

SVPORC ANNUAL MEETING Minutes August 18, 2018

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by Zug Standing Bear at the pavilion at 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2018. The members present at this meeting did not fulfill the quorum requirements. The meeting proceeded with sharing of information.

Zug Standing Bear announced the election results.

Incumbents Richard Cope, Jeff Perry and Deb Schneider were reelected to the board. He welcomed the newest board member John Chaney and bid Todd Hawkins a reluctant farewell. The 2018 budget passed. The board will decide on officers following this meeting.

President's Message: Zug Standing Bear offered the Teller County Guide to Community Preparedness published by the county to the attendees. He also shared information about the web site "Next Door Spring Valley" which is a commercial site that is nationwide and has no connection with the Spring Valley Property Owners and Recreational Corporation (SVPORC). We have our own website: myspringvalley.org.

We have the usual neighborhood problems of speeders, barking dogs, wildlife and collapsing roads. He discussed the recent hail damage on cars and homes.

Vice President: Shaun Gordon

Shaun reported that the Clean Up day event in the spring used to be mainly to pick up trash. However, the residents that walk/run around SV have been great at picking up the trash on a continual basis. Thank you for keeping SV looking good year around. Therefore, the Clean Up Day now is for maintenance of the trail, common properties, etc.

Treasurer: Deby Willians was absent.

Shaun answered a question that was written on a ballot for the budget about the excess money that is collected. It is not a profit. The money goes into a "rainy day fund" and is put into the savings or a CD. It takes care of unexpected expenses such as dam repairs or other big expenses.

Community Question: Asked what the Fishing Activity was on the budget? Shaun will post something on the webpage to explain that line item.

Secretary's Report: Deb Schneider

Deb reported that a newsletter is distributed once a year in the spring and is posted on the webpage and at the pavilion. A small number of newsletters are sent to those without a computer or those that just want a hard copy. If you want a hard copy just let her know. If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, please send it to the email on the webpage. A member can also place a small ad in the newsletter. Finally, let her know if there is something you would like to see in the newsletter.

Lakes and Fishing Committee Report: Dick Cope

Dick reported that the fish patrol has been doing a good job and we are in good shape money wise in the fishing account. He is always looking for regular people to help with the fishing patrol. Two of the pelicans died because of the recent hail storms. Roni and Shaun applied chemicals on the algae in the lakes. Chaney Pest Eliminator used his truck to spray the weeds in Shadow Lake.

Activities Committee Report: Roni Gordon

Roni reported that she has worked with Deb Schneider for the past 8 or 9 years on the activities. They could not do it without the volunteers. She thanked the volunteers.

The first activity was the Clean Up Day in the spring. They moved gravel onto the trail and served everyone lunch afterwards. The next activity was a Barbeque Smoke Off and Kid's Fishing Derby Fund Raiser. Due to the Stage 2 Fire Ban the smokers had to be moved inside the pavilion. There were five smokers inside the pavilion. This event, including a silent auction, raised \$900 for the Kid's Fishing Derby. Everything at the silent auction was donated by residents of Spring Valley. This was followed by the Kid's Fishing Derby on July 14th. One hundred twenty-eight children registered. The largest number of children registered on record. Also, 240 people were fed in an hour. An impressive job done by the volunteers.

The next event will be the End of the Summer Bash on September 15th with a Happy Days theme, a 50's diner atmosphere and music.

Again, thank you to all the volunteers.

Welcome Committee Report: Roni Gordon

Roni reported that she received notice of 29 new property owners this year. New owners receive a welcome letter, directions to the website, information on helpful phone numbers and fishing/boating regulations. Shaun is getting a lot of questions via the website that opens the communication with the new owners even before they close on the property. The website gives information on other agencies in the state and county. There is also an information board that includes things such as living with wildlife, copies of the newsletters and useful phone numbers.

Improvements to SV Committee Report: Shaun Gordon

Shaun reported that this year started off with re-roofing the pavilion. It was permitted with the county and he had good help putting the metal roof back up. He and Roni have sprayed the thistles twice this year and will continue spraying next year. Milestone is the chemical used. It is the chemical recommended by the South Plate River Board and only attacks the thistle. On the Clean Up Day gravel was spread on the trails to help stabilize them. Put up some new signs. Early in the year Valley Maintenance (our water system) had a diver come to do an inspection on the valve workings on the dam. The valve is in great working order. Valley Maintenance will be installing a trash rack to stop rocks and other things.

Shaun also explained the regulations for releasing water and the daily inspections.

Covenant and Architectural Committee Report: Shaun Gordon

Shaun reported that although we are still addressing some issues, most residents have been very good about following the regulations and asking questions about architectural needs even before purchasing a property. He appreciates all the questions and responses.

General issues/Community Comments:

It was reported that there has been a man going door to door wanting to manage all the repairs related to the recent hail damage. There was also a man offering to do roof repairs that did not even have a ladder. Residents were warned to be cautious.

Roni shared that cattle are being moved on CR 5. Since we are a free-range state this is legal. She advised being cautious.

Zug shared that he has been fortunate to be on the SV Board since 2001. It is a stellar board and it has been a wonderful experience to be a board member. He specifically thanked the Shaun and Roni for all they do for the community.

If you have a problem with excessive barking dogs call Animal Control.

Concerns were expressed over rental properties with excessive noise and illegal fires. Reports have been made to the Teller County Sheriff's Office. Sometimes they are just not aware of the laws or concerns.

The bright lights are a nuisance to many. The County has a ordinance that the lights should be shinning down.

Speeders should be reported to the Sheriff's Office. Document the vehicle by taking a picture of the license plate, description of the driver and/or getting the name of the company if it is a commercial vehicle. A speed trailer had been requested months ago. It might help if others also asked the Sheriff's Office for the speed trailer to be placed in SV.

Concerns over not seeing any Abert's squirrels and Crossbill birds was expressed. Others reported that they are still in the area.

The Board was again thanked.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.