

4-H Foundation of New Hampshire 61st Annual Meeting

October 15, 2019, Grappone Center, Concord, NH

Chair Todd Hammond welcomed everyone on behalf of the board. Our State YLT Members, Xanthi Russell and Kayleigh Deighan, led everyone in the pledges.

Kate Guerdat presented the state's Youth Leadership Team to the group, noting that these members helped put a youth voice around the state. She also recognized advisor Dan Holdridge. Kate noted that we need the donors and volunteers to make this happen and thanked them.

Todd directed everyone to the Echo Farm pudding. (THANK YOU AGAIN for donating Echo Farm.)

Ken La Valley thanked the staff and board members for the generous donations. He also wanted to let everyone know that UNH is hiring a fundraising staff member part for the Foundation. Ken would like to raise \$100K a year for 10 years, the University is behind this. He looks forward with Regina Smick-Attisano and Holly Young to look for more supporters of 4-H.

As for the UNH 4-H scholarships, in it's first year of inception, there were seven awarded. He is serving on the national board and other states are thinking about what NH did in terms of scholarship support.

Kate Guerdat mentioned two events and talked about the past year's program. This year there is a family football game, lunch at the hospitality tent. The second event we are back at Grappone Center for the Volunteers Leaders Conference.

Next the minutes from the last Annual meeting were reviewed submitted by Secretary Kate Thomas.. Jonathan Ring made a motion to accept, Dave Bishop seconded, all are in favor and motion carried to accept as presented.

Mark Viens presented the financial report- fiscal year reports were also in everyone's packets. We received \$116K support from individual and corporate donors, and the Finance and Development committee are looking for ways to increase grant funding. Jonathan Ring made motion to accept, Kate Thomas seconded it, motion as presented carries.

Todd recognized three members rolling off the board, Kelsie Pittman, Katy Coombs and Regina Smick-Attisano. Todd thanked for time and dedication to the Board.

Mike Young presented the 4-H Alumni award to the 4-H Alumni Jaime Robertson.

Any other old business? None

New business:

The Business Friend of 4-H award was presented to Contoocook Farm and the Bohannon Farm run by the Jaime Robertson, his wife Heather and sons were present to accept this award.

The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to Carolyn and Paul Davis, had the Davis family accepted on their behalf.

Kate Thomas made a motion to adjourn, Mark Viens seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine M Thomas

Board Secretary