

SVPORC ANNUAL MEETING
Minutes
August 20, 2016

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by Zug Standing Bear at the pavilion at 9:00 a.m. on August 20, 2016.

Zug Standing Bear announced the election results. Richard Cope, Todd Hawkins, and Deb Schneider were reelected to the board. Jeff Perry was elected and welcomed as a new member of the board. The 2017 budget passed. The board will decide on officers following this meeting.

Introduction of Board and Election Results:

The Board Members were introduced: Zug Standing Bear (President, Legal Affairs and Covenants/Architectural), Shaun Gordon (Vice President, Covenants/Architectural, Lakes/Fishing), Deb Schneider (Secretary), Deby Williams (Treasurer), Dick Cope (Lakes/Fishing), and Jeff Perry (member). Todd Hawkins (member) was absent.

President's Message: Zug Standing Bear

Zug recognized and thanked Shaun and Roni Gordon for all the work they have done and continue to do to make improvements in Spring Valley.

He explained that the Board and the Legal Committee worked with our law firm, HindmanSanchez, to establish a policy concerning the reinstatement fee charged on properties owing membership dues for past years. Although the membership dues are voluntary, in order to enjoy the benefits (such as the common property, lakes and fishing, the pavilion or community events) dues must to be paid. Therefore, if a property owner, owes past dues, wishes to become a member a reinstatement fee is charged. This also carries over to a new owner if not paid at the time of sale. New owners can address the amount owed with the Board. If you have questions, please give Zug a call.

Vice President: Shaun Gordon

Shaun stated that the members present at this meeting do not fulfill the quorum requirements. The meeting proceeded with sharing of information. He explained that the ballot and budget are sent to the members so a quorum can be obtained on the vote. He shared that as Vice President his duties are minimal. Most of his duties will be reported out in the committee reports later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Deby Williams

Deby reported that the 2017 Budget has been approved. The budget is consistent every year and the Board stays within the budget. If you have specific questions, please talk with her or another board member.

Secretary's Report: Deb Schneider

It was explained that Deb, as secretary, prepares the newsletter and ballot. She also assists with the mailings.

Activities Committee Report: Roni Gordon

Roni shared that the activities started this year with a Clean Up Day and Fish Stocking the first weekend in May. This year we had a breakfast burrito bar. There was a really good turn out and a lot of great volunteers. The next event was a Barbeque Smoke Off and Derby Fund Raiser. At that event, there was a silent auction which raised \$1,000 for the Derby. The next event was a Fish Stocking. This was followed by the Kid's Fishing Derby. Seventy-six children registered, 81 fish were caught. The girls caught the most fish. Seven golden trout were also caught. Each child that catches a golden trout gets \$10 and a picture taken with their fish. At the Fishing Derby, \$1,098 was raised. That brings the total raised for next year's Fishing Derby to \$2,098. The activities could not be done without all the volunteers. Thank you to the volunteers!

The next event will be an end of summer get together on September 17th. She and Deb will be planning this event. Information will be coming on the website and through Roni's email list. The final activity of the year will be October 15th with Trunk & Treat. Vehicle trunks are decorated and children come to each vehicle for candy and treats.

Welcome Committee Report: Roni Gordon

Roni reported that she shares information with residents and recruits volunteers. She has an email list that she uses to communicate about volunteer needs for work days and events. If you would like to be added to this list, see Roni. She received notice of 34 new property owners. If you want information, you can always go to the Spring Valley website at myspringvalley.org. Shaun is the webmaster.

Improvements to SV Committee Report: Shaun Gordon

Shaun reported that they started this year with the putting in the paver floor in the pavilion. Volunteers on this project included Leonard Miller, Todd Hawkins, Jack Munger, John Schneider, Wayne Mathews, Shaun & Roni Gordon, and Shane Wildeman. There were lots of heavy items to be moved and the help was greatly appreciated. Dale Schroeder suggested that the cabinets could be refinished and offered to do the job. Shaun followed through on Dale's suggestion and refinished the cabinets. The Wildeman's donated the cabinet. The Guyett Family also helped Shaun and Roni with facing the cabinets. They have chosen not to put locks on the cabinets and people using the pavilion have been good about not using the supplies for Spring Valley. Magnets will be put on the cabinets to keep the wind from blowing them open. The counter tops were finished by Shaun, Roni and Deb Schneider. A second coat will be put on next year. There was also lots of help for the Clean Up Day from Georgia Curie, Guyett Family, Henderson Family, Judy Findlay, Linda Langston, Bauers Family, Dale Schroeder, Dale Suiter, Jeff and Janet Perry, and Betty Ann Hayes. Everyone pitched in worked hard. At last year's Annual Meeting a concern about the thistle

