

Annual General Meeting
New Brunswick 4-H Council Ltd.

November 23rd, 2024

NBEx – Fredericton, NB

Call to Order:

Andrea called the meeting to order at 10am with the 4-H Pledge. Ally read the policy and mission statement.

Directors in attendance: Ally Bauchman, Andrea Callahan, Sue McLaughlin and Robin Ardilla (joined virtual) from Western District, Karen Versloot, Trevor Ingraham and Natlie Duncan from Central District, Stacy Matheson and Braelee Folkins (joined virtual) from Southern District, Nancy Callendar, Alyssa Thorne and Bre MacDonald from Eastern District, John Riordon from Northeastern District, and Kate Coleman from the Youth Committee.

Observers in attendance: Cody Whyte, Terri Whyte, Marjorie Innes, Tracy Shea, Ashley Storey, Shyanne White, Gisele Bourgault, Raphael Bourgault, Abygael Bourgault, Karen Hargrove, Melanie Bourque, Jayda Arsenault, Monique Saulnier, Alain Blanchette, Lisa Wolverton, Abigail Wolverton, Alanna Cullins, Abby Hunter, Ezra DeLong, Ingrid DeLong, Amanda Villeneuve, Molly Hargrove, Letishia Harris, Veronica Locke, Makaela Locke, and Ian Hill.

Trevor approved the agenda, second by John. Motion carried.

Stacy approved the 2023 AGM minutes as circulated, second by Kate. Motion carried.

Reports:

Presidents Report: Andrea read her president's report from the past 2023/2024 4-H year. She highlighted our largest Provincial Show in recent years, our banquet event happening later this evening, and our wonderful group of leaders and members who continue to showcase the positives within NB 4-H.

Treasurer's Report: Ally presented the financial report prepared by Lenehan and McCain Associates. At year end, we were left with a surplus of \$2,364.00. The balance in the bank as of November 23rd was \$122,849.99. Sue approved the treasurer's report as presented, second by Kate. Motion carried.

Royal Team Reports:

Beef – Alyssa presented the beef team report. The team started with a balance of \$13,292.60. The 2024 team raised \$20,658.55. The total expenses so far are \$18,183.76. There were 10 members and 9 calves that went this year. The team opted to use a transport truck this year, which gave an opportunity to bring other animals home from the royal at an additional cost to those wanting to purchase trailer space – this brought in an extra \$1,500 for the team. All members did great and a couple members got pulled in their confirmation heats to participate in the finals classes.

Dairy – Alain presented the dairy team report. The financials are not finalized yet, but the team started with around \$44,900 in the bank. The team is predicting a deficit this year as they have been working on purchasing a new display. There were 9 member and 8 calves that went this year and the members had a great year. The team had two champion calves this year and was 5th in the Group of Three. The team purchased a new floor structure, two TV screens and a new banner for the display. They are still looking into purchasing a fan stand, a new show box, and a box for the display.

Sheep – Ally presented the sheep team report. There were 8 members and 8 sheep attend and this was the first time in many years that NB 4-H has taken a team of members and sheep to the Royal. The members all did well and two of the members placed in their confirmation classes. The team fundraised \$10,998.00 this year and have a few more sponsor cheques that are expected. Their total expenses totalled \$10,809.41. The team is not predicting any more expenses for this year but will have some more income as the last few sponsor cheques arrive.

Ally read the 4-H Canada report, the Atlantic 4-H report, and the NB 4-H Provincial report. All these reports highlight the events NB 4-H took part in during this last year. There were a few corrections to clubs/districts of those mentioned in the report.

Stacy approved the reports as amended, second by Kate. Motion carried.

New Business:

Election of Treasurer – Karen Versloot has been holding the role of treasurer for the past year as there were no other directors interested in the position at the 2023 AGM election. This has put us in conflict with our constitution, so the board asked for a new treasurer to be elected at the 2024 AGM. Andrea declared the position vacant. Sue McLaughlin had put her name forward. No other nominations were presented. Sue McLaughlin will be the treasurer for a one-year term.

2024/2025 Programs/Activity Dates – Ally shared the upcoming list of events and dates for the 2024/2025 4-H year. A lot of the events have not been confirmed – once more details are available, Ally will update.

Budget: The directors had previously discussed and updated the budget prior to the AGM. Andrea called for a motion to accept the 2024/2025 budget. Kate approved the budget as presented, second by Sue. Motion carried.

Registration Deadline: It was asked to discuss the current structure for registrations. The deadline is November 30th, however, some clubs put an earlier deadline on their registrations. A conversation occurred on removing the deadline and accepting year-round registration with restrictions on achievement requirements for those joining later in the year. The board will strike a committee to discuss and will have a proposal for the 2025 AGM.

Date of next AGM: November 15th, 2025 with a storm date of November 22nd, 2025. Location TBD.

Kate adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

No in-camera session was held.