

**SVPORC ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**August 22, 2015**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Zug Standing Bear at the pavilion at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2015. The members present represented 29 properties which did not fulfill the quorum requirements. The meeting proceeded with sharing of information.

**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), Georgia Currie (Legal Affairs). Board Member David Martinek (Legal Affairs) was absent.

**Election results were announced.** Zug Standing Bear, Shaun Gordon and Deby Williams were reelected to the board. The 2016 budget passed unanimously. The board will decide on officers following this meeting.

**President's Message: Zug Standing Bear**

Zug shared that he has been a Board Member since 2001 and President since 2004. It has been a quite year. He addressed the pelican problem. The Waldo Canyon Fire most likely scattered them out and some have set their sights on our lakes. The pelicans cannot be harmed but they can be discouraged. Remote control boats are being used to discourage them in a humane manner. Shaun added that each pelican can consume 8 to 9 pounds of fish per day. We pay \$6 per pound for fish. This is the main reason we are discouraging the pelicans.

Last December, the neighborhood was inundated with real estate directional signs. They are against county land use regulations. However, the county said it is would be up to the HOA to enforce the regulations. Zug called the realtors to remove the signs. Most were very gracious and quickly removed their signs. Open house and garage/yard signs are allowed as long as they are up temporarily for short periods of time.

**Vice President: Shaun Gordon**

Shaun thanked Virginia Leech for arranging to have Mary Menz from Teller-Park Conservation District speak about noxious weeds and how to effectively remove them. If we just pull the weeds we could cause them to multiply. Brochures from the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife on living with bears and bear proofing your home were available.

Shaun explained the map of Spring Valley and that he is working with Tranquil Acres to have an agreement for a second emergency exit. He is also working on an emergency preparedness plan which will be posted at the pavilion and on the website.

**Treasurer's Report: Deby Williams**

Deby reported that the 2016 Budget has been approved. The budget is consistent every year. For 2016, we have total revenue of \$40,800 including fishing and membership dues and expenses of \$35,950 for a surplus of \$4,850. Zug stated that there is no foreseeable need to increase the membership dues.

**Activities Committee Report: Roni Gordon**

Roni shared that she got involved with the activities 7 years ago. We started the season with a Clean Up Day. This year about twenty people converged on the volleyball pit pulling weeds. Two truckloads of sand (\$1,000 value) were donated for the volleyball court. It looks great. If you use the volleyball court, please clean it up afterwards. If you see the volleyball court needs weeds pulled, please feel free to pull them. The Summer Picnic and Kiddie Carnival was the next activity. This was followed by the Kid's Fishing Derby. The attendance was down a little this year. It is open to the friends, family and co-workers of Corporation Members so please encourage them to come enjoy the fun. We receive a number of donations from residents and businesses for the Kid's Fishing Derby. Colorado Tackle Pro donated a fishing pole for each child. This year we had a record on the number of children that caught a golden trout. There were 7 golden trout caught. Volunteers were wonderful helping to set up. The activities could not be done without all the volunteers. The next event will be an end of summer picnic on September 19<sup>th</sup>. SV will provide the main course with a potluck of sides and desserts. This will be followed by Trunk or Treat on October 24<sup>th</sup> with vehicles decorated, adults and kids in costumes and treats given to children. Dates for all the activities are on the website. Roni also sends out an email asking for volunteers

**Welcome Committee Report: Roni Gordon**

Roni reported that she received notice of 22 new residents. There is a letter that directs new residents to the website.

**Improvements to SV Committee Report: Shaun Gordon**

Shaun reported that the new bridge is holding up really well and we hope everyone is enjoying it. The volleyball court has nice new sand. We will be getting a large golf rake to help smooth it out. Again, if you see weeds in the volleyball court, help yourself and pull them out. Plans for next year include working on the trail going to dam to widen it for two people or to walk a dog on a leash. We will be putting pavers on the floor of the pavilion to cut down on dust. We have four new tables around the lake that are heavy duty metal with concrete legs.

**Covenant and Architectural Committee Report: Shaun Gordon**

Shaun reported that 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.

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

Dick reported that he is always looking for regular people to help with the fishing patrol. If you have a boat that needs to be registered, please contact Dick. Shaun explained the new fish passes. As of April 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, the old fishing passes will expire and will no longer be valid. You can trade them in for a new pass but you must do so before this expiration date. The new pass has security features that will prevent duplication. You can not get the fish passes from the fish patrol. You must contact Shaun or Dick to exchange and/or purchase a pass. They are \$10 per person no matter the age. There is one property owner that purchased a "Special Access" pass to allow their renters to use the Corporation Properties without the property owner being present, but those individuals must have that pass on their person and still have to pay the daily fishing fees. If a property owner has friends or family (guests) that wants to fish **with you**, you can pay the fish patrol directly based on the current daily fishing fees. However, if the property owner is not present with their guests, the property owner must purchase the daily fish passes in advance and provide them to their guests. The guests can then use those daily fish passes as payment to the fish patrol.

