



## Minutes of the General Meeting Held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 10am At the Christchurch Airport – Canterbury Room.

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### Present

Graeme Turner (President), John Taylor (Vice President) Angela McNaughton (Treasurer), Rob Hall (Secretary), Alan Brown, John Berridge, Barbara Wickstead, Brian Wickstead.

### Apologies

Peter & Susan Lawson, Bridget Lowry, Roger & Jill Fraser, Maryann Miller, Maree Turner.

*Moved B McAlley. Seconded A McNaughton. All in favour. Carried*

### Business

1. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 OF THE GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INCORPORATED)

This Notice of Motion is put by the Council of the Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand (Inc.) (“The Society”). It is to Adopt the Financial Accounts which were not prepared and audited in time to be circulated to members 10 days prior to the recent AGM held on Saturday 11 April 2014.

*It is moved that Members approve the Motion to adopt the Financial Accounts for the ended 31 December 2014 – B McAlley. Seconded A McNaughton. All in favour. Carried.*

2. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INCORPORATED)

This Notice of Motion is put by the Council of the Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand (Inc.) (“The Society”). It is to amend the Rules of the Society in accordance with Clause 41 (a) of the present Rules, a copy of which is available for reference on the Society’s website.

This Notice of Motion replaces that dated 7 March 2014 that was previously circulated but not in sufficient time prior to the Annual General Meeting held on 12 April 2014 for the actual Motion to be put. At that AGM the content of the proposed Rules were however discussed and a small number of further changes proposed. These are shown the attached copy and marked in red.

Two other proposed changes were discussed but not agreed at that time. Both will be given further consideration by Council.

One member proposed that Clause 7.2 be amended to allow “past or present” Breeder Members to be nominated for election to Council. This was not agreed because of perceived difficulties in defining who are “Past Breeder Members”. While a past Breeder Member could now be a financial



Associate Member, they could also now be a non financial member and/or some considerable time might have passed since they were last a Breeder Member.

Another member proposed that Associate Members be excluded from voting. This also was not agreed and that further consideration of the full implications and perceptions arising from that proposal were required. eg if Associate Members could not vote should they still be able to nominate a Breeder Member for election to Council.

It is again proposed that the present Rules be replaced by the proposed Rules attached to this Notice of Motion.

These proposed Rules are based on the present Rules, are written in plain English and now also include a list of definitions. The content of the proposed Rules updates many existing clauses as well as removing some ambiguities and clarifying some existing content. For example it now makes provision for the use of internet and email in communications to and from members (Clauses 3.1 g and 11.1 to 11.3).

It also now clarifies and expands the powers of Council (Clauses 5.1 to 5.9), distinguishes the various classes on membership (Clauses 10.1 to 10.6) and the eligibility for members to vote, be nominated for Council and nominate others for Council (Clauses 10.4, 10.5.2 and 18.3)

There are new clauses covering matters that are not provided for in the present Rules. These include provision for procedures for Council meetings (Clauses 9.1 to 9.5), the roles and responsibilities of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Registrar and Councillors (Clauses 8.1 to 8.5 and 21.1), provision for the appointment of one or more Patrons (Clause 10.7), procedures for dealing with grievances (Clauses 14.1 to 14.9) and provision for secret ballots at Society meetings (Clause 19.3).

There are also proposed changes to existing procedures; in particular the makeup of Council (Clauses 6.1 and 6.3), how the President, Vice President and Treasurer are elected (Clause 6.2), how the Secretary is appointed (Clause 6.4) and the requirements for Annual General Meetings (Clauses 19.10 and 19.11).

The proposed Rules have a format that follows that recommended by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, and the content now covers all matters that the Registrar requires to be included in the rules of each and every incorporated society.

*It is moved that Members approve the Motion to replace the existing Rules with the proposed Rules attached to this Notice of Motion – J Berridge. Seconded A McNaughton. All in favour. Carried.*

Meeting Closed 10.16am