

VLA Meeting, February 13, 2025
1509 S. Georgeson Dr. | Palmer, AK 99645

President –Raylene Sinnett | Vice President – Erich Schaal | Secretary – Janice Raisanen
Treasurer – Sarah Schaal | Corresponding Secretary – Lois Repnow

I. Attendance:

a. **In Person-** Raylene Sinnet, Erich Schaal, Sarah Schaal, Janice Raisanen

b. **Via Zoom-** Charlene Christensen

II. Call To Order/Pledges 5:05pm

III. Secretary's Report – January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes motion to pass minutes as written Erich Shaal, Seconded by Sarah Schaal. Minutes approved.

IV. Treasures Report-

a. Balance

b. Erich motions to keep the 3 CDs to rolling over. Seconded by Janice Raisanen. Passes

c. Banking Account Update

i. **Motion by Erich Schaal,**

1. to **ADD** VLA board member **Sarah Schaal** to **ALL** Mat-Su 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association financial accounts held at Matsu Federal Valley Credit Union, including **#93437**, but not limited to checking, savings, money market accounts, and CDs.
2. **ADD** VLA board member **Erich Schaal** to **ALL** Mat-Su 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association financial accounts held at Matsu Federal Valley Credit Union, including **#93437**, but not limited to checking, savings, money market accounts, and CDs.
3. **ADD** VLA board member **Raylene Sinnett** to **ALL** Mat-Su 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association financial accounts held at Matsu Federal Valley Credit Union, including **#93437**, but not limited to checking, savings, money market accounts, and CDs.
4. **REMOVE Jacquelyn Kuhn, Crystal Roberts, Mary Tryon, and Ann Kowenstrut** from **ALL** Mat-Su 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association financial accounts held at Matsu Federal Valley Credit Union, including **#93437**, but not limited to checking, savings, money market accounts, and CDs

ii. Seconded by Janice Raisanen, Motion passed in its entirety.

d. Accounting software. QuickBooks \$35 per/month or \$420 per/year. Sarah feels it feels more inclusive/complete. Something to look into options and what other clubs are using.

e. Funds

- i. How do other districts make money? Fundraising ideas: Farmer's Market run by clubs, garage sales, cookbooks, spaghetti feed, Bingo Party, Ken's Garden Fundraising, Raffle for Barn.

- ii. Grange to donate to VLA Charlene will have them send check to Sarah Schaal.
- iii. State Fair to pay for fair premiums?

V. Agents Report- No agent report. Future reports to include new clubs and standing roster for our district.

VI. Old Business

VII. Persons to be heard

- a. Repnow Family (Request read by Janice Raisanen) Yaquina, Bodie, Tybee, Heceta and I are going to Juneau the last week of February for the 4H Youth in Governance class. I am going as a chaperone from the valley, because the 4H director Marla's said they needed one from our area. My kids spent \$350 each to 4H for registration, plus we each spent a little over \$415 each for plane tickets. Livestock Committee approved \$200 each and our club \$100 each.
- b. Joseph and Dominic, (Request read by Raylene Sinnett) Joseph and Dominic have been awarded a scholarship to cover their registration to the Ignite conference in DC. Up until yesterday we had the airline tickets covered. The university changed the airport that we are to use and the tickets are a lot more expensive at this other airport. Our cost went from \$844 to \$1461 a difference \$617. I was told that our VLA council is not doing scholarships but is there anyway that we can get some help for these kids? They are in the Copper Nuggets 4H club in Kenny Lake . They are both Shooting Sports youth and are seniors this year. Joseph is our national ambassador for Alaska in shooting sports. Both of these boys will stay involved in our 4H program around the state and locally after high school. Please email or call after 3:30 pm with questions.
 - i. Charlene motioned VLA to donate \$50 per person attending for Ignite conference or 4H Youth in Governance for leadership. Erich Schaal seconded.
 - 1. Discussion. Uncomfortable spending money with access to account or budget. Not Prepared. Motion fails.

VIII. New Business

- a. Discussion of bylaw changes. Will make available to elected officials to make changes and send out to leaders to look over.
- b. Budget- no access

IX. Adjournment 6:30 motion by Erich Schaal. Seconded by Janice Raisanen

X. Next Meeting March 13, 2025, 5pm CES office

Written and Approved By

Janice Raisanen