and straw or ivory coloured with black tips.

Neck: Medium in length, thick and strong with good crest; throat as clean as possible.

Shoulders: Free from coarseness, fitting closely into the body, and not prominent at the points, which should be rounded and neatly embedded.

Body: Deep wide and capacious. Straight back, strong wide loins. Ribs long and well sprung; no depression behind the shoulders, and no hollowness under the loin. Deep in flank.

Hips: Moderately low set, well rounded and not prominent.

Hind Quarters, Legs and Feet: Long wide and deep. The whole appearance rounded rather than square on top; straight down behind when looking from the side. Thighs broad and thick, well fleshed down to the hocks. The setting of the tail should be level with the top line, neat and free from coarseness; Hind legs straight from the hocks to pastern. Feet sound.

Skin, Coat and Colour: Skin – Moderately thick, pliable. Hair – Thick, soft and fairly long. Tightly curled hair is objectionable. Colour – Some white is permitted on the underline behind the navel. The intensity of the colour varies from rusty black to jet black.

### **Welsh Black Cow**

General Appearance. Breed Type and Gait: Deep, long and low set, with greater depth through hind quarters than through forequarters. Straight top line. short on the leg. Free and easy walk.

Head and Horns: Moderate in length, wide forehead, good depth through jaw; eyes large, placid and prominent; ears fairly large, thickly covered with soft hairs; horns fine and will spread. So long as the horns start straight from the head, a good deal of latitude is allowed as to their direction, but on the whole a moderately level horn, turning upwards at the tips is preferable.

Neck: Fine and well set, throat as clean as possible.

Shoulders: Free from coarseness, fitting nicely into the body, and not prominent at the points.

Body: Big roomy middle, well sprung ribs, deep, strong over loins with well-fitting tail-head that is not prominent.

Thighs, Hind Legs, and Feet: Thighs broad but not too thick, reaching down to the hocks, hocks well apart. Hind legs straight from the hocks to pastern. Feet sound.

Udder: Moderate to large but not fleshy; carried well forward and reaching well up between the thighs and not pendulous; quarters not divided; teats of moderate size and placed well apart. Skin thin and pliable.

Skin, Coat and Colour: Skin – Moderately thick; pliable. Hair – Thick, soft and fairly long. Tightly curled hair is objectionable. Colour – The intensity of the colour varies from rusty to jet black. Some white is allowed on the underline.

## **REGARDING:**

### **CANADIAN WELSH BLACK SOCIETY REGISTRATIONS;**

Suffix:

“D” - Graded Up or Domesticated Purebred

“R” - Red

“P” - Polled

“PP” - Proven Polled