

MINUTES OF THE POA GENERAL MEETING – JULY 19, 2017

President Doug Palmer called the general meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

President Doug Palmer's comments

- Request 3 leaders to manage pancake breakfasts: 1) manage volunteers to cook and serve, 2) purchase food and supplies, and 3) set-up and clean-up before and after breakfasts
- Remind members to tell directory advertisers that we see their ads in the directory so advertisers see results from their investment
- Remind members of the new online membership renewal process and encourage people to renew now instead of waiting until December 1 deadline

VP Dan McAfee's presentation on Rabun Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard Fulmer in Americus, Georgia. There are currently 1,400 affiliates in 50 states, US Virgin Islands, Guam and on six continents. Approximately 800,000 Habitat houses have been built worldwide, with about 500,000 of those in the USA. The average size of the house is 1,100 sf.

Habitat began in Rabun County in 1989 and this year will complete their 32nd and 33rd house. The average house size is 1,100 sf and recipient families contribute at least 300 hours helping build the house. They then have a 30-year, interest-free mortgage to repay the cost of construction. Families go through a financial planning course to help them manage their finances.

Recipients in Rabun County include a carpenter, nurse, chef, school employee and baker. Habitat houses provide a tax benefit to the county, an economic benefit to merchants, and a stable home life that improves student and employee performance.

Local businesses and contractors donate labor and materials, including roofing, paint and kitchen appliances. Sky Valley residents can support Habitat for Humanity by helping build houses, volunteering at the ReStore, serving on committees, or donating money or gently used furniture, appliances and other household goods to the Habitat ReStore at 1164 Old 441 N, Clayton, GA 30525, telephone 706-212-2059. The website is www.habitat.org.

Adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Curtis, secretary