

Dutch Spotted Sheep Society
Regional Group Operandi

January 2024

1. Name

- The Regional Group/Branch/Group shall be called 'The (Insert name) Regional Area Dutch Spotted Sheep Society Group'. Hereinafter called The Regional Group.

2. Affiliation

- All Regional Groups will be a subsidiary of the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society.

3. Objectives

- The aim of the Regional Group is to promote, publicise and encourage the keeping of Dutch Spotted Sheep within their region by means of shows, sales, exhibitions, advertisement, publicity materials or any other appropriate means.
- The Regional Group shall provide help, advice and support to members, including to collect and disseminate information by any means.
- The Regional Group will promote meetings of members to exchange ideas and information and cooperate with or affiliate to, any organisation in furtherance of the Society objectives. i.e National Sheep Association

4. Group Area and Membership

- Regional Groups are to be located in the following areas:- Northern Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland. (These areas may contain more than one regional group)
- All members of the Regional Group must be fully paid up members of the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society and shall not include any person who is not a member of the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society.

5. Regional Group Structure

- The Committee of the Regional Group will consist of a maximum of 9 members including four Officer Bearers, ie the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Regional Group Committee may co-opt other persons as it feels appropriate to the benefit of the Regional Group Committee, on approval from the Society Trustees.
- The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will normally serve for no more than two consecutive years, being re-elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. In exceptional circumstances, a three year term of office of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson can be extended provided it is agreed by Society Trustees.
- All Regional Group Committee posts will be open for election at the Regional Group Annual General Meeting each year. A list of the current Officers and other Committee members will be circulated with the notification of the Annual General Meeting.
- Nomination for Officers and Membership of the Regional Group Committee may be made in advance of the Annual General Meeting by post. In either case, nominations should be proposed and seconded by Regional Group Members.

- The quorum for any meeting of a Regional Group Committee shall be not less than five members present at such meeting including either the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson.
- The Regional Group Committee will hold an Annual General Meeting which will be held each year in June.

6. Group Rules

- The constitution and conduct of business of each Regional Group shall be subject to the Constitution of the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society and the Rules and Regulations made by the Trustees of the Society in relation to the Regional Group.
- A resolution passed by the Regional Group Committee shall (where appropriate) take the form of a recommendation from such Group Committee to the Society Trustees.
- The Society Trustees will retain the power to overturn any resolution that has been implemented by the Regional Group Committee that it sees detrimental to the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society.
- The Regional Group Committee shall provide a formal record of all meetings (minutes) held by the Group Committee and make provision of such to the Society Trustees and DSS Society Secretary.
- The Regional Group Committee shall provide a formal record of monetary accounts held by the Regional Group Committee and make provision of such to the DSS Society Treasurer.
- The Regional Group Treasurer will co-ordinate with the DSS Society Treasurer, to affirm and undertake any Regional Group financial matters.
- Any complaints brought to the attention of the Regional Group Committee will be relayed towards the Society Trustees and will be bound by the Society complaints protocol.
- The Society Trustees retain the power to disassemble any Regional Committee if it see's fit, if the Regional Group Committee is not acting in accordance with the Constitution of the Society and or Rules and Regulations of the Society.
- All Regional Group Committees must follow the DSS Society rules and protocols at all times, this includes guidance on GDPR and dealing with any vulnerable adults, children and young people.