

## **Appointing New NFAN Committee Members**

NFAN need to recruit 2 new Committee Members for 2022 to replace Tom Robinson and Robert Nicholson who are leaving at the end of January.

This document provides some further background on NFAN, the responsibilities of a Committee Member and the application process.

### Key dates:

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline for submissions (requires proposer/second)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Zoom interview with Select Sub Committee
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	November Committee Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	All candidates informed

### About NFAN

NFAN has over 200 farm attraction members and 100 trade members. As a non profit organisation, it is run by a Volunteer Management Committee of 13 Directors (made up of 10 farm attraction members and 2 trade members). A Managing Agent manages the day to day running of the Association, supported by the Committee.

Over the last 10 years substantial progress has been made at NFAN; membership numbers have increased, the annual conference and trade exhibition gets bigger every year and online events are well attended.

Close to NFAN's mission, NFAN has played a key role in developing the Industry Code of Practice and helps members provide implementation on farms. NFAN is also responsible for the creation of the Code of Practice accreditation scheme, the AAAS.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, NFAN has gone even further to reinforce its position in the industry. We have worked with other tourism groups and government; we have kept members updated as restrictions have changed; and provided a forum for everyone to connect.

Given the above journey, NFAN is a much bigger organisation than previously with an annual budget of £150,000.

### Roles and Responsibilities of a NFAN Committee Member

The Management Committee act as Board Directors for the National Farm Attraction Network, a company limited by guarantee.

The aim of the committee is to guide the strategic direction of NFAN, help with implementing set initiatives via sub committees and ensure the organisation is acting responsibly on behalf of members.

Committee members can remain on the committee for up to 6 years, unless they become chair in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year. In this circumstance, you can remain on the committee for a further two years and will leave when your chairmanship ends.

The NFAN board will strive to achieve a balanced mix reflecting diversity within the industry and wider population. This includes gender, racial and regional representation on the committee

### Key Tasks

- To attend 75% of all committee meetings of the Board (currently 12 per year) plus AGM and Annual Conference.
- To adopt the vision, missions and values of the organisation
- To provide strategic direction and be willing to sit on Sub Committees to drive through specific initiatives
- To ensure NFAN acts responsibly for its members

### Ideal Attributes

The NFAN Board member should own or work at a farm attraction that is fully compliant with the Industry Code of Practice and ideally hold or be looking to attain the AAAS. You should be a good communicator with strong interpersonal skills and be able to respect confidentiality.

### **Recruiting new Committee Members for the 2022 year**

We have to appoint 2 farm operators onto the committee for 2022. There are currently no vacancies for trade members.

### How to Apply

Please obtain a proposer and seconder to support your submission and write a brief 150 word statement why you wish to join the committee and what you can bring. The proposer and seconder cannot be from your own farm and should be from 2 different farm parks.

Please download and [complete the word document application form](#) and email your submission to [info@farmattractions.net](mailto:info@farmattractions.net) before 1pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Your entry will be acknowledged within 24 hours.

You will be invited to a 20 minute Zoom interview with the Selection Sub Committee on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November and the final selection will be endorsed by the full committee at the November Committee Meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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