

Navidad Valley CattleWomen
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the Navidad Valley CattleWomen was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2002 at 11:30am at Orsak's Café, Fayetteville. The meeting was called to order by President Tanya Schindler. Susie Shank gave the opening prayer. Members present were Elsie Farek, Kay Gibson, Jackie Harker, Caitlin Hoeft, Zoe Justiss, Sharon Meiers (speaker), Kimberly Menke, Tanya Schindler, Susie Shank, Janet Spies, Suzette Surman, Jessica Wick, and Cathy Willhoite. Everyone enjoyed their dutch-treat lunch prepared by Orsak's.

President Tanya Schindler introduced the guest speaker – Sharon Meiers. Sharon, a former member of NVCW, is now a member of Washington CattleWomen and Vice President of Texas CattleWomen. Everything CattleWomen do locally can promote beef and the lifestyle. The state and national organizations appreciate all that is done by the local chapters. Sharon encouraged all members to attend state and national events. The Texas CattleWomen Spring Convention is held each year in conjunction with Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth. The Fall Convention rotates around the state. Susie Shank is attending the Fall Convention in Elkhart and accepted items brought by members to fill a basket.

A question was asked about Girls Grilling 101 being used to thank vendors. Sharon advised that the Texas Beef Council provides the trailer at no cost and thought it might work for this purpose because our audience would include non-producers. Someone also suggested NVCW could piggyback with a TSCRA Ranch Gathering. Per the TSCRA website, the Ranch Gatherings are "open to everyone".

Officer Reports

Minutes & Correspondence Secretary - The minutes were distributed by Tanya Schindler via email and hard copies were available at the meeting. Caitlin Hoeft made a motion to accept minutes as presented with second by Janet Spies. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer - Janet Spies gave the financial report as of August 31, 2022: General Fund \$1,164.12 and Scholarship Fund \$17,651.07. Some deposits were made during September. The General Fund account is used for anything that is not scholarship related. Susie Shank stated that Schulenburg Printing confirmed that as of September 12, 2022 NVCW's outstanding balance was \$0. Kay Gibson made a motion to accept as reported and Kimberly Menke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President - Tanya Schindler deferred.

Membership & BFFD - Suzette Surman brought sign-up sheet for shirts and badges. She will be placing a large order with Schulenburg Printing so everyone who is interested should advise her ASAP. A question was asked about having an individual's choice of shirts embroidered with NVCW logo. Suzette thought the printer would be willing to do that but did not know cost. Information about shirts and badges can also be found on our website.

Education - Caitlin Hoeft will begin contacting high school teachers in October regarding Beef to School deliveries. She is considering making distributions in January 2023 rather than March because of the complications she encountered in 2022 distribution. Lots of coordination is required if order from one retailer. Is it best to have one person pick up beef and deliver to all schools? Or divide order/pay/deliver between member-volunteers? Also, need to reach out to Beef Council early requesting relevant materials to be bagged prior to delivery to the schools. County Commercial Fair Winners – Deferred to next month.

Scholarship - Kay Gibson reported that Scholarship Committee met the previous night via telephone. The committee recommended that no scholarship funds be provided to ACCSS. They made this decision because Lavaca County students are not eligible to obtain dual-credits via ACCSS and also the Scholarship Committee has no control over the distribution of the funds. The Committee also confirmed they prefer to continue paying scholarships directly to the students.

Kay will begin contacting schools in October about 2023 scholarships. Completed applications will be due prior to spring break. Kay will update Application form and also provide to Tanya via email any details that need updating on the NVCW website. Kay and the committee will determine total amount of scholarships they wish to award in 2023. A vote by membership is expected to take place at November 2022 meeting.

Publicity - Susie Shank is waiting for final bills and receipts for 5k. She & Janet Spies will get together to create QuickBooks reports before next meeting. Sandi Warnken & Susie created and mailed thank you letters to sponsors. All sponsors were included in the Thank You Advertisement that was published in newspapers. Susie will reach out to other 5k run coordinators in the area and ask about creating a chip co-op to share the costs. Susie had to do a lot of work after the August run to ensure runners' times were correctly reported. Tanya commented that she liked Janet's previous idea about the runners paying extra if they wanted chip timer. Susie would like to set up committees for the next 5k run.

President's Report - Tanya Schindler advised that Sandi Warnken delivered to the bank the August 2022 meeting minutes showing Janet Spies as co-treasurer.

She requested that when mailing anything to NVCW, please send to P O Box 221, Schulenburg, TX 78956 and include a reference on the envelope so it can be distributed to correct person.

Tanya reminded everyone that all procedures need to be created/updated in writing.

Thank you notes that have been received were available for everyone to read.

Old Business

Dues - Tanya reminded everyone that dues of \$40 is due - \$25 of this amount goes to Texas chapter. Dues for Jr. members is \$20. NVCW must submit funds to the Texas chapter by October 15th to remain in good standing.

Calendar - Calendar was tentatively updated for November 2022 through August 2023. Our next meeting will be October 26, 2022 at 6pm in Columbus with Laramie Kettler, Colorado County Extension Agent, as speaker. Location must be changed from The House so final location will be advised at a later date.

Commercial Heifer Sponsorships - Zoe Justiss stated this was 3rd year we've sponsored. Question was asked if we should continue buckle sponsorship or switch to \$100-150 cash sponsorship. Most attendees thought cash was a better option moving forward.

Member of the week/month - Postponed to future meeting.

Post Office Box renewal - Will renew for 1 year at \$66.

New Business

Name badges & shirts order - Discussed during Office Reports - Membership & BFFD

Sponsorship for Columbus High School BBQ Cook-off - This event is held in the parking lot at Columbus High School. There are usually 6-7 different schools competing. Tanya Schindler & Kay Gibson were judges at a past cook-off.

NVCW would like to send judges to the event and have ability to distribute beef council bags during the event. Tanya will check on pricing for a 6' banner to be displayed at this and future events. Caitlin Hoeft made motion that NVCW provide a \$100 sponsorship for the event. Motion was seconded by Cathy Willhoite. Motion carried unanimously.

Meat donation to Senior Connections <https://www.srconnections.org/> - Senior Connections (formerly Navidad Valley Senior Connections) is located in Schulenburg. Their mission is to "enhance the quality of life for the seniors we serve". The organization is a 501(c)(3) and is grant driven. They serve about 50 meals per week. Susie Shank made motion to donate 10 pounds of ground beef to Senior Connections. The motion was seconded by Kay Gibson. NVCW will ask to provide a speaker, and Beef Council materials, at the meal.

Scholarships - Previously discussed during Officer Reports – Scholarship

Fayette Community Foundation <https://www.faycofoundation.com/> - Fayette Community Foundation grants funds to 501(c)(3) charities that serve residents within 80 miles of La Grange. Grant applications are accepted during the month of September each year. Rural Philanthropy Day is scheduled for November 4, 2022. Tickets for this year's event are sold out. Susie advised that the grant application is not difficult to complete but IRS Form 990 is required. The grant application should be placed on the NVCW calendar so we can apply for the grant in 2023.

There being no further business Janet Spies made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Suzette Surman seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Harker, Recording Secretary.

Jackie Harker

Date