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## STATUTES

### I. General Provisions

§ 1 Name and Home office :

An association exists under the name *swiss independent shepherd network SISN*. The seat of the association is at the management.

Unless otherwise provided below, the provisions of § 60 - 79 of the Swiss Civil Code apply.

## § 2 Purpose :

- to collect and exchange knowledge, ideas and experiences of tending small ruminants, in the Swiss and European context.
- to establish, preserve and promote the cultural value of knowledge and skills related to pastoralism.
- to promote and make visible the ecological benefits and flexibility of free pastoralism.
- to secure and develop support for the keeping, training and use of working dogs and pack animals.
- to educate and train shepherds/shepherdesses goatherds/goatherdesses in a practical framework.
- to carry out public relations work through personal contacts, events and the media.
- to establish a museum with decentralised research, collection and exhibition.
- The association *swiss independent shepherd network SISN* does not see itself as a competitor to existing organisations and protagonists, but rather strives for cooperation.

## II. members

### § 3 Types of membership and duties :

1. natural and legal persons may become members of the association. The Executive Committee decides on the admission of the new members.

2. The Association shall consist of

Individual members annual membership fee	CHF 100.-
Family members annual membership fee	CHF 150.-
Passive members annual membership fee	CHF 50.-
Legal entities annual membership fee	CHF 500.-
Life member one-time contribution	CHF 1000.-

Honorary members / members of the executive committee are exempt from membership fees

3. the exclusion of a member can only be effected by the General Assembly.

4. the resignation of a member upon written notice shall become effective at the next ordinary General Assembly.

5. persons who have rendered outstanding services to the *swiss independent shepherd network SISN* may be appointed honorary members. They shall be appointed by the General Assembly at the request of the Executive Committee. Honorary members have the right to vote and be elected and are exempt from paying the annual membership fee.

Members of the Association undertake to support the purpose of the Association, to comply with the Statutes and Regulations and to support the decisions of the Board.

#### § 4 General Meeting :

1. an ordinary General Meeting shall be held annually in the first quarter after the end of the Association year. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be convened if the Executive Committee deems it necessary or at least one fifth of the members request it in writing, stating the subject of the meeting.

The General Assembly shall have the following powers:

- a) The election of the Executive Committee -the President -the Auditors
- b) Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting
- c) to approve the annual report of the President
- d) Approval of the annual accounts
- e) Approval of the budget
- f) Fixing of the Annual Subscriptions
- g) revision of the Statutes
- h) to pass resolutions on all other business reserved for the General Assembly by law or by the Statutes or referred to it by the Executive Committee.

Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting. Proxies shall be excluded. In the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

§ 5 Executive Committee:

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of 3-7 members.
2. The Executive Committee manages the business of the Association, unless the General Assembly is responsible for this by law or by the Articles of Association. The Executive Committee shall represent the Association externally and may form committees with the assistance of other members of the Association.
3. The members of the Executive Committee are to be elected for a term of two years and are eligible for re-election for a maximum period of eight years.

§ 6 Auditors :

Two independent and competent auditors shall audit the annual accounts, the balance sheet and the bookkeeping. They must submit a written report to the General Assembly on the results of the audit. The Auditors shall be elected for one year and may be re-elected.

### **III. Finances**

§ 7 Income :

The income of the Association shall consist of:

- a) membership fees
- b) donations and gifts
- c) investment income
- d) contributions from sponsors, patrons and the public authorities

§ 8 Liability :

Only the assets of the Association shall be liable for the Association's debts; the personal liability of members shall be excluded.

## **IV. Organisation of the Association**

### § 9 Revision of the Statutes :

Amendments to the Statutes require the approval of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the General Assembly.

### § 10 Dissolution of the Association :

1. the Association may be dissolved if its purpose has become obsolete or if the fulfilment of its purpose is carried out by another institution. Dissolution shall require the approval of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

2. any assets of the Association available at the time of dissolution shall be transferred to the successor organisation. In the absence of such an organisation, the assets shall be transferred to an institution with the same or similar objectives.

### § 11 Date of implementation

The present statutes were approved at the founding meeting on

President

Secretary

# APPLICATION FORM

I hereby apply for membership to the Swiss Independent Shepherd Network

Individual member

Family member

Passive member

Legal entity

Life member

Honorary member

My outstanding service to the Swiss Independent Shepherd Network :

I am a Shepherd / Shepherdess

I am a Goatherd / Goatherdess

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Location, Date

Signature

Name

Adress

Telephone

Email

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