

MS/CR-VLA Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2024 at MEFEC Mess Hall

President: Stephanie Haase      Vice President: Sarah Rodriguez  
Treasurer: Jackie Kuhn      Secretary: Lois Repnow      Cor.Sec.: Janice Raisanen

In attendance: Charlene Christiansen, Stephanie Haase, Sonna Hanson, Jessica Hay, Jackie Kuhn, Sabrieta Holland, Millie Tormey, Crystal Roberts

Online: Crystal Densmore, Kalea Hogate (Agent) in Room 208 to run Zoom, Jennifer Johnson, Janice Raisanen, Leslie Tompkins,

- I. Stephanie Haase called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
- II. Pledges led by Stephanie Haase.
- III. Attendance taken verbally; recorded by K. Hogate.
- IV. Motion to adopt minutes by Sarah R.; second by C. Christiansen. Motion carries: unanimous.
- V. Announcement and Agent Report-K. Hogate:
  - A. Selah Densmore, Bodie Repnow, Yaquina Repnow, and Quoddy Repnow were selected along with seven other senior 4-H members from around the state to attend Youth in Governance 2024. They will travel to Juneau February 11-16. YIG is an opportunity for youth to gain a better understanding of the legislative process. They will visit the legislative office, meet senators and representatives, watch legislative sessions and committee members, and select the roles of a committee member for a mock session.
  - B. Kate Deering, Sylvia Reimers, Bodie Repnow, and Tybee Repnow were selected with two other senior 4-H youth from around the state to travel to Washington D.C. on March 13 and attend the Ignite by 4-H Conference. Ignite is four days of inspiring speakers, workshop sessions, activities, and entertainment. This is an opportunity to discover exciting career paths, make connections, and create an action plan to ignite change in our community.
  - C. There are still some adults who have not completed all training components. Anyone volunteering with 4-H must complete all leader training prior to interacting with youth.
  - D. Leaders training will take place the first week in March; date to be announced next week.

- C. Jackie inquires if S. Densmore received Travel Grant check; confirmed by M. Tormey.
- VIII. Gaming Account Report/Update
  - A. Stephanie knows process; plans to get squared away this month
  - B. M. Tormey inquires about past information (amount applied for, charge to livestock for raffle permission, etc.); Stephanie informs past gaming commissioner (Cathy Glaser) has not provided information.
- IX. Persons to be Heard: none
- X. Old Business
  - A. Add/remove signers to bank account
    - 1. C. Roberts motion to remove herself from Volunteer Leaders Association Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union account 770000093437 and add Stephanie Haase; second S. Hanson. Motion carries: unanimous.
  - B. Fundraising Update
    - 1. AK Airlines Donation? K. Hogate updates that AK Airlines Foundation provides grants to 501(c) (3) organizations supporting young people between ages 10-20 with a focus on Career exploration, Career learning, Mentorship, Soft skills, Critical thinking, leadership development. Application submitted by program; reviewed March 31 and July 31. K. Hogate began application process; must have meeting with Tim Thompson or Ale Jenkins before applying. On to-do list for next week.
    - 2. Fall fundraising ideas: Dinner/Auction in the fall
  - C. Motions to change bylaws
    - 1. Sarah R. motions to change bylaws to match Alaska 4-H
 

proceeds from gaming activity under AS 05.15 will be distributed to Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association, in accordance with 15 ACC 160.020(a)(5). Jackie K. seconds. Motion carries: unanimous.
- XI. New Business
  - A. Member Activities
    - 1. C. Roberts lists past VLA activities: cooking/recipe contest, Iron Chef contest with given ingredients, science
    - 2. Sarah R. suggests Activities should be a subcommittee like Small stock for Livestock and District contest for Horse.
    - 3. C. Roberts mentions not much happens October-December; suggests swimming pool or ice rink rental.

4. C. Roberts suggests start with snack competition at two remaining Jr. Market Livestock Auction (JMLA) mandatory meetings. Ideas narrowed to cookie contest and cupcake decorating contest. C. Christiansen suggests spring theme for cupcake decorating. C. Roberts suggests prizes for winners (1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 each for Division: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division) totalling \$105. K. Hogate volunteers to make certificates (will modify pie to read cookie or cupcake) and will report if there are remaining baking contest ribbons. C. Roberts requests they are on yellow paper instead of white. K. Hogate agrees.
5. Sarah R. asks if anyone wants to form an Activities committee. C.

budget (\$12,028.82). Discussion: C. Roberts says without revenue

arrived. Sarah R. brings up Alaska 4-H Summit travel. H. Corbridge made motion to amend budget to remove Travel Grant. Stephanie H. calls question. Motion passes: 4 for, 1 against.

01/04/2024 Selah Densmore applied for Travel Grant in persons to

Roberts suggests one-time expenditure. Stephanie gave \$12,028 balance from Jackie K. C. Roberts motions to give Selah Densmore \$250 towards travel scholarship to attend YIG in Juneau in February. Sarah R. concerned about equity. C. Roberts one

growth. An appropriate approach that would encourage youth to continue to set goals and apply in the future is to review what was done well and which components of the application need improvement. Sarah R. says she would never single a student out in her classroom.

7. C. Roberts asks why this meeting time is being mandated because this is a chartered club like others.
8. J. Johnson asks (via chat) what about single mothers.
9. C. Roberts concerned she is being forced to miss the April VLA meeting. Last year important issues were voted on at every meeting and volunteers need to be able to attend.
10. Sarah R. says sounds like Kalea says it needs to stay this time. Stephanie H. asks if they can skip months so that no one will miss voting. K. Hogate says the meeting requirements from VLA bylaws (constitution and program of operations) states you only have to have six meetings per year.
11. Stephanie H. asks K. Hogate when VLA Scholarship must be reviewed by in order to get it out to applicants. K. Hogate says it would be nice to have it by the March meeting so approval can be voted on. Deadline is April 15.
12. Sarah R. suggests a committee meeting to review the scholarship. Stephanie H. asks if that is allowed. K. Hogate says that follows the bylaws (constitution and program of operations) because special meetings may be called by the president, as long as there is a quorum.
13. Members present compare calendars. S. Hanson says there will always be a day that someone cannot be present.
14. Meeting is set for Thursday 22 February 6:00 pm at the Palmer Carrs Starbucks to review the VLA scholarship. Kalea will send invitation via email next week.

XII. Comments/Questions

- A. S. Holland says time is up; next meeting is about to begin.

XIII. Adjourn 7:17 pm.

- A. Motion Jackie K. Second Sarah R. Motion carries: unanimous.