

MINUTES OF THE POA GENERAL MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2017

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

President Doug Palmer's comments

- Request volunteers to serve on SVPOA board
- Remind members to renew membership now instead of waiting until December 1 deadline

Mainspring Conservation Trust presentation

Sharon Taylor, executive director, shared information about Mainspring, formerly the Little Tennessee Land Trust. The organization changed its name in 2016 when it expanded its coverage area to include the Hiwassee River watershed.

The group serves six western North Carolina counties: Cherokee, Clay, Swain, Macon, Jackson and Graham; and Rabun County, Georgia. Their focus is on conserving land, restoring water quality and connecting people with the area's cultural heritage. They can assist landowners who want to establish a conservation easement for their property.

Sky Valley residents can support Mainspring through donations, volunteering and advocating for conservation. The main office is at 557 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734; while a second office is in Hiwassee, NC. The website is www.mainspringconserves.org/.

Adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Curtis, secretary