

power to appoint Committees to consist either of members of the Board or other persons, and to delegate to such Committees such functions as the Board may think fit. All decisions of Committees appointed under this Clause shall be subject to confirmation by the Board, and the Board may, if they think fit, pay remuneration to the members of any such Committees."

10. Clause 13 shall have effect as if—

(a) after the word "officers" there were inserted the words "agents and servants"; and

(b) the following sentence were added at the end thereof, that is to say:—

"In making such appointments the Board shall give effect to the provisions of the Schedule hereto".

11. Clause 14 shall have effect as if for the word "Sub-Committee" there were substituted the word "Committee".

12. Clause 15 shall have effect as if for the word "Sub-Committees" there were substituted the word "Committees".

13. Clause 16 shall have effect as if—

(a) for the word "Sub-Committees" there were substituted the word "Committees";

(b) after the word "officers" there were inserted the words "agents and servants"; and

(c) after the word "owners" there were inserted the words "and the remuneration of any of the members of any Committee".

14. For Clauses 17 and 18 there shall be substituted the following Clause, that is to say:—

"17. An annual general meeting of Owners shall be held in each year at a date not later than the 15th day of October. The business of such annual general meeting shall include the election of the Board for the ensuing year."

15. Clauses 19 and 20 shall be renumbered 18 and 19 respectively.

16. Clause 21 shall have effect as if—

(a) it were renumbered "20";

(b) for the word "six" there were substituted the word "three"; and

(c) the words "representing a majority of the output of the District" were omitted.

17. Clause 22 shall be renumbered 21.

18. For Clause 23 there shall be substituted the following Clause, that is to say:—

"22. Unless a shorter notice shall be unavoidable, at least seven days' notice in writing of every general meeting and of any adjournment thereof, stating the time, the date and the place of the meeting shall be given 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 the meeting."

19. Clause 24 shall have effect as if—

(a) it were renumbered "23"; and

(b) the words "including the expenses of the meeting summoned under Clause 17 of the Scheme" were omitted.

20. Clause 25 shall have effect as if—

(a) it were renumbered "24"; and

(b) in sub-clause (1) thereof the words "the first and" and the word "subsequent" were omitted.

21. Clause 26 shall have effect as if—

(a) it were renumbered "25";

(b) for the words "six Owners or Owners representing a majority of the output of the District or their representatives are personally present" there were substituted the words "Owners representing at least 51 per cent. of the aggregate of the annual basic tonnages of all the coal mines at the date of the meeting is present"; and

(c) in the proviso thereto for the word "may" where that word first appears there were substituted the word "shall".

22. For Clauses 27 to 37 inclusive there shall be substituted the following Clauses, that is to say:—

"26.—(1) Any Owner shall be entitled by giving notice to the Secretary to nominate a representative or representatives, and also a substitute or substitutes for such representative or representatives, being Directors or officials employed by such Owner, to act in his place at all general meetings, and any person or persons so nominated shall for the purpose of the proceedings of all such meetings and voting thereat in the absence of the Owner, be deemed to be an Owner.

(2) Attendance at general meetings shall not be limited to one such representative or substitute for each Owner, but in the event of two or more representatives or substitutes attending the meeting, only one such representative or substitute may vote on behalf of such Owner.

27. At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by any Owner, and unless such a poll is so demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution. On a show of hands every Owner shall have one vote, and at a poll every Owner shall have one vote for each ton of the annual basic tonnage of his coal mine at the date of the meeting.

28. A report of the proceedings of all general meetings shall be entered in a Minute Book, and a proper record of such meetings shall be kept. 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.

29. All notices required to be given under the Scheme may be served upon an Owner at his registered office or principal place of business either personally or by posting the same by prepaid post, and if posted shall be deemed to have been received by the Owner within 24 hours from the posting thereof.

30. The Board shall through the Secretary forthwith after any meeting of the Board or of any Committee send a copy of the minutes of such meeting to each member of the Board.