2021 Annual Report

Nova Scotia Young Farmers

NOVA SCOTIA Young FARMERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rebecca Archibald	*President*
Jonathan Waugh	*Vice President*
Alana Bent	*Corporate Secretary & Treasurer*
Larry Weatherby Jr.	*Central Region Director*
Jillian Bent	*Western Region Director*
Mandy Vosman	*Eastern Region Director*
Megan McCully	*Member at Large*
Nichole van Dyk	*CYFF Representative (NS/NFLD)*
Nicolas Roy	*Past President*

MISSION

To support the growth and development of young farmers and agriculture professionals through networking and learning opportunities.

VISION

Growing the next generation of industry leaders to ensure a sustainable future for Nova Scotia agriculture.

2021 Annual General Meeting

Draft Agenda

1.0 Call to Order & Confirmation of Quorum

2.0 Approval of Agenda

3.0 Approval of Minutes of the previous AGM — December 2, 2020

4.0 Business arising from the Minutes

5.0 Consideration of the Financial Report — Year end March 31, 2021

6.0 Appointment of Auditors

7.0 Consideration of Annual Report

8.0 Bylaw Amendments

9.0 Election of Directors

10.0 New Business

11.0 Adjourn

ANALYTICS

Members
82

Website visits to nsyoungfarmers.ca
3,100+

Social Media
1,440 Total Followers (Facebook + Twitter)
124,120 Total Social Media Reach (Facebook + Twitter)

Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting

December 4, 2020

As this meeting took place amid the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was conducted via Zoom.

1.0 Call to Order & Confirmation of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by president, Rebecca Archibald. Rebecca opened the meeting by providing participants with information on the procedures that will be followed on the Zoom meeting. The NSYF board was introduced through a slide presentation. Quorum was declared at 10 members.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion by Jonathan Waugh and Allen Melvin. ***MOTION CARRIED***

3.0 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were approved as circulated on motion by Jill Bent and Jonathan Waugh. ***MOTION CARRIED***

4.0 Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5.0 Annual Report

The Annual Report was presented to the group giving a recap of the year's activities including the development of a new logo and strategic planning initiatives. The NSYF is working with NSFA for communications initiatives and a new website is being developed. Social media analytics were displayed and explained. Nichole van Dyk gave an update on CYFF activities in the past year.

It was noted that the 2021 NSYF membership fees have been waived for the year because of COVID.

6.0 Financial Report – March 31, 2020

The Financial Report was approved as presented on motion by Jill Bent and Alana Bent.
MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Appointment of Auditors

It was agreed to continue to engage with NSFA to prepare financials for NSYF and not to engage in an audit of the financials on motion by Jill Bent and Allan Melvin. ***MOTION CARRIED***

8.0 Election of Directors

There are four positions available for the board of NSYF.

There were four names put forward for the four positions: Megan McCully, Alana Bent, Jillian Bent and Mandy Vosman. With no other nominations, these four people were declared elected by acclimation.

9.0 New Business — There was no new business.

10.0 Adjourn — Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm on motion by Mandy Vosman

2020/21 Activity Report

Making Connections

Nova Scotia Young Farmers had the opportunity to meet with NDP Ag Critic Lisa Roberts and the PC Caucus. We were able to bring some of the pressing issued faced by Young Farmers forward while connecting with local government and providing them with recommendations and solutions to the challenges. The topics we covered during our meetings included: **Investment**, ensuring that we continue to invest in the future of our industry. **Local Markets & Distribution**, highlighting the importance of local markets and distribution for all farmers, and bringing attention to the challenges young farmers face in accessing markets. **Social & Family**, highlighting challenges surrounding childcare as well as succession and transition.

In 2020, Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau established the Canadian Agricultural Youth Council; a group of young Canadians that provide advice and consultation to policies and programs affecting the agriculture and agri-food sectors. Two board members, President Rebecca Archibald and Canadian Young Farmers Forum representative Nichole van Dyk, had the opportunity to participate in a Canadian Agricultural Youth Council Meeting in August. It was exciting to have a seat at the table on a national level to discuss programs, funding, and the Next Policy Framework for the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector.

