

RULES AND STATUTES
of
THE BIO-DYNAMIC ASSOCIATION (B.d.A.)
for Soil and Crop Improvement.

1. The name of the Association is The Bio-Dynamic Association for Soil and Crop Improvement (hereinafter called "the Association").
2. The Registered Office of the Association will be situated in England.
3. The objects for which the Association is established are:
 - (a) To make known, promote and apply the bio-dynamic methods given by Dr. Rudolf Steiner for the betterment of farming, forestry, market gardening and gardening.
 - (b) To improve and maintain the standard of farm and garden produce generally and so to obtain crops that are more nutritive and of a higher quality than is the present average practice.
 - (c) To get more humus and life into cultivated land.
 - (d) To promote the rearing and feeding of sound, healthy livestock
 - (e) To read papers, hold discussions, organise lectures, conferences, branches, study circles, demonstrations and prepare and publish all kinds of publications in connection with the bio-dynamic methods of soil and crop improvement and the crops produced thereby.
 - (f) To prepare, print and publish, sell, lend and distribute books, papers and periodicals, arrange lectures, give instructions and conduct experiments dealing with the bio-dynamic soil and crop improvement methods, their management and operation.
 - (g) To hold and promote demonstrations, exhibitions and shows relating to the work of the Association.
 - (h) To own, control and operate farms and gardens for experimenting in and demonstrating the methods of the Association
 - (i) To buy, sell, manufacture, repair, let on hire, or deal in machinery, implements and goods of all kinds, necessary for the work of the Association.
 - (j) To sell, let, mortgage, manage, develop, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any of the property or assets of the Association as may be thought expedient for the promotion of its objects or any one of them.
 - (k) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or

personal property and any rights or privileges which the Association may consider necessary or convenient for the promotion of its objects or any one of them.

(l) To carry out any work that will promote the objects of the Association and to take any steps necessary to promote any or all of the objects either alone or in concert with any other body or organisation.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) There shall be two main classes of members:

(1) Active members;

(2) Associate members.

(b) Active members shall be those who apply the bio-dynamic methods in actual cultivation. These shall pay a subscription of not less than 10/- per annum.

(c) Associate members shall be those who desire to promote the bio-dynamic methods and who are interested in the production and consumption of food of high quality. These shall pay a subscription of not less than 5/- per annum.

(d) Active members are expected to carry out the methods as far as possible in their entirety and can avail themselves of advisory visits by appointed members of the Association.

(e) Other classes of membership may be created and defined by the Council as the need arises.

5. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

(a) Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association and every application shall be submitted to the Council who may accept or refuse an applicant.

(b) Any member, in the opinion of the Council, who is not acting in the interests of the Association shall be liable to expulsion by vote of not less than three-fourths of the Council members present and voting at a special meeting.

(c) All members of the Association shall receive gratis a copy of the Association News Sheet or other periodical publication.

6. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

(a) The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Chairman, not more than 5 Vice-Presidents, an Hon. Secretary (or Secretary), and an Hon. Treasurer (or Treasurer), hereinafter called Secretary or Treasurer respectively. The two last may be one and the same person.

(b) The President shall take the Chair at all the General Meetings of the Association. In the absence

of the President the Chairman shall take the Chair. If the Chairman should not be present the members shall choose one of the Vice-Presidents or one of the members of the Council to preside.

(c) No person unless recommended by the Council for election shall be eligible for election as President, Chairman, Vice. President, Secretary or Hon. Treasurer, unless at least twenty. eight clear days before the meeting two or more members intending to propose him have delivered at the Office of the Association notice in writing signifying their intention.

(d) The duties of the Secretary shall be determined by the Council.

(e) The Treasurer shall supervise the financial transactions of the Association and shall discharge any other functions relating to the receipts or payments of the Association which the Council may direct.

(f) The President, Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all Committees.

7. COUNCIL.

(a) The Council shall consist of the President, the Chairman, the Secretary and not fewer than three and not more than seven members elected at the General Meeting.

(b) The Council shall meet as often as it shall deem necessary.

(c) The Council may admit members of the press and public at their meetings at the discretion of the Chairman.

(d) The Council may, from time to time, co-opt members for a definite purpose and time. These co-opted members may at the discretion of the Council vote at meetings of the Council.

(e) The Council may, from time to time, appoint sub-committees and may delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee who shall conform in all respects to the instructions of the Council.

(f) The Secretary shall on the requisition of at least three members of the Council summon a special meeting of the Council.

(g) The Secretary, Treasurer and two members of the Council shall form a quorum and are entitled to carry through any business.

(h) The Council shall, if required, give at any time a full report of the activities of the Association to the Natural Science Section of the Goetheanum at Dornach (Switzerland).

8. ELECTIONS

(a) Election of Officers and members of the Council shall take place at the time of the Annual

General Meeting. Elected members shall hold office for a term of three years.

(b) Retiring officers and members of the Council are eligible for re-election.

