MSCR-VLA MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2024 at CES Office

President: Stephanie Haase Vice-President: Sarah Rodriguez

Treasurer: Jackie Kuhn Secretary: Lois Repnow Corresponding Secretary: Janice Raisanen

In attendance: CES OFFICE: Stephanie Haase, Sarah Rodriguez, Lois Repnow, Heather Corbridge, Charlene Christensen, Yaquina Repnow, Crystal Roberts, Lydia Hanson, Sonna Hanson, Brain Raisanen, Kate Deering, Michele Deering, Mary Tryon, Jessica Hay, Raylene Sinnett, Karlene Wilson.

ONLINE: Melissa Riemers, Cathy Classel, Jennifer Johnson, Sabrieta Holland, Sarah Schaal, Erich Schaal, Jackie Kuhn

I. Stephanie Haase called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm and led pledges. Attendance sheet passed around.
II. Pledges led by Stephanie Haase
III. An attendance sheet was passed around the room during the meeting and online attendance was noted on that page at the end of the meeting.
IV. Motion to adopt agenda led by Sonna Hanson, seconded by Janice Raisanen, and adopted unanimously.
V. Announcements & Agent's Report-Kalea Hogate
    a. CES Office 2023 Colony Christmas Open House:
        i. Friday, December 8, 2023: Colony Christmas Open House held at UAF Extension Office from 4-6pm. Nice turn out for volunteers for the open house.

        ii. Saturday, December 9, 2023: Colony Christmas Parade, nice turn out for volunteers for the Christmas parade. The 4H float won first place in pets and animals.

        iii. Kalea will be sharing a "Parley-Pro Minute" at each of our meetings regarding **Parliamentary Procedures**. Today's Minute is on the **5 steps in Decision Process:**

            1. Make a motion—only one on the floor at a time.
            2. Someone seconds the motion.
            3. Discussion (only discuss the motion)—Note: no discussion to follow persons to be heard.
            4. President restates motion for clarity.
            5. Voting—raise hands for yeah or nay.

        iv. Upcoming Events:
            1. Learning Tuesdays at CES office 3-4:30 led by Sabrieta Holland. Anyone can come, especially if interested in being part of Livestock and Horse Quiz Bowls (can count for livestock workshops).
            2. Wednesdays at CES for studying for Horse Bowl (can count for livestock workshops).

3. Quiz Bowl will be hosted by Pioneer Peak Club. Competitors will be grouped by age. Email Kalea for information.
4. Next week Kalea will have staff meetings.

VI. Persons to be Heard: (Stephanie reiterated the need to be kind and speak appropriately)
   a. Selah Densmore applied for Youth in Governance scholarship. It does not cover $350 cost for registration and flight. Tickets are a little under $400 each.
      i. Stephanie Haase stated that there was no money in the budget at this time.
      ii. Crystal Roberts then made motion for a one-time expenditure.
      iii. Stephanie Haase will check with treasurer. Should have received a significant deposit from gaming.
      iv. Balance was $12,028.82.
      v. Crystal Roberts made an official motion to give Selah Densmore $250 toward a travel scholarship to attend the Youth in Governance conference in Juneau in February.
         1. Sarah Rodriguez expressed concerns that this is not equitable since many kids did not come to request scholarships from VLA since it was understood that there were no funds available.
         2. Crystal Roberts countered that it was also said that these applications would be considered on a one-to-one basis.
         3. Discussion followed between Heather Corbridge, Sarah Rodriguez and Stephanie Haase to have a process in place (which has been done in the past) from now forward to fill out an application.
         4. Crystal stated that Selah could fill it out and complete it by the time "New Business" section of today's agenda.
         5. Millie Tormey stated that Selah is paying $350 registration fee—so she has some "skin in the game."
         6. Sonna Hanson inquired if there was a way, we could hold a special meeting to determine this and asked when the Youth in Governance Conference is—February 11-16.
         7. Crystal is opposed to turning it over to executive committee when a full committee is sitting at this meeting, and we have over $12,000 in the bank and should be able to rustle up $250 for this.
         8. Michele Deering noticed in last month's minutes (December) under old business that Crystal had already motioned to add a travel grant line for $1000/$250 per family.
         9. Stephanie Haase—perhaps we should table this until later in the meeting and approve the secretary minutes first. We are putting the cart before the horse by allowing motions during person's to be heard. As Stephanie recalls, we did away with travel grants.
         10. Heather Corbridge—perhaps we can use from the $1000 for clinics/workshops and activities item?
         11. Stephanie Haase—if we can put it under a line item that exists would be great.

