

RULES
OF THE
AYTON AND DISTRICT
SOCIETY
FOR
INSURING COWS.

(REVISED 1931).



INSTITUTED 1849.

SOME ADVICE
ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF COWS.

See Rule XIV.

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AS a large percentage of the insured Cows die every year from “Paxturient Apoplexy”—commonly called Milk Fever—the Committee would recommend that all Cows above five years of age that are heavy milkers and in good condition, should, if in the byre, be fed sparingly a few weeks before calving. All stimulating food, such as linseed cake, meshes of meal, etc., etc., should be withheld, and oat straw, and a few turnips substituted. If the weather permits, the Cow should also have a little out-door exercise daily. If at grass, the Cow should only be allowed out a few hours each day. It is also advisable, if the Cow be in high condition, to administer some suitable medicine, both before and after calving, and in every case to keep the animal comfortably clean and warm. The Cow should not be stripped quite clean at the first milking, and should only be allowed a limited quantity of water for the first two or three days.

RULES.

1.—The Society shall be called “THE AYTON AND DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR INSURING COWS.”

2.—Each Member shall pay, at entry, the sum of Three Shillings in respect of each Cow he enters, and the subscription due at the time of entry. He shall thereafter pay half-yearly, at July and January, the subscription as fixed at the Annual Meeting. New Members shall be admitted at any time; those admitted between the dates of the half-yearly collections to pay, as their subscription, the amount due as from the preceding Quarterly periods. Former Members who have not a Cow, but who again get one, shall be admitted again without paying entry money, providing they make application on again getting a Cow.

3.—The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at Ayton, on the first Saturday in July, at Seven o'clock in the evening, for the collection of the subscriptions then due, the fixing of the rate of subscription, and the rate of compensation payable at the death of Members' Cows; the appointment of Office-bearers, and the transaction of any other competent business.

4.—The Half-yearly Subscription shall be payable at the Annual Meeting in July, and in the First week of January. In the event of the funds of the Society falling below Fifty Pounds, the Committee may appoint an extra subscription to be levied from Members.

5.—If a Member neglects or refuses to pay any Half-yearly Subscription, or extra subscription, duly imposed upon him within a Fortnight after being notified that he is in arrear, he shall be struck off the List of Members and lose all benefit of the Society.

6.—Proprietors of Cows whose names have been struck off the List of Members in accordance with the terms of the preceeding Rule, may re-join as new members, on submitting certificates and on payment of subscriptions for the current Half-year.

7.—In the event of the death of any Member his membership will be transferred to his widow, son, or unmarried or widowed daughter free of charge, but in all other cases, entry money must be paid, and Cow certified as in the case of a new entry.

8.—The amount payable as compensation at the death of a Cow shall be fixed at the Annual Meeting, which sum the Proprietor shall receive out of the funds of the Society, when his Cow dies, provided he makes application within Eight days after the death of his Cow, with a certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon, stating the cause of death.

When any sum is paid by the Local Authority to a Member whose Cow is slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order of 1925, or similar Order, the amount so paid shall be deducted from the compensation paid by the Society.

9.—When a Cow is under any disease the services of a Veterinary Surgeon must be provided and proper medicines must be administered at the expense of the individual member to whom the Cow belongs, and failing this, if the Cow dies, he shall lose his benefit.

10.—A Member disposing of a diseased or unsound Cow, or causing or allowing his Cow to be killed without having previously got the consent of the Committee, shall lose his benefit; but this shall not apply to any Cow slaughtered by order of a Veterinary Inspector to the Local Authority under the Tuberculosis Order of 1925, or any other similar Order, and a Veterinary Surgeon may, when he is satisfied that a Cow will not recover and that she is suffering to such an extent as to involve actual cruelty, direct such Cow to be slaughtered, and report accordingly to the Society.