(c) Election of Officers and members of Council may, at the discretion of the Council, be held by post, that is to say, nominations shall be invited by post not less than one month before the date of the election and nominations shall be posted to the members not later than fourteen days before the date of the election, and the replies in each case may be sent on postcards provided out of the funds of the Association, and if a business licence is obtained from the Postmaster General the Association may pay the postage in this way.

9. MEETINGS. (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than June 30th in each year at a time and place to be determined by the Council.

(b) Notice of the General Meeting, together with the Agenda, shall be sent to each member at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

(c) A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Council think it expedient or whenever 10 per cent of the members of the Association so request in writing; such request to be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the Association. The Special General Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the receipt of such request.

(d) All active and associate members have equal rights at the General and Special General Meetings. The vote of the majority shall be decisive. When necessary the Chairman may give the casting vote.

(e) A Special General Meeting may not transact any business not entered in the notice convening it.

(f) Ten members shall form a quorum and no meeting shall become incompetent from the want of a quorum arising after the Chair has been taken.

10. ACCOUNTS.

(a) The officers shall cause proper books of Accounts to be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place, and the assets and liabilities of the Association.

(b) The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to any officer or member of the Association.

11. AUDITOR.

The Association shall in General Meeting annually elect an Hon. or Professional Auditor to hold office for the ensuing year and fix such Auditor's remuneration (if any). No member of any Committee shall be capable of acting as Auditor. A retiring Auditor shall be eligible for re-election. A vacancy in the office of Auditor may be filled by the Council.

12. NOTICES.

A notice may be served by the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his last known address. Any notices served by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of the post, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted.

13. INTERPRETATION AND ALTERATION OF RULES. The Council shall as between itself and the members of the Association be the sole authority for the legal interpretation of these rules; and any matter not provided for herein may be dealt with by the Council.

14. DISSOLUTION,

The Association may be dissolved by a three-fourths majority of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting duly convened for the purpose.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The Bio-dynamic Methods can be introduced gradually. They involve the following measures:

1. Care and improvement of manure and compost.- This is effected by applying the Preparations Nos. 502-507, and through careful treatment, piling up and covering of the manure; also through collection and heaping up of all plant and animal refuse accessible to fermentation, so as to convert it into compost. particulars are given in the "Practical Guide to the Use of the Bio-dynamic Preparations" and in the News Sheet of the Association.
2. Direct stimulation of life in the soil through Preparation No. 500 and of plant growth through Preparation No. 501 - These preparations are sprayed on the ground and on the growing plants

respectively; they form the indispensable basis for making the manure and compost efficient by promoting humus formation within the soil and assimilation in the plants. Their exact application is described in the above-mentioned "Practical Guide."

3. Preservation of soil fertility through crop rotation. The rotation should be determined according to the special locality and conditions of the farm or garden. For this purpose an advisory visit is recommended. If this is not possible an exact description should be sent to the Secretary of the Association, containing particulars of the estate in question, especially as to the nature of the soil and subsoil, the height above sea-level, the usual crop rotation of the district, manuring hitherto applied, nature of the crops and method of the soil treatment, the live stock and its feeding as customary to the district, the climate, the average number of sunshiny and rainy days.

A similar principle can be applied to the garden through planting alternately rows of plants that take a greater or lesser amount from the soil, and through a suitable crop rotation. With this belongs also the care of the fruit and trees described in the "Practical Guide".

The bio-dynamic farming and gardening demands close attention to points 1-3. The many experiences and points of view which have to be considered ought to be discussed on the spot in order to be adapted to the individual conditions of the farm. For the complete changing over a continuous consultation is necessary in order to avoid all risks and to obtain the best results possible.

4. In addition to the above measures many other biological conditions have to be considered in order to open up new possibilities of cultivation. Such particulars are given when consultation takes place. The carrying out of additional measures is not compulsory but is a matter of individual decision on the part of the farmer or gardener. They comprise indications concerning the treatment of livestock, feeding, the provision of home-produced fodder, and the combating of plant diseases and animal pests on the bio-dynamic principles.

5. Anyone who wishes to make the first informative attempt can begin the manure and compost treatment according to Nos. 1-2 and can, for this purpose, receive the "bio-dynamic Preparations" necessary to be added to the manure or compost. This experiment alone, however, does not represent the whole of the bio-dynamic methods and such a farm or garden cannot be recognised as biodynamic.

6. Expenses. The Council of the Association intends to arrange as soon as is practicable a scale of annual charges based on the acreage of farm or garden to cover advisory visits (exclusive of travelling expenses) and all preparations required for the proper application of the bio-dynamic methods.

7. The address of the authorized Information Centres will be given on application to the Secretary

of the Association. The Preparations are distributed exclusively by the authorized centres of the Association.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I agree with the principles of the Bio-dynamic Association as set forth in the preceding manifesto, and desire to be admitted as a member of the Association, paying an Annual Subscription of:

(a) Active Member(minimum 10/-)

(b) Associate Member.....(minimum 5/-)

Signature

Address

Date.

Application must be sent to The Secretary, Bio-Dynamic con, High Quarry, Crockham Hill, Edenbridge.