MSCR-VLA MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2024 at CES Office 6 pm

President & Vice-President: Vacant Treasurer: Jackie Kuhn Secretary: Lois Repnow Corresponding Secretary: Janice Raisanen

In attendance:

* CES OFFICE: Janice Raisanen, Crystal Roberts, Millie Tormey, Mary Tryon, Jackie Kuhn, Jessica Hay, Lois Repnow, Marquette Repnow, Michele Deering and 4H Agent Samantha Russell-Blumenkonig
* ONLINE: Teresa Noble, Cathy Glassel, Erich Schaal
1. Jackie Kuhn called the meeting to order and led pledges.
	1. 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.
	2. Motion to adopt agenda made by and seconded by
2. Secretary’s Report-Lois Repnow had nothing to report at this time since it had been so long since our last meeting and she had been out of state when the President and Vice-President resigned
3. Treasurer’s Report by Jackie Kuhn
	1. VLA has a balance of *$16,511.37 in the account*
	2. *A VLA scholarship was granted to Ty Harmon for $750*
	3. *Funds were also used for Parking Passes for the State Fair*
	4. VLA no longer has a gaming account. Cathy Glasser closed it out and submitted funds to VLA. Livestock Committee used someone else’s gaming permit this year. There were two available to them.
4. Announcements & Agent’s Report by our new agent Samantha Russell-Blumenkonig

Upcoming Events:

1. November 9- Musk Ox Fiber Farm Field Trip visit open to 15 max. Will be learning biosecurity measures, record keeping importance and getting to know a fiber farm.
2. November 24-Sutton Enrollment night hosted by Elizabeth Samuel
3. January thru March- Samantha will not be available.
4. Old Business
	1. 2023-2024 budget
		1. It is unclear whether budget was approved or not in previous meetings
		2. Crystal Roberts moved to table budget discussion until after a new board has been elected. Mille Tormey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
	2. Premium payments for 2024 Fair Tull Building Awards
		1. Typically, the Fair gives us a check and premiums come from that.
		2. Samantha is meeting with Lara Stanely from the Fair regarding the Fair taking over the Tull Building.
		3. Discussion followed regarding awarding the premiums:
			1. Premiums aren’t that big. When they aren’t cashed, it is a waste of time, money and effort in writing the checks
			2. Need to convey that it is not all about money
			3. Kids worked hard to submit their projects and should get rewarded
5. New Business
	1. Nomination of Officers
		1. No one nominated at present for the VLA offices
		2. Crystal Roberts spoke as a person to be heard at this point.

She’s been a leader in VLA for many years and thinks it is a great way to have learning activities for the kids. She doesn’t see a point in having a VLA unless we are using it to engage the kids in learning opportunities. She personally thinks it should be dissolved. VLA should support other things besides Livestock and Horses.

* + 1. Janice Raisanen would like to have a survey done to see the interest in keeping the VLA active. Crystal Roberts agreed with that.
		2. Cathy Glasser -VLA is more than just activities. It also includes travel grants and scholarships and support for kids for their projects in the Tull Building at the Fair. Hate to see it go.
		3. Jackie Khun and Mary Tryon agree but need to step back.
		4. Michele Deering stated she and many others don’t have time for the bureaucracy, red tape and hoops involved in being a VLA leader.
		5. Samantha will make a survey and send it out regarding VLA and if it should be dissolved or not. She will also rake nominations and have them and the survey results ready for next meeting.
		6. Next VLA meeting will be held Nov. 7 at 5pm
	1. Voting on Premium disbursement for 2024 Fair season
		1. Motion was made by Janice Raisanen to say no on awarding premiums for last Fair since a budget had not been passed.
		2. Crystal Roberts seconded the motion.
		3. Motion carried-4 ayes and 3 nays of those physically present. Premiums will not be awarded for 2024 fair season.
	2. Motion to adjourn
		1. Crystal Roberts made a motion to adjourn
		2. Millie Tormey seconded the motion
		3. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm