

## **SVPORC ANNUAL MEETING Minutes**

### **July 29, 2023**

### **SV Pavilion**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by SVPORC President, Mike Johnson at the pavilion at 8:00 a.m. on July 29, 2023. Since the members present at this meeting did not fulfill the quorum requirements, the meeting proceeded with sharing of information.

**Election results:** Jan Richardson, Mike Johnson and Caroline Trani were re-elected to the Board. The budget also passed. The board will decide on officers and committee chairpersons following this meeting.

**President's Message:** Mike Johnson shared that he wants to get to know the members. There have been several improvements including less noise and trash, cleaning up the boat area and removing boats that were not being used. Thank you to all who helped with the boats. ATV use on the roads is a police matter. He is reporting ATV use on the roads to the Teller County Sheriff's Office with a description, picture, and direction the ATV was headed. He encouraged others to do the same.

**Vice President's Message:** Jeff Perry thanked the SV Board for hanging in there and getting a lot accomplished this year. The lakes don't look like a junk yard anymore and the area really looks nice. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped. You are appreciated.

**Secretary's Report:** Caroline Trani highlighted the website, [myspringvalley.org](http://myspringvalley.org), as the official line of communication for SVPORC members including information on what is happening, updates and links to navigate. Be sure to check it out.

- The home page has current events, latest news and activities.
- The Activities page includes details, dates and times. It also includes highlights from the past events.
- Events calendar includes meetings and pavilion reservations
- Board Meeting information and minutes are posted. Board meetings are usually the second Thursday of each month 6:00p.m at the pavilion (date/time changes will be on the home page).
- Lakes and fishing page includes fishing rules and watercraft registration information.
- Covenants/declarations and policies.
- News and helpful links like fire codes and living with wildlife, office phone number (719-686-1825), email ([info@myspringvalley.org](mailto:info@myspringvalley.org)).

Please call or email if you have ideas for additional links or something you would like to see added to the website.

If you would like to be added to the email list send your email to [info@myspringvalley.org](mailto:info@myspringvalley.org). Regular email blasts are sent to members with current events, community highlights and news.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jan Richardson reported that June revenues are right where we were last year at this time. Expenditures are \$5,000 less than 2022. We are on track. We continue to encourage owners to pay their membership dues. Owners are seeing the value to be a member.

**Activities Committee Report:** Caroline Traini reported on activities for Karli Podhirny, Activities Chairperson, who was unable to attend the meeting.

- The annual Clean Up Day was in May. Thank you to all the volunteers who painted picnic tables, picked up trash, etc. As they say, it takes a whole village. Also, thank you to the women who painted and refreshed the entrance sign.
- The Fly Fishing Clinic had a great turnout. Participants learned how to fly fish and about the eco system in our lakes.
- Our Signature Event the Terry Harris Children's Fishing Derby in July was also a great event for the children and their families.
- The Holiday Tree Lightening and Cookie Exchange was in December. A good time for getting together in celebration.

Future Planned Activities:

- BBQ and Smoke Off including a possible silent auction. This event will need people to cook and volunteers to help.

The Activities Committee is looking for ideas. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. A possible barn dance or game night are being considered.

**Architectural Committee Report:** Doug Coleridge expressed his thanks to his committee member, Georgia Curie, and past member, Wayne Matthews, for their work on the committee. He shared the Building & Exterior Modification Contract and asked anyone wishing to make changes to their property to submit the contract to the committee for approval. The contract is on the SV website.

**Covenants Committee:** Jan Richardson reported that we are doing our due diligence responding to complaints and violations that have been reported.

- We have addressed 26 issues through a formal process.
- Such complaints as speeding are a problem everywhere. The SV Board does not have jurisdiction over speeders. Call the Teller County Sheriff's Office or go on their website under complaints/extra patrol to report the problem. The more complaints the better to get action.
- Community Comments: complaints to the Sheriff's office need to come from the person who saw it, not the SV Board. Otherwise, it is just hearsay. An increase in enforcement has been observed in the last 3 months.

**Lakes and Fishing:** Ken Richardson asked that owners to become familiar with the website, [myspringvalley.org](http://myspringvalley.org).