12. Sarah Rodriguez—some kids would already have accumulated $64 from travel grant item for tour in trip in November.
    a. Stephanie Haase—perhaps an amendment to the motion to make it reflect that?
    b. Sarah Rodriguez—is fine with giving them the whole amount.
    c. Millie Tormey—it is not an accumulated amount. They can get $250 per event/activity.
    d. Crystal Roberts—My personal take: in times past, we would have only allotted one of them per child per year. The other issue of money wouldn't have been done with a travel grant like Selah is working on filling out. We would have done it with another line item.

Stephanie called for a vote to award $250 for Selah for travel—12 yeah and 2 online yeah (14 total). None opposed. Motion carries.

b. Crystal Roberts: We are doing monthly activities. Last month we did Christmas ornaments after the workshop. We had over 40 kids attend, and they had a good time. Millie and I funded it out of our own pocket. We are happy to do so. We are having a pie competition in conjunction with next month's workshop. Teens that went to Atlanta will be putting on an activity as well. We will be giving cash prizes: $20 for first place, $10 for second place, and $5 for third place in each of the 3 age divisions. It is a little disappointing for me that VLA doesn't have anything on the agenda for kids' activities. It has been 4 months, and we don't have a calendar of activities yet to get allow kids to get together. I've been very happy with the attendance of our activities—we are getting approximately 1/3 of our livestock kids. Room was at capacity. I would like to give VLA the opportunity to pay for the prizes for our pie competition: $105 total.
    i. Stephanie Haase—that should fall under the line item for competitions. Plenty in the budget for that.
    ii. Millie Tormey makes motion to pay for $105 for January Pie Competition.
    iii. Heather Corbridge seconds it.
    iv. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
    v. Crystal Roberts said that there is a possibility of some of the funds getting returned if enough kids don't participate.

VII. Secretary's Report—Lois Repnow
    a. Stephanie Haase-Everyone have a copy of the minutes? Are there any changes that need to be made?
    b. Crystal Roberts made motion to accept minutes as written.
    c. Janice Raisanen seconds the motion.
    d. Motion carries. Minutes accepted as written.

VIII. Treasurer's Report—Jackie Kuhn is no longer present.
    a. Looking at last month's minutes*: $12, 028.82 Total from previous month*

IX. Gaming Account Report Update
    a. Stephanie Haasse reported that Cathy Glasser did close the gaming account that existed and deposited the $1018.41 into the VLA account.

X. Old Business
    a. Add/remove signers to the bank account tabled due to lack of having account information available at the meeting. We need a bank account, signers, and a motion.
        - Stephanie Haase tabled this until we get a current Treasurer's report and Jackie is here at next meeting.
    b. Fundraising updates
        i. Alaska Airlines—looking to see if donations possible for potential travel grants
        ii. Dinner/Auction in the Fall for 80-100 people at Senior Center/Rebarcheck? Other? We are still looking into putting together a dinner or auction.
            1. Lois Repnow shared Senior Center Costs Proposal from Senior Center for use of their dining hall for a "Grange Meal" to raise support. Lois spoke with them today. There are several things we have to decide: if we cater it or use their service staff. The dining room is $125/hr. We can whittle down some of the charges. Clean-up fee depending on size of group. They have a set up fee of $30. They want to know when we'd be doing this. Lois informed them that we usually do it in the fall. They do have the center available February 17 or 24th (perhaps for Valentine's Day? Maybe too aggressive?) if we want to do it sooner to help raise funds for this year without having to wait til October.
            2. Stephanie Haase said that this time of year is pretty jam packed and was looking more for later in the year.
            3. Crystal Roberts said the Lion's Club, Grange and our local farmers teamed together in the past. To make it happen now, we'd have to advertise more to bring it back. The cook would have the kids working alongside and peeling potatoes and would tell us what to do without having to have a bunch of extra staff.
        iii. Gaming Permit Update—Stephanie has started the process of applying for a gaming permit. Once by-laws and bank account are updated, the application can be completed and submitted.
            1. Should not be a problem. Need to create either a new gaming account or we need to add the word "gaming" into our current account.
            2. Once an account is established, a couple of us would need to take the gaming test. It would be fairly straight forward. Is this something we should do? Those present agreed.
                a. Sarah Rodriguez made a motion to make a new gaming account separate from our other accounts.
                b. Crystal Roberts seconded the motion.
                c. Heather Corbridge inquired if the limit was going to be higher than previous one was? Stephanie Haase was going to check and see.

