

Provided that at any meeting held before standard tonnages have been determined the quorum shall be calculated on the aggregate sectional output during the twelve months ended on 31st day of March, 1928.

*Voting at Sectional Meetings.*

(c) At all Sectional Meetings held for the purposes of the Scheme voting shall be by resolution passed by a majority of votes of the representatives present on a show of hands and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a representative; but if at a Sectional Meeting any representative present shall demand a tonnage vote each representative present shall be entitled to vote according to the current annual standard tonnage of the coal mine or coal mines of the Coalowner appointing him, that is to say:—

When the annual standard tonnage does not exceed fifty thousand tons one vote, and one further vote for every additional fifty thousand tons of annual standard tonnage or major part thereof. The decision of the Meeting shall then be ascertained and declared by computation of the total number of votes which each representative present may give as defined by this sub-clause:

Provided that the tonnage vote at any Sectional Meeting held prior to the determination of standard tonnages shall be in accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 (e) of the Scheme.

*Appointment of Sectional Secretary.*

(d) A Secretary shall be appointed by the Coalowners of each Section who shall keep a minute book of the proceedings at Sectional Meetings of the Coalowners of his Section and all resolutions and the result of voting thereon shall be entered therein.

*Appointment of Chairman at Sectional Meetings.*

(e) A Chairman shall be appointed at each Sectional Meeting held under this clause who shall preside at that Meeting only, and a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried or lost shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

(f) The Minutes of each Sectional 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.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD; VOTING, ETC.

*Chairman of Executive Board.*

(a) The Executive Board shall elect from their own number a Chairman of the Board who shall hold office for one year from 1st July to 30th June and shall be eligible for re-election; but the first Chairman shall hold office from the date of his election to the 30th day of June, 1932. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting the Board shall elect a Chairman from their own number who shall preside at that meeting only.

*Voting.*

(b) Voting at Meetings of the Executive Board shall be by show of hands and in case

of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote as a member of the Board, and a declaration by the Chairman that a Resolution has been carried or lost shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

*Quorum.*

(c) A quorum at Meetings of the Executive Board shall be ten Members representing not less than three of the Sections hereinbefore referred to.

*Minutes.*

(d) The Secretary shall keep proper Minute Books and other necessary books of record in connection with the proceedings and work of the Board. The minutes of each Meeting when signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which they have been approved shall be deemed to be accurate and conclusive for all purposes.

*Annual Report.*

(e) The Executive Board shall immediately after the 30th day of April in each year (except 1931) prepare or cause to be prepared a Report upon the working and operation of the Scheme during the previous period or year ended on the 30th day of April and a copy thereof shall be sent by the Secretary to every Coalowner.

(f) If any matter shall arise for decision by the Executive Board (except the matters referred to in Clauses 12, 18 and 19 hereof and Clause 14 of the Regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto) any six members of the Board representing not less than three of the Sections hereinbefore referred to may demand that such matter shall be submitted to Sectional Meetings for the views of the representatives present at such Sectional Meetings. A Sectional Meeting shall forthwith be held in each Section to consider the matter so submitted and a report of such views shall be sent from each Sectional Meeting to the Executive Board for consideration at a meeting of the Board at which the matter so submitted shall be dealt with. No part of the control and management shall however be deemed to be vested in Sectional Meetings or in the said representatives for the purposes of the Scheme.

*Representatives on Central Council.*

(g) The election of Representatives of the District to the Central Council together with any substitutes therefor shall take place at Sectional Meetings and the method of voting at such elections shall be that prescribed in Clause 8 (c):

Provided that:—

(i) Such representatives and substitutes shall be elected from among

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

(b) the Secretary or other officers of the Board;

(ii) the number of Representatives or substitutes to be elected by each Sectional Meeting shall be determined by the Executive Board in proportion as near as possible to the aggregate annual standard tonnage of