- Thank you to Steve Peacock, John Schneider, Ron Powell, Matt Burdett, John Fernald, Dave Figie, Jerry Richards and George Kenyon for doing the fish patrol. This is a 6-month commitment. They come out from dawn to dusk to do their best to verify that our community is used by the owners/members. We have removed those not members. They are here to guard our community and are doing a great job. They are appreciated for all they do.
- All 12 aerators are up and running. John Schneider muffled the sound from the generator. We have an annual maintenance agreement with Solitude Lake Management to check the aerators every month and keep them running well.
- Potty Pond has milk oil and crow's feet. It will be sprayed by Solitude once or twice this year. They also spray Burgess and Shadow Lakes every month for 5 months to keep the algae down.
- The Fly-Fishing Guide that conducted the clinic said that we have the healthiest fish that he has seen in the state.
- There have been two fish stockings at \$4,000 each. Including mostly rainbows.
- Thank you to Terry Pulliman and Shane Wildeman for spraying the thistles.
- Community comment: are the chemicals good for the animals that use the lake? Answer: All chemicals used are safe for animals and humans. We use Milestone which was recommended by the Upper South Platte Organization. It is the safest chemical out there.
- Community comment: Will the aerators keep running for 12 months? Answer: Yes. It is best to keep the oxygen running 24/7. Last year we lost 2-300 fish over the winter when the aerators were shut off.
- Community comment: What about the fishing passes they bought? Answer: They are good for this year up to October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are still discussing what will happen next year with the passes.
- Mike thanked Ken for all he does for Lakes and Fishing and around the community.

**Legal Affairs Committee Report:** Steve Peacock reported that his job is to stay in contact with the lawyer on any issues or policy changes that need to go to the lawyer. We have had a busy year with some policy changes that have been approved. He follows through with the lawyer to make sure that what we are doing is legal. Covenants can be changed. For example, we have filing 4 that is wanting to make changes to their covenants. You need 67% of the owners living in the filing area to approve the changes before that can happen.

**Welcome Committee:** Jan Richardson reported that we have 22 new owners since the last annual meeting. New owners are encouraged to check out the website. Every new owners should receive an electronic email with general information about Spring Valley.

Ken Richardson thanked Jill Cochran, SVPORC Office Coordinator for all that she does to support the SV Board and members.

**Volunteer Thank you:** Mike Johnson thanked the following volunteers:

- SV Board Members for their dedication and hours of work.
- Fish Patrol
- Clean Up Day volunteers
- Fish Derby volunteers including the shaved ice truck, from a previous SV owner, and the cotton candy machine.
- Shane Wildeman and Terry Pulliam for spraying thistles.
- Shane Wildeman for work on the parking lot and other activities.
- Volunteers who helped move boats to clean up the boat area.
- Previous SV Board Members for all they did for SV to protect it and keep it beautiful and their continued support.
- John Schneider for taking out the trash weekly and many other tasks including helping with the Dam inspections.

Thank you to all who volunteer to keep our community beautiful.

**Fire Mitigation:** Jan Richardson is working with NoFloCo to form a SV team of volunteers to help with fire mitigation. Contact her if you are interested in this activity.

**Valley Maintenance /Water Questions:** Shaun Gordon, President of Valley Maintenance Corporation, addressed the water issues. They are working on Ridge Road to replace 1,000 feet of water line for Ridge Road. The water system will stay but there may be a short time of disconnect and reconnect. It will be buried at 9' which is below the frost line. There is a problem with System 2 that they are also working on. The pump house does provide enough water for the homes however the meter readings is off because  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the water does not reach the houses. Something is going on beyond ordinary household use. They are working to identify the problem and figure out a solution. They are trying to keep people with water and have paid for water to be delivered.

**Community Discussion:**

- Asked for consideration of allowing family member to fish without the owner present. Response: We need to be consistent for all owners. Having an owner present has done what it was intended to do.
- Dogs Barking should be referred to Animal Control.
- Road problems should be referred to Teller County Road and Bridge Department.
- It has been recorded that 5-600 vehicles a day for in and out of SV Drive and 2-300 per day on Lake Drive. A total of 1100 vehicles pass in one day.
- Vic Weinryb offered to work with the county about the road problems.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.