d. Crystal Roberts informed that the previous limit was $20,000.
e. Stephanie Haase called for a vote.
    i. 15 in favor, none opposed.
    ii. Motion carried.

XI. Motions to change by-laws:
a. Changes to by-laws to align with Alaska 4H procedure Handbook 2023
    i. Proposed change Name of State VLA to Current Name
        1. Article VI, 3. The State Council Representative and alternate will represent Mat-Su/copper River District on the ~~Alaska State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Council.~~ Alaska State Friends of 4-H.
            a. Sonna Hanson seconds this motion.
            b. Stephanie Haase called for a vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
        2. For the gaming license, we need to add the following. The motion is to Add: “Upon dissolution, any remaining net proceeds from gaming activity under AS 05.15 will be distributed to one or more existing permitees, other than a multiple-beneficiary permitee, in accordance with 15 ACC 160.020 (a) (5).
            a. Stephanie Haase—this wasn’t on last month’s meeting. But this designates where the money would have to go in case of a dissolution. And it requires two permit holders.
            b. Crystal Roberts inquired if the money would go to the permit holders.
            c. Stephanie Haase said no, it would not. It would go to the VLA gaming account.
            d. Janice Raisanen-I would like to see the wording to read that it goes back to the VLA account. It shouldn’t read “to one or more of the existing permitees”, but “to the Volunteer Leaders Association.” Janice asked if she needed to make an amendment, Stephanie said she was making a point of clarification.
                i. So the motion would be : Add: “Upon dissolution, any remaining net proceeds from gaming activity under AS 05.15 will be ~~distributed to one or more existing permitees~~, ***to the Volunteer Leaders Association,*** other than a multiple-beneficiary permitee, in accordance with 15 ACC 160.020 (a) (5).

            e. Crystal Roberts—according to our bylaws we can’t vote on this one today. It needs to be voted on the next meeting.
    ii. Proposed change of terms of office
        1. Article VI, 4. The term of Office shall be one year. An officer may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms ~~for the same office~~ as officer. The

executive committee may appoint members of the council to fill vacancies in the offices.

a. Stephanie Haase asked for a second. Motion was seconded. Any discussion? Discussion:
b. Janice Raisanen asked for clarification.
c. Stephanie Haase: This is put to encourage more people to come out. How do we keep our volunteers from aging out after many years of service? How doe we keep it sustainable?
d. Heather Corbridge: What if there are no volunteers? Does that mean that VLA dissolves?
e. Sarah Rodriguez: That is what happened last year and we put our name on the board, otherwise there would be no VLA.
f. Stephanie Haase: doesn't necessarily want it to pass, but wanted to open it for discussion.
g. Crystal Roberts believes it will cripple VLA. Having too many volunteers is not our current problem.
h. Stephanie Haase called for a vote:
    i. None in favor
    ii. All opposed
    iii. Motion fails.

XII. Comments/Questions

a. Stephanie Haase: New Business we covered in budget and gaming account report.
b. Stephanie will move forward once we have a gaming accounted up.
c. Stephanie asked if anyone would be willing to take the test for the permit. We need to have 2 people willing to take the test.
    i. Sarah Rodriguez and Lois Repnow willing to.
    ii. Heather Corbridge is wondering how long the process takes.
d. Please email Stephanie Haase if there is something you want on the agenda.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm