

Annual General Meeting
New Brunswick 4-H Council Ltd.

November 25th, 2023

Woodstock Best Western

Call to Order:

Karen Versloot called the meeting to order at 10:12am with the 4-H Pledge. Karen read the policy and mission statements.

Directors in attendance: Karen Versloot, Ally McConchie, Trevor Ingraham, Sue McLaughlin, Kate Coleman, Stacy Matheson, Andrea Callahan, Braelee Folkins, Becky Perry and Sarah McCutcheon (voting for Natalie Duncan). John Riordon joined virtually.

Regrets: Natalie Duncan, Helen MacDiramid, Minister Johnson.

Observers in attendance: Amy Montgomery, Rebecca McDiramid, Robin Ardilla, Ella Flewelling, Melanie Bourque, Gisele Bourgault, Robin Antworth, Alain Blanchette (virtual), and Tracy Shea (virtual).

Alyssa approved the agenda, second by Kate. Motion carried.

Andrea approved the minutes as circulated, second by Bre. Motion carried.

Presidents Report: Karen reported on the past year as NB 4-H president. She highlighted new initiatives by NB 4-H, activities and events she was able to attend on behalf of NB 4-H and our strategic plan and new funding ask to the Department of Agriculture. Sue approved the president's report, second by Kate. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ally recapped the financial review prepared by Lennehan and McCain Associates. At year end, we were left with a deficiency of \$13,769. The current balance in the bank as of November 25th is \$131,427.78. Kate approved the treasurer's report, second by Andrea. Motion carried.

Reports:

Ally read the Canadian 4-H report, which highlights the 4-H Canada opportunities for members and leaders and the previous year's scholarship winners. Next came the Atlantic Committee report, which captures the past year's events in conjunction with the Atlantic Committee. The NB Council report followed and indicated all the events NB 4-H hosted in the past year and the new initiatives taken on. Alain added a piece about the 2023 NB 4-H Royal Dairy team and thanked Sarah for chaperoning with him. Alain asked for clarification that his 2023 4-H Canada Leadership Summit registration fee was covered by 4-H Canada and not NB 4-H as the winner of the National Volunteer Leader of the Year Award. Ally shared the Cloverbud and Junior Camp video that the youth committee worked on to promote the event for 2024. Trevor approved the reports as presented, second by Becky. Motion carried.

New Business:

2023/2024 Program/Activity Dates: Ally shared the list of upcoming events for the 2023/2024 4-H year. The sheep team, Ireland trip, and Leadership Summit were added to the list. Alain asked if the list could

be posted to the NB 4-H website. Ally will make the updates to the list. There was a discussion on Young Speakers for Agriculture and if we could send additional participants. Ally clarified that there is a junior and a senior competition through CYSA and is not 4-H specific, so any additional participants could register and pay their own way. Our funding just covers the cost to send one senior member and a chaperone for each year. Trevor approved the program dates as amended, second by Sarah. Motion carried.

Budget: Ally presented the proposed 2023/2024 budget. A conversation on the \$250 for the EastGen chaperone was discussed and decided that it would be removed. The \$250 would be added to a miscellaneous account to keep the budget balanced. Andrea approved the budget as amended, second by Braelee. Motion carried.

Elections: Nominations were collected via email prior to the AGM.

President: Andrea agreed to let her name stand via email. Karen asked for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were presented. Andrea was declared President.

Vice President: Trevor agreed to let his name stand via email. Karen asked for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were presented. Trevor was declared Vice President.

Treasurer: Karen, Andrea and Trevor had let their names stand via email. Karen asked for additional nominations from the floor. Andrea and Trevor's names were removed after accepting their positions. No other nominations were presented. Karen was declared Treasurer.

Membership Dues: Andrea took over the meeting at this point as the newly elected President. In a previous conversation, the board discussed raising membership dues. Becky made a motion to increase membership dues for the 2024/2025 year from \$35/member to \$45/member. Kate second the motion. Motion carried. Membership dues will increase to \$45/member starting in September of 2024.

Date of next AGM: November 23rd, 2024 with a storm date of November 30th. Location and times will be decided closer to the 2024 AGM.

Alyssa adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

An in-camera session was held. Ally and the observers left the meeting.