

The Pastoral Breeds Health Foundation Constitution

Purpose:

To raise funds for research into the diseases and defects affecting breeds within the Pastoral Group (as recognised by the UK Kennel Club).

The group is UK based but fund raising and support from overseas and the involvement of overseas research organisations is welcome.

Objectives:

To raise funds for veterinary research by various means, receive funds and donations from other bodies and to encourage and promote health testing in breeds which fall within the pastoral group.

To apply such funds for research and educational projects which fall within the purposes of the Foundation.

Committee Membership

Membership of the PBHF committee shall be confined to committee members nominated by KC recognised breed clubs and/or KC Breed Health Representatives maximum 2 representatives from any one club, one vote per club.

Officers:

The officers shall be elected from the membership at the AGM and will be elected for a period of 3 year(s). Officers shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, no one person can be elected to more than one position on the committee. Written nominations for these roles must be proposed and seconded and agreed by the nominee and be in the hands of the secretary a minimum of 14 days before the AGM.

The Chairman will have a casting vote.

The role of the vice-chairman is to assume the role of and rights of the Chairman in the absence of the chairman.

The Secretary will hold a list of names and addresses/contact details of all members. Minutes of each meeting will be kept.

The Treasurer will maintain bank accounts in the name of the PBHF; payment requires the authorisation of two officers. Accounts, certified by 1 or more independent qualified accountants must be presented for approval at the AGM. The financial year shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

Expenses

Officers and committee members are entitled to reasonable expenses involved with the group... e.g. postage and stationery.

Travel expenses for representatives to be borne by the club they represent.

Meetings

Will be held as deemed necessary, with a minimum of two annually, one of which to be the AGM. 28 days notice to be given. Any 3 members will form a quorum.

Items for the AGM Agenda shall be in the hands of the secretary - in writing - 14 days before the AGM. Items for the AGM Agenda to be confined to Officers Reports, Election of Officers (as necessary - see 'Officers' above), Passing of the Accounts and items notified 14 days in advance. AOB items will be at the discretion of the Chairman and will not be voted upon.

No postal or proxy votes.

Any changes to the Constitution may only be discussed at the Annual General Meeting, upon correct receipt as an agenda item. If accepted they will take immediate effect.

Winding Up Should a resolution be passed at a general meeting of the PBHF to wind up the foundation all monies will be passed proportionately to any and/or all current research projects funded by the foundation. Failing this to a charity relevant to the aims and objectives of the PBHF.