



**4-H Canada Board of Directors Meeting  
Corporate Minutes**

Thursday, June 11, 2015

9:00 a.m. AST

Crowne Plaza Fredericton – Lord Beaverbrook, Garrison Room

Present:	Valerie Pearson	Cameron Choquette	Donna Bridge
	Rob Schmeichel	Lyndon Stewart	Linda Porter
	Kim McConnell	Rob Black	Stan Figley
	Jennifer Christie	Jennifer Bishop	Kendra Elliott
Staff:	Shannon Benner	Heidi Vallinga	
Guests:	David Hovell	Blain Hjertaas	Leanne Sprung
	Valerie Stone		

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**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Congratulations were extended to those who won the council election and will be joining the council at the AGM: Blain Hjertaas, Valerie Stone, David Hovell and Leanne Sprung.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion: “To approve the agenda as presented.”  
Seconded and passed.

**3. Presidents report**

Valerie Pearson presented her report and spoke about the progress that the Council has made in recent years moving to a more governance role, rather than operational. She extended her thanks to board members who have attended and spoke at events on behalf of 4-H Canada.

#### **4. Foundation Report**

Kim McConnell presented his report on behalf of the Foundation. The last Foundation meeting focused on the financial statements for the previous fiscal year. The responsibilities of the Foundation have been divided up with each member rather than committees as there are fewer trustees. Fundraising now has a good structure and now has great potential for growth.

#### **5. CEO Report**

Shannon Benner thanked all of the board members for their time and dedication to 4-H Canada.

Discussion was had around differed programming contributions from prior years. Shannon will work with Foundation and report back to the board on this progress.

A question came up around the progress with planning the Global 4-H Summit in 2017 and the need for having a structure in place as soon as possible. It was also noted it is important to be aware of the risk involved in committing to such a large event. Shannon indicated that AAFC is still reviewing the final proposal but we are close to receiving the contribution agreement which will start moving things forward.

Motion: "To receive the president, foundation and CEO reports as presented."  
Seconded and passed.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

##### **a. Nominations**

It was reported that elections were held online for the first time and it worked well with a good turnout.

E. Ward Jones, co-founder of 4-H will be given the 4-H Honorary member status this year. In addition to the award he is also being inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. The ceremony is to take place at Agribition in 2015.

##### **b. Resolutions**

It was reported that the resolutions presented had gone out to the associations and agreed to work together to resolve any outstanding issues.

##### **c. Finance**

The focus for finance at AGM is on the key messages and highlighting that while on paper there is a deficit, 4-H Canada had a break-even year.

##### **d. Governance**

A thank you went out to everyone for their work on the policy governance manual, and to the staff for putting the binders together. It was noted the document is a work in progress and will be updated as needed.

Motion: "To accept the committee reports as presented."  
Seconded and passed.

## **7. New business**

It was brought up again that it would be good for Council to move forward quickly on planning for the 2017 summit. A priority for the 2017 Summit Committee is finding a chair for this event.

Motion: "That an ad hoc committee be created for the 2017 Global 4-H Summit and be chaired by an appointed individual who has a passion for 4-H".  
Seconded and passed.

Rob Black, Rob Schmeichel, and Jennifer Bishop gave their final remarks as part of the board and were thanked for their service.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.