Social and Socially Distanced

This year, as we continue to navigate the virtual world, we were able to hold a number of online events. We were able to hold a Virtual Information Session with the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board. As well as a succession and transition panel alongside our Annual Meeting, this featured a panel of farmers who shared their experiences with succession and gave the opportunity for discussion with members.

We partnered with Meet Your Farmer to welcome Chef Andy Hay from East Coast Kitchen and seen on MasterChef Canada to host a virtual cooking demo. Let's Get Cooking featured locally sourced products produced by Nova Scotia Young Farmers! Following along with Andy's instructions, participants cooked beef kofta with tabouli, roasted lemon potatoes, and yogurt. We were excited to have a local chef showcasing some of the many products produced here in the province! You can find the recipe and where the ingredients were sourced on our website.

This year we took on New Brunswick Young Farmers in a Virtual Trivia Night. It was great to spend an evening competing with our provincial neighbours in good fun. Both teams did a great job, but it was New Brunswick that came out the winners! Maybe we'll see a rematch in the future!

#HowNSAgs Photo Contest

We held our annual #HowNSAgs photo contest again this year. Anyone in the agriculture industry in Nova Scotia between the ages of 18-40 can submit photos of what their agriculture looks like. This year was our third year for the contest, and we saw many great photos! Pictured is the winning photo submitted by Keigan and Nadia Levy! Keep an eye out next year for the **#HowNSAgs** photo contest.

Looking Ahead

Last year we began participating in strategic planning sessions to determine the direction of the organization over the next five years. We proposed slight revisions to our mission and vision statements, identified our priorities moving forward and highlighted the tactics we planned to implement over time. Now, with the help of the NSFA AgSector, we are further developing our strategic plan with Barrington Consulting. We are looking forward to this next chapter and path forward to best support our members and the agriculture community.

Be sure to follow **@nsyoungfarmers** to stay in the loop on all things Young Farmers!

Financial Statements

Fiscal year 2020/21

Nova Scotia Young Farmers Forum
Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 03/31/2021		As at 03/31/2020	
ASSET				
Current Assets				
Undeposited	0.00		150.00	
Credit Union Common Share	50.00		50.00	
Chequing Bank Account	4,925.63		2,834.16	
Total Cash		4,975.63		3,034.16
Total Current Assets		4,975.63		3,034.16
TOTAL ASSET		4,975.63		3,034.16
LIABILITY				
Current Liabilities				
Deferred Membership		90.00		0.00
HST Paid on Purchases	-185.24		-185.24	
HST Owing (Refund)		-185.24		-185.24
Total Current Liabilities		-95.24		-185.24
TOTAL LIABILITY		-95.24		-185.24
EQUITY				
Owners Equity				
Retained Earnings - Previous Year		3,219.40		3,294.95
Current Earnings		1,851.47		-75.55
Total Owners Equity		5,070.87		3,219.40
TOTAL EQUITY		5,070.87		3,219.40
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		4,975.63		3,034.16

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Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 04/01/2020 to 03/31/2021	Actual 04/01/2019 to 03/31/2020
REVENUE		
Sales Revenue		
Membership Dues	0.00	610.00
Sponsorship Funding	2,950.00	2,315.00
Net Sales	2,950.00	2,925.00
Other Revenue		
Interest Revenue	0.47	0.76
Event Revenue	0.00	420.00
Total Other Revenue	0.47	420.76
TOTAL REVENUE	2,950.47	3,345.76
EXPENSE		
Cost of Goods Sold		
Events Expense	0.00	2,175.62
Board Meetings	0.00	45.54
Total Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	2,221.16
General & Administrative Expe...		
Advertising & Promotions	0.00	170.00
Business Fees & Licenses	0.00	31.15
Insurance	1,075.00	975.00
Interest & Bank Charges	24.00	24.00
Total General & Admin. Expen...	1,099.00	1,200.15
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,099.00	3,421.31
NET INCOME	1,851.47	-75.55

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