

**Special Board Meeting: Friends of Alaska
4-H Meeting Minutes by Toni Loop
Meeting was held on Zoom December 16th, 2024**

Call to order: 6:27 pm

Roll Call: President: *Kaitlynne Rice*, Vice President: *Toni Loop*, Treasurer: *Maury Skeele, Patsy Perkins*, State Program Leader: *Marla Lowder*, Kodiak Representative: *Barbara Zimmerman*. Quorum is met.

Districts Represented: Kodiak, Sitka, Kenai Peninsula, Tanana District

Treasurer Report: Maury Hacket

Alaska 4-H State Program Leader Report: Trying to find a coordinator for Tanana District. Marla will be handed some workload but will keep doing tax, horse, governance. There are 11 people on staff and in the last 6 months 4 people left and were replaced; meaning they must be trained and oriented to 4-H. One goal she has is to bring Alaska together.

Old Business:

- 2025 Budget: *\$43,000*
- Registered Agent: *Patsy has agreed to be our registered agent.*

New Business:

- **Lotto money request form review:** *We agreed to change the wording to “funds requests can include district National competing teams and individual fund awards.”*
- **Fund Requests:**
 - Western Roundup Horse Bowl Team (Sarah Curwen)
 - Western Roundup Livestock Quiz Bowl Team (Cassandra Rankin)
 - Western Roundup Hippology Team (Sarah Rodriguez)

The motion was made by Toni Loop “Each request will be granted \$1050 to cover team registration. That is \$3150 total.” Maury Seconds the motion. Motion passes.

- **Blue Market AK Donation Funds:** *Looking for someone in Anchorage to go to Blue Market for a photo of the check hand off in January. Percentage of 4th Quarter Funds will be donated to FOA4H. It was suggested asking Stephanie.*
- **New Accountant:** *Current accountant charges \$1500. Maury knows an accountant she works with, Christine Harriston, who confirmed that income tax does not apply to lotto income, which we have been charged previously. Maury will look for a different accountant and present options at the January meeting.*
- **Update Fund request form:**
 - *To ask if it's an in state or out of state event*
 - *To ask which districts the funds will help*
 - *What will the fund recipients do for us: article in newsletter, give a presentation at a future meeting etc... (See #5 in operation procedure)*
- **Newsletter:** *Toni wants to do a newsletter. She will write an outline of her ideas.*

Maury motions to adjourn the meeting. Toni Seconds it. Motion passes