problem was expressed. Shaun, Roni and a group of volunteers collected over 80 large trash bags of thistles. They also sprayed the thistles with the chemical recommended by the Coalition. This year, everything that was treated last year turned out great. Roni and Shaun hit the thistles again this spring with the chemicals and Todd Hawkins has been applying chemicals throughout the summer. Contact Shaun if you would like more information about the milestone chemicals. John Chaney donated two backpack sprayers that can be borrowed (you would need to purchase your own chemicals) if you want to spray thistles on your own property, contact Shaun. Virginia Leech has some chemical for sale. She also explained the importance of cutting off and bagging the bloom and then spraying what is left. Shaun put a new sky light in the port-a-potty roof. The final project was the trail. Roni, Todd Hawkins and Shaun worked with a four wheeler, shovels and picks to clear 100 feet of the trail. The next weekend a mini excavator was rented and Todd Hawkins, Deby Williams, John & Becky Chaney, Roni and Shaun finished the 4 foot wide trail around the lake to the dam. It was suggested that it would help to have people using the trail to occasionally take a shovel or rake and help maintain the trail. All help in maintaining the trail is appreciated. Shaun recognized that Dick Cope has also been moral support on all projects. He thanked everyone for their help on all the improvement projects!

Scott Findlay pointed out all the improvements that have happened over the years as a result of Shaun and Roni's efforts.

Covenant and Architectural Committee Report: Shaun Gordon

Shaun reported that there is a new policy for nuisance issues that includes run down vehicles on lots. Since that policy went into effect, the vehicles have been removed. Policies help to keep the community looking good for everyone. The residents have been very good about asking questions about architectural needs. He appreciates all the questions and responses. He makes a point of getting back to people quickly so that they can move ahead with their project.

If you have any questions, you can email the website or call Shaun. He works in the construction field and can also make suggestions.

Lakes and Fishing Committee Report: Dick Cope

Dick reported that he needs someone for Wednesday's fish patrol and is always looking for regular people to help with the fishing patrol. The fish patrol has been doing a good job collecting fees.

Shaun applied chemicals to control the weeds in the lakes. Another application is scheduled for Shadow Lake. We have also been successful with pelican patrol using remote control boats. You cannot throw anything at the pelicans or do anything that can harm them. Geese are also protected by the same law.

We are looking for a new supplier of fish. If you have any suggestions, contact Shaun.

Legal Affairs Committee: Zug Standing Bear and Georgia Currie

If you would like to serve on the Legal Affairs Committee, please let Zug know. He shared that Teller County regulations are clear on how signs can be displayed. Real Estate directional signs are prohibited. Other signs also have regulations on how they can be displayed. If a sign is put up that does not meet the regulations it will be removed. If you see one, report it to Zug.

The concern about speeders was expressed. Speeders need to be reported to the Teller County Sheriff's Office. Report as much information as you have such as license plate number, description of the vehicle and the driver. If you have a cell phone or little camera, take a picture of the vehicle. Extra speed signs were put in four years ago and did not have much of an impact. Best recommendation is to report the speeder.

Roni and Shaun offered a list of helpful phone numbers that is also available on the website.

A neighborhood directory was suggested. There was one in the past prepared by Marie Wells. Marie shared that she had a form that she asked people to fill out at the events and those names were put in a directory. It is not easy to keep it updated. The Board cannot provide a list of all residents as that would be divulging private information. However, if someone wants to volunteer to prepare and maintain such a document it would be very useful to many residents. If anyone does want to be in the directory, you can email your information to the info@myspringvalley.org and we will forward it on to the volunteers that are taking this on.

The issue of discharging firearms was also discussed. Call the Sheriff's Office if you feel it is being discharged unsafely. If it is a nuisance you can also submit a formal complaint to the Board. The information can be submitted through the website.

The Board was thanked again for what they do!

It was also expressed that the shooting of birds and squirrels is cruel. The echoing of the shooting throughout the valley is a concern to residents. If it is a nuisance, you can make a formal complaint to the Board. However, please keep in mind that if the shooting is taking place in the nearby National Forest, there is nothing the Board can do about it.

Shaun requested that if you see someone doing something wrong approach them nicely to be sure they know the regulations. It is easier to take care of the concern when it is happening or ask a neighbor to help. However, if you need additional help, contact the Board.

Volunteers: Roni Gordon

Roni reported that we can always use volunteers. Let her know if you would like to be added to her email list. All help is appreciated.

General issues:

If you know people are living in campers on their property, report it. There is a Teller County Ordinance along with our Covenants that addresses this issue.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.