

## **SVPORC ANNUAL MEETING Minutes**

### **August 22, 2020**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Shaun Gordon at the pavilion at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2020. He asked that for the safety of all masks be worn and the rules of social distancing be followed. 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 Jan Richardson (Treasurer). Jill Cochran announced the election results. Incumbents John Chaney (79 votes), Dick Cope (68 votes), Jeff Perry (74 votes) and Deb Schneider (82 votes) were reelected to the board. Mike Demuth receive 28 votes and Jason Vigil received 36 votes. The 2020 budget passed with 55 votes approved and 2 votes not approved. There were 38 ballots that did not vote on the ballot either way. The board will decide on officers and committee chairpersons following this meeting.

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

Zug Standing Bear shared his experiences in 2020 of the emergency responders and Flight for Life. They left the home in 6 minutes and he saw Colorado Springs from the air during his Flight for Life. He also shared that he has been on the Board since 2001 and President since 2004.

#### **Vice President:**

Shaun Gordon reported that Mike Demuth volunteered at the last board meeting to contact Teller County about putting up "No ATV" signs along the roads in Spring Valley. He was told that because it is a state law, they do not have the signs, nor do they want them put on their posts. However, if we have property owners that would put them on their property that would be ok. Property owners would be liable if someone ran into the sign. ATVs are not a licensed vehicle and not allowed on the roads. Shaun Gordon volunteered to put a sign on his property and others volunteered as well. It was also suggested that we notify owners of short-term rental properties about ATVs not being allowed on the roads and ask them to post it.

He reported that we have a problem with vehicles parking at the pavilion overnight even though there are signs posted saying it is prohibited. He contacted Fred's Towing and was given a couple of signs that will be added that explain that they will be towed.

The question about parking on the roadway was addressed. It is legal if they are not blocking an entrance or the road.

A member shared a concern that for the first time in 22 years there is no water flowing through her property to the lake. It was explained that the water up stream has not been stopped and must continue to flow. Probably lack of water is just due to lack of rain.

**Treasurer:**

Jan Richardson addressed the one question on the budget ballot of why the budget showed the Fishing Derby when there wasn't one this year? She explained that the Fishing Derby was postponed therefore we left the planned amount on the budget.

**Activities Committee Report:**

Roni Gordon reported that we had a Fall Get Together. We played games, had good food and had lots of fun. The Trunk or Treat was in October with 18 vehicles which was the most vehicles ever. We had wonderful plans to have a lot of activities this year and then COVID hit. We did have the fish stockings and Clean Up Day. The volunteers painted picnic tables and reinforced the flagpole. She thanked the volunteers for all they do to make the activities happen! We have the Fall Get Together set for September 12<sup>th</sup> and Trunk or Treat for October 24<sup>th</sup> but we will have to see what happens. If you are interested in volunteering for the activities, please contact Roni Gordon or Jill Cochran.

**Welcome Committee Report:**

Roni Gordon reported that she received notice of 21 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.

**Improvements to SV Committee Report:**

Shaun Gordon reported that during Clean Up Day the flag pole was stabilized and picnic tables painted. Donations were collected for a memorial bench for Curt Howell who was the announcer at the Fishing Derby. Volunteers installed a 6' bench with a plaque. A stand for a patio umbrella will also be placed at the bench. We continue to do the dam inspections.

**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.

A member presented the potential of changing a covenant related to rental properties.

The Board has allowed RVs if they are not a nuisance or blocking a view. The Board will work with people to come up with a solution.

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

**Architectural Committee Report:**

John Chaney reported that there is a RV on a property that people are living in. It will be addressed. There was also a complaint about a Zipline on a property that the county and IREA are currently addressing.

**Lakes and Fishing Committee Report:**

Shaun Gordon reported they treated the algae in the lake in the Spring. All the chemicals applied do not require certification. It was proposed that we get a lake management company to take care of the lakes. Two companies have been contacted. One would be \$12,000 to do two treatments per year for the two lakes. The second company recommended treatments for \$25,000 and an aeration system underwater. This would treat the lakes and not just the weeds. Cost for the aeration system would be \$35,000 for Burgess lake. This would be a long-term solution. Suggestions were given to have a special assessment or to raise the dues. The Board will consider the options. The owners that do not pay the membership was also discussed. John Chaney explained that using a company would address the liabilities related to the treatments of the lakes.

There was an explanation that the dues owed follows the property when it is sold. Title Companies are informed of the amount due at the time of closing. The overdue dues are often paid at that time.

Dick Cope asked and immediately got a volunteer for fish patrol for Sunday. Dick Cope and Shaun Gordon sell fishing passes. Shaun Gordon reported that there are 4 short term rental properties that purchase a special access fishing permit at a cost of \$500 each. This goes toward stocking the lakes.

**Legal Affairs Committee Report:**

Zug Standing Bear reported that we have separate General Liability and Directors and Officers insurance policies that, among other things covers lawsuits. Over the last 20 years, one lawsuit was filed against the Corporation and its officers, which was represented by a law firm engaged by the General Liability insurance company, where the suit was dismissed by the court. Also addressed was that, according to published policies, corporation membership assessment amounts in arrears remains with the property in the event that the property is sold.

**Volunteers:**

Roni Gordon asked to let her know if you would like to be a volunteer. You can also email the website. Everything we do relies on volunteers so thank you to all that have volunteered.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.**