

MSCR-VLA MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2023 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, Jackie Kuhn, Lois Repnow, Janice Raisanen, Heather Corbridge, Charlene Christensen, Crystal Roberts, Yaquina Repnow, Kate Deering, Lydia Hanson, Sonna Hanson, Brian Raisanen, Michele Deering, Mary Tryon, Jessica Hay, Jan Webber, Raylene Sinnett, Karlene Wilson ONLINE: Melissa Riemers, Cathy Classer, Jennifer Johnson, Sabrieta Holland, Sarah Schaal, Erich Schaal

- I. Stephanie Haase called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led pledges. Attendance sheet passed around.
- II. Pledges led by Stephanie Haase at 6:31 pm.
- 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. Sarah Rodriguez motioned to adopt the agenda. Sonna Hanson seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed unanimously.
- V. Persons to be Heard (ahead of Agent's report since Kaele Hogate was making copies for those in attendance):
 - a. Crystal Roberts
 - i. October Clinic & Craft at Pyrah's Farm: She had 14 youth show up. Thank you to VLA for funding the supplies. Extra craft supplies went home with the kids so they could continue to work on their crafts at home.
November & Craft at Pyrah's Farm: She has 29 youth signed up. Requesting additional funding for this month's craft, totaling \$162.84 (unless a bunch more people sign up—deadline to sign up is today).
Michele Deering made a motion to fund these November craft supplies.
Mary Tryon seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Ann Kowenstrot made changes to 4H scholarship applications without VLA knowledge or approval. These changes made the application process more restrictive. Crystal Roberts has suggestions to make these scholarships more accessible.
Stephanie Haase requested these suggestions be posted along with a copy of the original application forms so that they can be looked at during the next meeting.
Charlene Christensen suggested applications be simplified and put out as early as possible.
- VI. 4H Agent's report:
 1. Knik River Riders was the club that brought in the most sock donations for "My House".
 2. All items have been picked up except:
 - o A pin for Charlene Christensen

- 4H sway for Samara Johnson
- 3. Summit 19 Ignite Scholarship for Senior 4Hers age 14 and older:
 - There is still an opportunity to apply today or tomorrow. The application should be easier than the National Congress one. The application can be found in the email sent by Kalea this week.
- 4. Next Wednesday, November 8 at 5-6 pm, opportunity with Watts Up Energy with Colleen Fisk. Link is in this week's e-mail.
- 5. Master Gardener Club is looking to mentor young people in gardening. If interested, get your 4H leader to contact me.
- 6. November 12-17 Kaele Hogate will be at a Staff Retreat
- 7. November 23-24 4H offices are closed for Thanksgiving
- 8. November 23-29 Kaele Hogate will be chaperoning 5 4H scholarship delegates to the National 4H Congress to Atlanta, Georgia. The delegates representing Alaska 4H program are:
 - Kate Deering
 - Selah Densmore
 - Lydia Hanson
 - Joseph Hoffman
 - Yaquina Repnow
- There is also an educational tour that costs \$46/student (totaling \$230 for the 5 youth going). Kaele asked the state VLA if they would sponsor that cost, but haven't heard back on that yet. It has already been paid for and the youth will have to reimburse the cost if the state VLA or our VLA doesn't cover this expense.
 - Kaele requested that the VLA cover this expense for our youth if the state VLA doesn't do it.
 - Michele Deering made a motion for our VLA to pay for this tour if the state VLA doesn't cover it.
 - Crystal Roberts seconded the motion.
 - Motion carries-unanimously.
- VII. Secretary's Report: None yet
- VIII. Treasurer's Report: Jackie Kuhn reported \$12,368.72 as of 10/31/2023, minus a check for paper products for the District Awards Night.
 - a. Charlene Christensen inquired about CDs
 - b. Jackie stated that there are 2 that are not matured yet, but will be rolling into the account.
- IX. Gaming Account Report:
 - a. Cathy Glasser reports the same \$39.74 as before. She is waiting for a check from Heather Corbridge to close out the account.
 - b. Still waiting on someone to volunteer to be Gaming Account Chair: it involves a lot of training.
- X. Club leaders/club present:
 - a. Winners Circle

- b. Knik River Riders
 - c. Colony Clovers
 - d. Matsu Providers
 - e. Grow'em and Show'em
 - f. Pioneer Peak
 - g. Stars and Stripes
 - h. Growing Together-new club formed this week
 - i. Idea Champions
 - j. Rim Rock Riders
- XI. Old Business:
- a. Awards Night: Stephanie Haase reports it was very successful. Looking to add more livestock stuff to it next year.
 - b. Gaming Account Chair Needed: Crystal Roberts says it would involve significant training. Cathy Glasser would have to completely close out of it.
- XII. New Business:
- a. Need new signers to bank account-2 signatures required for every check
 - i. Current signers: Jackie Kuhn, Crystal Roberts, Mary Tryon
 - ii. Stephanie Haase: we need 2 signatures from unrelated signors—clubs as well.
 - iii. Jackie Kuhn will come to next meeting prepared with all the account information and it should be entered in the minutes who will be added and removed.
 - b. Elect member and alternate for State Friends of 4H (State VLA)-Tabled until next meeting
 - i. Stephanie asked for a volunteer and stated she'd be willing to do it if no one else did.
 - ii. We also need to make sure we have the proper name for the state VLA/Friends of 4H so we can update our bylaws appropriately.
 - c. Review of terms limits, bylaw changes, and mission statement review and goals are tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.
 - d. Budget approval:
 - i. Sarah Rodriguez inquired about how VLA gets funding.
 - 1. Crytal Roberts
 - a. VLA gets \$4,000 from the Fair (we used \$2,000 for premiums).
 - b. We used to get money from the Grange Fundraising Meal—but they haven't done that since COVID.
 - 2. Charlene Christensen: How much from the raffle tickets?
 - a. Raffle ticket proceeds mainly go to Livestock Committee. 5% goes to VLA. Heather Corbridge estimates around \$900 once Cathy Glasser closes the account.
 - 3. Stephanie Haase: Table budget approval until we have projections for next year.
- XIII. Additional comments:
- 1. Sabrieta Holland: Only her club went to the Quiz bowl in Kenai this year. Hoping more clubs will attend it next year.
- XIV. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm