

vote of a general meeting of owners, shall be payable out of the District Fund.

*General Meetings.*

16. Mr. H. E. Allen, of Elwy House, Wrexham, 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.

17. 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 12 months following upon such retirement.

18. The election of a representative of the District to the Central Council together with any substitute for such representative shall take place at a general meeting and the method of voting at such election shall be that which is prescribed in Clause 27 of the Scheme. Provided that such Representative and substitute shall be elected from among persons who have been elected or appointed to membership of the Executive Board and are still serving in that capacity.

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

20. The Board may whenever they shall think fit, and shall upon requisition made in writing by any one owner, 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.

21. 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.

22. At least three 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.

23. The expenses of all general meetings, including the expenses of the meeting summoned under Clause 16 of the Scheme, shall be regarded as expenses of the Board and shall be paid out of the District Fund.

24.—(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.

25. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum as defined by Clause 9 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.

26. 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.

27. On a poll, which shall be taken at the meeting, every owner present or who has appointed a proxy for the meeting shall have one vote and one further vote for each complete 10,000 tons of the annual standard tonnage of his coal mine or mines:

Provided that at any general meeting held during the first year of operation of the scheme before standard tonnages have been determined, every owner present or who has appointed a proxy for the meeting shall have one vote and one further vote for each complete 10,000 tons of the output of his coal mine or mines in the period of twelve months ended 31st December, 1929.

28. Votes on a poll at any general meeting may be given either personally or by proxy, and in the latter event the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Secretary not less than two days before the meeting takes place.

29.—(1) A Minute Book of the proceedings at general meetings shall be kept by the Secretary and all Resolutions and the result of voting thereon shall be entered therein.

(2) The Minutes of each Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they are approved and such signature shall be sufficient evidence of their accuracy.

*Notice of Decisions of the Board and other Notices.*

30. 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