

MINUTES OF THE SVPOA GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2019

President Steve Mason called the meeting to order at 3 PM / Adjourned at 3:30 PM

Steve recognized new member Stan Chapman and reminded members to renew their dues for 2020 by the end of October.

He introduced new board member nominees Bob O’Keefe and Roberta Walton to replace retiring board members Dan McAfee and Debbie Curtis, and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. O’Keefe and Walton were elected to serve from 2020-2022, along with Grace Guess, who is serving a second term on the board.

Grace Guess announced that the Welcome Back party would be June 14, 2020, at the Dillard House. Cost will continue to be \$10 for members and \$20 for guests. The association must pay for all the meals that are reserved so members who make a reservation and do not cancel before June 5 will be expected to pay even if they do not attend.

Charitable donations were presented from profits generated by the pancake breakfast and directory advertising sales. Recipients are:

- Sky Valley-Scaly Mountain Fire Department \$1,000
- Habitat for Humanity \$2,000
- FAITH \$2,000
- Rabun Paws 4 Life \$2,000

Earlier donations were made to:

- City of Sky Valley second hog trap \$2,061 (50% share with Sky Valley Club)
- Sky Valley Chapel restoration \$1,000

Members asked several questions:

Q: Could the association hold a mock election for out-of-state property owners to express their choice for City Council candidates?

A: No decision on a mock election. As information, out-of-state residents can cancel their voter registration in their home state and register in Georgia. Voter registration here is on the honor system. However, that could impact their income tax and homestead exemption in their home state.

Q: Has there been any discussion about short-term rentals: how to track hotel/motel taxes and know who is in the rented property?

A: Short-term rental registration with the city is voluntary. If registered, the property owner must pay hotel/motel tax on rental income. The tax supports advertising by the Rabun County tourism board.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dalhouse Curtis, secretary