

## **SVPORC ANNUAL MEETING Minutes**

### **August 14, 2021**

### **SV Pavilion**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Shaun Gordon at the pavilion at 8:00 a.m. on August 14, 2021. The members present at this meeting did not fulfill the quorum requirements. The meeting proceeded with sharing of information.

**Introduction of Board and Election Results:** Shaun Gordon explained that the ballots were received and counted by Jill Cochran (SV Office Coordinator) and recounted and verified by Jeff Perry and John Chaney. The incumbents Shaun Gordon, Vanessa Kilik and Jan Richardson were reelected to the SV Board. The budget also passed. The board will decide on officers and committee chairpersons following this meeting. The Board members were introduced: Shaun Gordon (President, Covenants/Architectural and Lakes/Fishing), Jeff Perry (Vice President, Legal Affairs, Lakes/Fishing), Jan Richardson (Treasurer), Deb Schneider (Secretary and Activities), Richard (Dick) Cope (Lakes/Fishing), John Chaney (Architectural) and Vanessa Kilik (Member at-large).

#### **President's Message:**

Shaun Gordon reported that the SV Board is working hard to take care of the neighborhood. He thanked the individuals that he saw pulling thistles. The mailboxes will be moved under the bus shelter. Your box number will not change but it might be moved. Since we had run out of mailboxes SV bought 2 more clusters. The Teller County Wildfire Symposium will be on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 at the Sheriff's Office. All are welcome.

Shaun Gordon invited Pat Sievers to share information from the Teller County Sheriff's Office (SO).

- The SO is concerned about fall and winter fires because of the growth this summer. Please be vigilant and report fire violators like burning garbage or leaving unattended fires.
- The SO website, [www.tellercountysheriff.com](http://www.tellercountysheriff.com), has a variety of useful information.
- There are signs that pets are in the home in case of a fire. She shared other helpful materials.
- The SO has an emergency assistance and response program.
- Jeff Wyatt, engine boss, is available to walk you through your property so you can make a plan for fire mitigation. His number is (541) 601-0296.
- She reported that the SO is short 18 deputies. Cripple Creek, Woodland Park and Teller County law enforcement are coming together to combine services.
- Concerns in SV about speeding were expressed. Speeding violations reported to the SO are anonymous.
- There is a new animal control officer.

- If you are going to be away from your property you can let the SO know and they will check on your property two times a week.
- There are 120 HOA's in Teller County.
- Forest Service concerns include homeless living in the forest.
- Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church will haul fallen trees away and give the firewood to those in need.
- HOA's have responsibility to take care of things in their covenants.
- The SO would like to know if you are a ham radio operator.

Shaun Gordon reported that many VRBO's are not aware of the rules. Water use is for in home domestic use only. Andre Kilik reported that one VRBO used 50,000 gallons of water in one month. Valley Maintenance is watching for overuses. Let Andre know if you see any violations with water use. We have a limited amount of water. The Valley Maintenance Water Board is looking at a way to change the water fee structures.

John Chaney shared that there is a new rental agreement for all rentals.

The SV Board was asked to contact the attorney to see what can be done about VRBO's in general as well as the excessive use of water and violations to the covenants. A letter to the members as to what the attorney advises was requested.

**Vice President:**

Jeff Perry had nothing additional to report.

**Treasurer:**

Jan Richardson announced that the budget passed.

**Activities Committee Report:**

Roni Gordon explained that there is an email list and she invited anyone wanting to be on that list to let her know. She reported that the activities are on the SV website, [myspringvalley.org](http://myspringvalley.org). She went on to report the following activities:

- Clean up day had 30 volunteers that worked hard. As always, Volunteers are what we depend on and are appreciated.
- The Smoke-off served over 100 guests.
- Kids Fishing Derby had a smaller turn out (maybe due to being close to July 4<sup>th</sup>). There were 61 kids registered. Three golden trout were caught all by girls.
- The Fall Get Together will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck and games.
- Trunk or Treat is planned for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

She thanked the volunteers for all they do to make the activities happen. If you are interested in volunteering for the activities, please contact Roni Gordon.

**Welcome Committee Report:**

Roni Gordon reported that she received notice of 27 new property owners this year. New owners receive a welcome letter, directions to the website, [myspringvalley.org](http://myspringvalley.org), information on helpful phone numbers, covenants, and fishing/boating regulations. The

website gets a lot of questions that opens the communication with the new owners even before they close on the property. New owner information comes from the Title Companies. Roni Gordon, Vanessa Kilik (Valley Maintenance) and Jill Cochran (SVPORC Office Coordinator) share new owner information.

#### **Improvements to SV Committee Report:**

Shaun Gordon reported that the pergola on the island was shored up by Lenorard and Greg.

#### **Covenants Committee Report:**

Shaun Gordon reported that all the covenants are on the SV website, [myspringvalley.org](http://myspringvalley.org). If you have questions, you can email the website. He will address those questions since he manages the website.

Many concerns were voiced about the short-term rental properties related to traffic, ATV use, water use, number of families in one home, etc. The Legal Affairs Committee will look into the concerns.

#### **Architectural Committee Report:**

John Chaney reported that there is a new rental agreement form on the website, [myspringvalley.org](http://myspringvalley.org). He shared that all properties are zoned single family homes. Therefore, second full kitchens are against the HOA and Teller County regulations. A full kitchen would have a full-size sink, stove and large refrigerator or dishwasher. If you are planning to make improvements to your property, Ask first. You can email the website or call the SV phone (719) 686-1825. Approvals are turned around quickly. Everyone should read the covenants that are posted on the website, [myspringvalley.org](http://myspringvalley.org).

John Chaney also asked that owners watch for pine beetle kill. Other subdivisions are reporting a problem. It can be treated. If not treated they can spread like wildfire.

#### **Lakes and Fishing Committee Report:**

Dick Cope reported that the 12 aerators have been installed and are working. Also, the fish patrol has been good this year with most days covered and fishing is good.

Shaun Gordon shared that the lakes are being treated for weed control. The company assess all the lakes to determine which ones to treat. Since the carp die off each year there are 40 carp put in the lakes each year to help control the grasses. Our electric cost has gone up due to the 12 aerators. If you are going fishing with your guests you can pay the fish patrol on the day you fish. If you are not going to be fishing with your guests, you will need to buy fishing passes ahead of time from Shaun Gordon or Dick Cope. We stock Burgess Lake, Potty Pond, Kiddie Pond and Shadow Lake. Boats are only allowed on Burgess Lake. In the future, to store your boat at the lake there will be a rental fee for the space. A rack for smaller boats like kayaks was suggested to clean up the area.

Shaun Gordon shared that ice fishing will move to shadow lake because of the aerators. Also, ice skating is only allowed on potty pond. Only one person has approval and has signed a waiver to plow potty pond for ice skating.

Shaun Gordon explained that in the spring the pelicans send out a scout. This is the best time to deter them. If they nest there is nothing we can do. He also answered the question that catch and release is still allowed.

**Legal Affairs Committee Report:**

Jeff Perry shared that there was nothing to report.

**Volunteers:**

Roni Gordon thanked the volunteers. We can't have events without volunteers. It is heartwarming how many people volunteer for each event. Thank you for giving up your time.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:16 a.m.**