

Provided that nominations in the case of the Board as first constituted shall be made to Mr. R. Crichton, the Chairman of the Cumberland Coal Owners' Association, who shall call or cause to be called the first meeting of the Board not later than seven days after the date on which the Scheme comes into force.

6. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they may think fit.

7. The Secretary shall upon receipt of any requisition for a meeting of the Board signed by any member of the Board summon a meeting of the Board by giving not less than three days' notice in writing of such meeting to every member of the Board:

Provided that the purpose for which the meeting is required shall be specified in every such requisition and notice as aforesaid.

8. Any member of the Board who is unavoidably prevented from attending a meeting of the Board may appoint a substitute to attend that meeting and vote in his stead:

Provided that notice of such appointment is given in writing to the Secretary before the meeting.

9. The Board shall appoint a Chairman to preside at the meetings thereof and a Deputy Chairman to preside in his absence. If at any meeting of the Board neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman is present, the members of the Board present shall choose one of their number to act as Chairman of that meeting.

10. The Board shall not be competent to transact business at any meeting unless there shall be present six members or substitute representatives who shall represent at least two-thirds of the aggregate standard tonnage of the district.

11. The Board may appoint Sub-Committees from time to time from among their own members or otherwise for such purposes as they shall think fit:

Provided that any decision of a Sub-Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board, unless by resolution of the Board the powers of the Board to make such a decision are delegated to the Sub-Committee.

12. The Board shall appoint a Secretary to the Board and such other officers as are required to give effect to the functions of the Board and they shall fix the terms and duration of each appointment.

13. The representatives of the district to the Central Council, together with any substitutes therefor, shall be appointed by the Board and the method of voting shall be that specified in Clause 14:

Provided that such representatives and substitutes shall be elected from—

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

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

14. At all meetings of the Board:—

(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 member or substitute member 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.

(5) On a poll, which shall be taken at the meeting, each member or substitute member present shall have one vote for each complete ton of the annual standard tonnage of his coal mine or mines:

Provided that at any meeting held during the first year of operation of the Scheme before standard tonnages have been determined, each member or substitute member present shall have one vote for each complete ton of the output of his coal mine or mines in the period of twelve months ended 31st December, 1929.

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 resolution of the Board shall be payable out of the District Fund.

Notice of Decisions of the Board and other Notices.

17. The Board shall, through the Secretary, give notice in writing of their decisions, and of the decisions of any of their Sub-Committees, to all owners immediately after the decisions have been reached. Such notices and any other notices to be given by the Board to any owners individually under the provisions of the Scheme shall be addressed either to the registered office of the owner, to his principal place of business, or to such address as he may furnish to the Secretary as appropriate for the service of such notices, and they may be served either personally or by prepaid post, and if posted shall be deemed to have been received by the owner within twenty-four hours of the posting thereof.

Amendment of Scheme.

18. The Board may from time to time, if it is so decided by resolution of the Board supported by at least 66 per cent. of the total number of votes that could be recorded upon a poll under Clause 14 of the Scheme, submit to the Board of Trade in writing any alteration in the provisions of the Scheme or a new Scheme in substitution therefor:

Provided that the alteration or new Scheme (as the case may be) shall not come into force unless and until approved by the