We encourage property owners to keep an eye on the neighborhood. If you do not want to approach someone you feel is doing something wrong, let the fish patrol know or call Shaun. Use of the Corporation Properties including kayaking, boating, hiking, fishing, etc., can only be done by Corporation Members and their guests/renters and defined in Policy #810 – SVPORC Property Recreational Regulations. Again you can contact the fish patrol or Shaun if you have concerns.

Fish should not be cleaned at the lake because it will attract birds and other critters. The guts float and look terrible. It is specifically prohibited in Policy #810.

### **Legal Affairs Committee: Zug Standing Bear and Georgia Currie**

Nothing to report.

### **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:**

An individual was observed at the lake with traps. Keep your eyes open and try to get the license plate and description of the car. Call Shaun or Parks and Wildlife in Colorado Springs if you see this happening again.

Question: What is happening with the Spring Valley Directory?

Response: Marie Wells is no longer compiling the Spring Valley Directory. It is a voluntary project. If there is anyone that would like to volunteer to do the Directory, please contact Marie for information.

Question: Could we hire someone to take care of the thistles?

Response: We will be addressing the common areas but it is up to each individual property owner to address this problem. Talk with your neighbors to help them understand the problem. We will have a speaker addressing this issue at the conclusion of this meeting.

Question: What big projects are planned for this year?

Response: We would like to put pavers on the floor of the pavilion.

Question: What can be done about the county taking off the culvert and the front of a driveway?

Response: Call Road and Bridge with your complaint and see if they help work something out.

Question: What can be done about speeding? Many issues were discussed including a man and his dog almost being hit by a speeding car. Would stop signs help?

Response: Call the non emergency number for the Sheriff's Department to report a speeder with a description of the vehicle/driver and license number. The more people that report the problem the more potential there is for the Sheriff's Office to do something about the speeding. About the stop sign, if you feel it is a safety issue, call Road and Bridge.

Question: What about the hole on the road around the lake

Response: If there are issues with the roads, call Road and Bridge. Dick shared that they have been easy to work with and helped with problems on his driveway. With all the rain this year they are very busy.

Question: What can be done about garbage cans being left out at the street 24/7?

Response: The current covenants do not address the trash can issue. However, there is a trash ordinance thru the county. Contact the county. If the trash is continually being dumped out, the Board could refer to the ordinance and address that issue. It was also suggested that you try first to talk with your neighbors.

Question: What can be done about target shooting?

Response: If shooting in a safe manner, it is legal. Residents should understand the dangers of target shooting in populated areas and be considerate of their neighbors. However, if it is unsafe or shooting late at night, you should report it to the Sheriff's Department.

Comment: They have a German Shepherd dog that was attacked by dogs as a puppy. She loves people but if your dog comes at her she will attack. Please keep your dog on a leash and away from the Shepherd. This will keep both dogs safe. Every pet owner is responsible for their pet and there is a Teller County Ordinance that addresses regulations.

A list of phone numbers and contact information will be on the website and posted at the pavilion.

**Speaker: Mary Menz, Manager, Teller-Park Conservation District.**

The Teller-Park Conservation District is a non profit organization. It is a voice for land owners and ranchers in Teller and Park County. One of the biggest things they deal with is noxious weeds. There is a noxious weeds law that requires property owners to manage or eradicate noxious weeds on their property. This has been a banner year to propagate the seeds because of all the moisture. Some of the seeds can stay in the ground for 15 years. Each plant can pop out 3,000 seeds per year. The weeds can be mowed, sprayed, and pulled (depending on the weed). It is a multi year commitment. They are spread by water ways, car tires, and hiker boots. You need to create a plan take back your land and get rid of the noxious weeds. Refer to their website: [TellerParkCD.org](http://TellerParkCD.org) for more information.

The Teller-Park Conservation District uses milestone to spray the noxious weeds. Remember to protect yourself if you are spraying. The chemicals can be found on-line or seasonally purchased from Teller-Park Conservation District (call ahead for availability). You can also mow a couple of times a year. The cost to have someone spray your property is \$120 per acre. They also have packets of wildflowers mix for sale. There will be a wild flower walk in SV at the end of Omer Road on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

The SV Board was thanked for all their hard work.

Shaun announced that Valley Maintenance Corporation (maintains the community water system) has four Board Member positions up for re-election, two of which are currently vacant positions. Mailings will be going out by the end of the month. Let him know if you are interested in filling one of the vacancies or simply fill out the form that will be in your mailing and return it as directed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.**