

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE BRITISH LOP PIG SOCIETY
14th June 1993

CONSTITUTION

- 1 The name of the Society (hereinafter called "the Society") is 'THE BRITISH LOP PIG SOCIETY'.
- 2 The objectives for which the Society is established are:
 - A The promotion of agriculture by the encouragement, promotion, recording and improvement of the breeding of British Lop pigs.
 - B In furtherance of the above mentioned objective and for no other purpose
 - (i) To encourage and foster interest in the breed
 - (II) To record and verify all pedigree activities in order to maintain the purity of the breed
 - (III) To publish a herd book or register annually
 - (IV) To promote sales of breeding stock
 - (V) To collect, verify and publish information about the British Lop pig
- 3 A All income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Society and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to the members of the Society, provided that nothing in this sub-clause shall prevent;
 - (i) The payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer, servant or member of the Society in return for services actually rendered to the Society with prior approval of the Council of the Society; in the event of an emergency, the Chairman and Secretary jointly may give approval, with subsequent justification to the next Council meeting
 - (ii) The reimbursement of any out-of-pocket expenses, reasonably and properly incurred by any member on behalf of, or in furtherance of, any objectives of the Society
 - (iii) The payment of an award to any member of the Society who may be a successful exhibitor or competitor at any show or sale approved for this purpose by the Society

B The members of the Society may resolve by a three quarters or more majority of those responding to a postal ballot to dissolve the Society, providing that the Council are satisfied that pedigree registration can be, and will continue to be, maintained through another society of adequate authority. If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Society. In such circumstances all assets shall be given or transferred to the Rare Breeds Survival Trust or to the organisation approved to take over the pedigree registration activities for the British Lop breed, providing that said organisation has objectives similar to the objectives of the Society, and which prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Society under, or by virtue of, sub-clause A hereof.

MEMBERSHIP

- 4 (1) The following persons shall be members of the Society:
 - (a) Every person who, at the date of adoption of these Rules was a paid-up member of the Society
 - (b) Every person who shall:-
 - (i) have signed a written consent to become a member, or signed the Register of Members and
 - (ii) have paid the subscription (if any) payable by him/her on application to join
- (2) A member of the Society may resign his membership at any time by serving upon the Secretary of the Society notice in writing in that behalf.
- 5 Every member shall pay to the Society on application in respect of the then current year, and thereafter annually in advance, a subscription of such sum as may from time to time be determined by the Society in General Meeting. No subscription shall be repayable in whole or in part to any person on his ceasing for any reason to be a member of the Society.

- 6 The annual subscription of each member shall become due on the 1st January in each year and, if not paid by 31st March in that year shall be considered to be in arrears. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be entitled to receive notice of, or attend, or to vote at General Meetings, or to notify litters or register pigs, or to enjoy any of the privileges of the Society.
- 7 The name of any member whose annual subscription has not been paid by 30th June in each year shall be struck off the list of members and thereupon shall cease to be a member of the Society. Power is reserved to the Council of the Society, upon a three-quarters or more majority vote of the Council present, to expel any member of the Society whose activities are deemed derogatory to the interests of the Society or the breed.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8 The Society shall hold a General Meeting in the month of April, or as soon as practicable thereafter, in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting, at such time and place as may be determined by the Council, and shall specify the meeting as such in notices calling it, which shall so far as practicable be sent to all members.
- 9 The Council may whenever they think fit, and shall upon requisition of not less than one-fifth of all members of the Society, convene a General Meeting of the Society.
- 10 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided. Seven members present shall be a quorum.
- 11 Each member of the Society shall have the right to require a resolution or motion (a "member's resolution") to be put before any General Meeting of the Society, provided that at least twenty one days written notice of a member's resolution shall have been given to the Secretary and notice of a member's resolution shall be given to members of the Society, together with a formal agenda, at least fourteen days prior to the General Meeting.
- 12 The President of the Society shall preside at every General Meeting, but if at any meeting he/she shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, or shall be unwilling to preside, the Deputy President shall preside. In the event of either the President or Deputy President not being present within fifteen minutes, or unwilling to preside, then the Chairman shall preside. Likewise if the President, Vice President or Chairman are not present within the allotted time, or unwilling to preside, then the Vice Chairman shall preside. In the event of none of these officers being present or willing to preside the members present shall choose a member of the Society to preside.
- 13 (i) At all General Meetings a resolution put to the vote of the Meeting shall be decided, save as otherwise specifically provided by these Rules, by a simple majority of the members present and entitled to vote.
- (iii) A member may appoint the Chairman or any other paid-up member to affect a vote by proxy. Such proxy vote to be received by the Secretary in writing.

OFFICERS

- 14 There shall be a Council of the Society which shall consist of the President, Deputy President, Chairman, Vice Chairman and eight others selected annually. In the event of no nominations being received for the election of Officers the existing Council has the power to co-opt members to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 15 The Council may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit and determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The Council shall have the power to appoint managers, officials, agents, auctioneers, judges and servants of all kinds and upon such terms and remuneration as it thinks fit and to remove and suspend all paid officers, clerks and servants as it may consider necessary.

ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY

- 16 Full accounts of the financial affairs of the Society shall be caused by the Council to be kept and audited annually.
- 17 The Council shall have the Power, by unanimous decision of those present at any meeting, to invest moneys at its discretion in the Society's name.

THE TREASURER

- 18 The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Membership for such time and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any Treasurer so appointed may be removed by the Membership.

THE SECRETARY

- 19 The Secretary shall be appointed by the Membership for such time and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Membership.

PEDIGREE RECORDING OF PIGS

- 20 To be eligible for registration, all pigs must be litter notified by ten weeks of age, on the form provided, to the Secretary and to have been ear-marked in accordance with the Society's requirements by the age of eight weeks.
- 21 With effect from 30th September 1993, only pigs which have been Birth Notified as required in Clause 20 above may be subsequently registered as pedigree. Pigs born before 30th April 1993, which have been correctly ear-marked but not Birth Notified may be registered subject to Council approval.
- 22 Pedigree registration may take place, within the bounds of Clause 21 above, at any time, provided that the relevant form is submitted to the Secretary and has been signed by the breeder or his/her agent.
- 23 From time to time the Council may allow a Grading Register to operate, and to close the same, provided that one calendar month's written notice to the Membership of changes to such requirements is given.
24. The Secretary shall maintain detailed records of all pedigree stock notified to him from time to time by members in order to prepare and publish a Herd Book annually detailing such data as required by the Committee. A duplicate copy of the Herd Book shall be lodged with the RBST for retention in their archive.

ALTERATION TO THESE RULES

25. No addition or amendment shall be made to these Rules except by a two-thirds or more majority of the members present and voting at a General Meeting and such proposed alterations and amendments to be circulated to all members, together with the agenda, at least fourteen days prior to the General Meeting.