11.—No Cows will be admitted but such as are in a thriving condition when entered, and a certificate bearing the age and value of the Cow, and signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, or by two of the Inspectors, must be produced to that effect, to the satisfaction of the Committee, and none will be admitted below the age of Two years, nor after Ten years, nor insured after they are thirteen years old.

And for the purpose of admission the age of the Cow shall be reckoned in all cases from the 31st day of March, but all Cows shall be insured until the 30th day of June of the year in which their eligibility expires. And if an insured Cow die, and it be proved that she was in an unsound condition at the time of entry, the Member to whom she belongs shall derive no benefit from the funds of the Society.

12.—If the Cow of a Member die, he shall produce to the Committee a certificate, signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, and at the same time state how the Cow was treated, how she was disposed of, and for what amount, before he can receive his insurance.

13.—No Cows shall be admitted as new entries unless their place of residence has been free of Pleuro-pneumonia (or Lung Disease) for three months previous to the time of application for admission; but Members changing their Cows will be admitted at any time.

14.—This Society shall be managed by a Committee, consisting of a Preses, Secretary and Treasurer, and Twelve Assistants, who retire annually, but are eligible for re-election at the General Meeting; any Five a quorum.

15.—The Committee shall meet on the 2nd Saturday in January, and on the 3rd Saturday in July, at 7 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of examining books and accounts, and any other competent business.

16.—That good order may be preserved at the General Meeting, the Member speaking shall always address himself to the Preses, whose decision on all questions of order shall be final, and who shall take all votes, and announce the results of same.

17.—Every Member at his entry shall obtain a copy of the Society's Rules; and every person becoming a Member binds himself to submit to any alterations or amendments that may afterwards be made upon the Rules by a majority at any annual meeting.

18.—In the event of any dispute or difference arising among the Members from any cause or occasion whatsoever, relative to the management of the Society or otherwise, the same shall be settled by arbitration; the Committee of the Society to choose one arbiter, and the person or persons with whom such dispute or differences

have arisen to choose another ; and whatever shall be determined by such arbiters, or any oversman to be named by them in case of variance between them, the same shall be final and binding on the parties, submitters to all intents and purposes ; but it is to be understood that the arbiters shall give their decision within a limited time, to be fixed by the Committee, which failing, their powers as arbiters shall cease, and no Member shall be entitled to have recourse to any Court of Law for the decision of any matter to be determined by such arbitration, or in any case relating to any matter in connection with the management of the Society.

19.—This Society shall continue, stand or subsist, and not be dissolved on any pretence whatsoever, so long as the interest and purpose declared by the preceeding Rules, or any of them, remain to be carried into effect, unless by the consent and approbation of five-sixths of the then existing Members, and also of all persons entitled to relief from the Society, to be certified under their hands individually and respectively.

20.—Honorary Members may be admitted at Five Shillings per annum, and may take vote in business.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

To be produced by any person wishing to become a Member or changing his Cow, to be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, or by two Inspectors, or by any two responsible persons in the event of there being no Inspector resident in the neighbourhood.

INSPECTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Cow belonging to _____, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, she is in a sound and thriving condition. She is worth Fifteen Pounds Sterling or upwards, aged _____ years, and her colour is _____.

(Signed)

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Dated

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

To be produced by a Member who has more Cows than those which he has insured, in the event of claiming of benefit from the Society in respect of an insured Cow.

We hereby certify that the Cow in respect of which Mr. _____ is now making a claim against the Society, is an insured Cow.

(Signed)

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Dated

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

To be produced by a Member claiming benefit from the Society upon the death of his Cow; to be signed by the Inspector who has seen her when ill (and a special one to be given by the Surgeon who attended her).

I have reason to believe that the best skill within reach has been obtained for the Cow belonging to Mr. _____ during her illness, and every attention given her; and that the sum of £ _____ for the carcass, as stated by him to have been received, is correct.

Her name is _____ Age _____

Breed _____

Colour and distinguishing marks _____

Nature of her disease or illness _____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____

(Signed)

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Inspector, Ayton Cow Society.