

The following are the rules of the Society as finally amended and agreed to;

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF LAND-PURCHASERS IN THE CANTERBURY SETTLEMENT.

1. That the Society be composed solely of land-owners who shall have purchased land of the Canterbury Association.
2. That agents, or persons holding written authorities, or powers of attorney, be at liberty to exercise all the privileges of Members, their principals being at such time absent from the Settlement.
3. That all Members register their names with the Secretary before they can take any part in the proceedings of the Society.
4. That a general Meeting of the Members be held four times at the least in every year, that is to say, on the first Thursday in the months of January, April, July, and October: and that Special-General Meetings may be called by the President, the Council, or by the Secretaries upon a written requisition signed by ten Members of the Society. That 14 days' public notice of any such Special General Meeting be given in the Colony; and that the subjects for which such Meeting is called, be specified in such Notice; and that no other business be brought before such Meeting.
5. That at all General Meetings, fifteen Members shall form a quorum; that all questions shall be decided by a majority of the Members present; that no Member shall, under any circumstances, have more than one vote; and that the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
6. That at the First Ordinary General Meeting in each year, a President shall be elected, who shall hold office for one year, and shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Council and of the General Meetings.
7. That the proceedings of the Society be conducted by a Council, consisting of twelve Members, to be elected at the first ordinary General Meeting in each year, who shall retain office until others be appointed; and in case any vacancies occur from death, resignation, non-residence within the Settlement, or from any other cause, that such vacancies shall be filled up at the next ordinary General Meeting.
8. That the President and the Council be elected by open voting, or by written voting-papers signed and witnessed; and that no person shall be eligible for election, whose name shall not have been publicly announced at least fourteen days before the day of election.
9. That the Council be empowered to conduct all negotiations on the part of the Land-Purchasers, with the Canterbury Association, and with the Government, and become the organ of all communications in their behalf, expressing the collective views and sentiments of the Land-Purchasers, and shall present a report upon all such matters to every ordinary General Meeting of the Society.
10. That Meetings of the Council be held once a week, and that three be a quorum; and that a Special Meeting of the Council may be called by the President, or by any two of its Members: three days' notice of such Meeting having been given, either by circular letter left at the ordinary place of residence, or by public advertisement in the Journals.
11. That all expenses of the Society be paid by a Rate to be voted at a General Meeting, and that any Member not having paid his share of the rate so voted, shall be disqualified from taking any part in the proceedings of the Society.
12. That a balance-sheet of the receipts and expenditure be laid before each Quarterly General Meeting of the Society.

of the Society. This was agreed to as a separate Clause.

The general question of the adoption of the report of the Council upon the rules of the Society was then put and carried unanimously. Mr. Fitzgerald moved seconded by Mr. Dampier that a printed copy of the amended rules be sent to every Member of the Society. The motion was carried.

The meeting then separated.

James Edward Fitzgerald

Ordinary General Meeting, held in the Land Office at Christchurch ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Thursday} the 3rd April 1851.

On the motion of Mr. Dampier seconded by Mr. Dudley Mr. Fitzgerald was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman said the principal object of the meeting was to proceed to the election of a President and Council according to their 6th rules. They were aware that in order to qualify members nominated for election it was necessary that their names & their intention to stand for the office should be published 14 days before the general meeting.

The names of the late Council had been published at the proper time - ~~with~~ and also that of Mr. Stuart Wortf who announced himself a candidate for the place vacated by the resignation of Mr. Holmudley - They were therefore ~~of so facts~~ elected without any additional voting being had required, unless the Society were of opinion that it should not be so, in which case the proper course