

Chairman of
general meeting.

56. The chairman of the directors shall be entitled to take the chair at every general meeting, or if there be no chairman, or, if at any meeting he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding such meeting, the members present shall choose another director as chairman, and, if no director be present, or if all the directors present decline to take the chair, then the members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman.

When, if quorum
not present,
meeting to be
dissolved, and
when to be
adjourned.

57. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon such requisition as aforesaid, shall be dissolved, but in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present those members who are present shall be a quorum, and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

How questions
to be decided at
meetings:
casting vote.

58. Every question submitted to a meeting shall be decided, in the first instance, by show of hands, and in the case of an equality of votes the chairman shall, both on show of hands and at the poll, have a casting vote in addition to the vote or votes to which he may be entitled as a member.

What it is to be
evidence of the
passing of a
resolution where
poll not
demanded.

59. At any general meeting unless a poll is demanded by the chairman or by at least five members, or by a member or members holding or representing by proxy or entitled to vote in respect of at least one-tenth part of the capital represented at the meeting, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor of or against such resolution.

Poll.

60. If a poll is demanded as aforesaid, it shall be taken in such manner and at such time and place as the chairman of the meeting directs, and either once, or after an interval or adjournment, or otherwise, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The demand of a poll may be withdrawn.

Power to adjourn
general meeting.

61. The chairman of a general meeting may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the same from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

In what case poll
taken without
adjournment.

62. Any poll duly demanded on the election of a chairman of a meeting, or any question of adjournment, shall be taken at the meeting, and without adjournment.