

quired to give effect to the functions of the Board and they shall fix the terms and duration of each appointment.

14. Voting at all meetings of the Board and at meetings of any Sub-Committee appointed by the Board shall be by show of hands, each member having one vote, but in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

15. Subject to the provisions of the Scheme the meetings of the Board and of any Sub-Committees appointed by the Board shall be held and conducted in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board, including provision for the taking and keeping of minutes, which shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they are approved and such signature shall be sufficient evidence of their accuracy.

16. The expenses of the Board and of any Sub-Committees appointed by the Board and the salaries of any officers of the Board, including such remuneration (if any) of the Chairman of the Board as may be determined by vote of a general meeting of owners, shall be payable out of the District Fund.

General Meetings.

17. Mr. Thomas Harold Fisher of St. Annals, Cinderford, shall call or cause to be called a general meeting of all the owners not later than seven days after the date on which the Scheme comes into force, for the purpose of electing the first Board and for any other business that may be necessary under the Scheme.

18. A general meeting of owners shall be held in each succeeding year at intervals of approximately 12 months:

Provided that such annual general meeting shall be held not less than seven days before the retirement of the Board for the time being is due to take place, and that the business of such annual general meeting shall include the election of the Board for the twelve months following upon such retirement.

19. The election of representatives of the District to the Central Council, together with any substitutes therefor, shall take place at a general meeting:

Provided that such representatives and substitutes shall be elected from among

(a) those persons who have been elected or appointed to membership of the Executive Board and are still serving in that capacity, and

(b) the Secretary or other officer of the Board.

20. Save as otherwise provided in the Scheme, the date, time and place of all general meetings shall be determined by the Board.

21. The Board may whenever they think fit, and shall upon requisition made in writing by Owners representing not less than 10 per cent. of the aggregate of the Standard Tonnages of all coal mines or undertakings in the District for the time being in force convene a general meeting. Such requisition shall expressly state the object of the meeting that it is proposed to call and shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. Upon receipt of such requisition the Board shall proceed forthwith to call a general

meeting, and, if they neglect to do so for seven days from the date of the serving of the requisition on the Secretary, the signatories of the requisition may themselves convene the meeting.

23. At least seven days' notice in writing of every general meeting stating the time, the date and the place of the meeting shall be sent by the Secretary or other person convening the meeting to each owner and such notice shall also state the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting, but the non-receipt of the notice by any owner shall not invalidate the proceedings at a general meeting.

24. The expenses of all general meetings, including the expenses of the meeting summoned under Clause 17 of the Scheme, shall be regarded as expenses of the Board and shall be paid out of the District Fund.

25.—(1) At the first and each subsequent annual general meeting, the owners present shall appoint a Chairman and Deputy Chairman of general meetings who shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

(2) Such Chairman, or in his absence, the Deputy Chairman, shall preside at all general meetings, and in the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the owners present at the meeting may appoint a Chairman for that meeting from those present thereat.

26. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of nine owners or their representatives are personally present:

Provided that if at any meeting a quorum is not present within half-an-hour after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn the same until such reasonable time as he may decide, being not less than seven days later, and at the adjourned meeting the owners or their representatives actually present shall form a quorum.

27. Each owner shall by notice in writing to the Secretary nominate a representative to attend general meetings and (if an individual) may nominate himself. Each owner may further in like manner nominate a substitute to attend any meeting when the first nominated representative is unable to attend.

28. At any general meeting—

(1) Any matter put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by show of hands unless a poll is demanded at the meeting and on such show of hands each representative or substitute present shall have one vote;

(2) In the event of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote;

(3) Unless a poll is demanded, the declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a Resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or lost and an entry to the effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the Resolution;

(4) The decision of the Chairman of the meeting as to the result of the voting on any Resolution shall be final.

29. On a poll, which shall be taken at the meeting, every owner present or who has