

Introductions

Board members:

Doug Anderson- President

Wade Eppler- Co-Vice President

Deb Brunton- Co-Vice President

Pam Thompson- treasurer

Alex McRae- member at large

Christy Kearns Secretary

Community Attendees:

Debbie Anderson

Jill Anderson

Josh Chopper

Bruce Nagel

Marci Clark

Rex ShadesEagle

Nancy Frase

Bruce & Christine Bolander

Roger & Christine Ainsworth

John Koutsoukos

Mike Powell

Tina Squire

David Shindy

Guy Frederick

Debbie & Hank Stevens

Jan Bradley

David Kearns

Chance & Joanna Phillips

Victor & Alisha Lopez

Abby & Eric Moss

Linda & Stephen Dexter

Daryl & Cindy Moore

Bruce Hennings

Alisa Holden

Patricia Behler

Catherine & Kevin Patrick

Lynn & Suz King

Rex & Jackie Runselman

Mike & Linda Celentas

President's Report

* Significant Growth

*Goal of expanding electronic signature in 2022/23 and implementing a plan for member accounts, off-site voting, Zoom meetings, etc.

*Frustratingly, the Audit is not back. We may have to pursue new firm. We are looking into this

*Great effort is being made to be open and transparent, including great effort to find \$100,000 in missing equipment, attempting to stop cash transactions because of missing memberships, no more lying about fire band, etc.

*Apologize and explain membership struggle on Dumpster Day and previous years. There seems to have been some treasurer issues with miscalculating membership so that members would have to pay earlier than it was due.

*Fun Fest--especially the Raffle, Silent Auction, and beer/soda/water table.

*Explanation that we are a "Ranch Owner Committee Group," but we are not a traditional HOA. We can't enforce, demand compliance, or anything else. Apologize for those who have previously been promised what we can't do or should not have.

*Explain how we help community--communication, crisis support of Ranch Owners, support charities that serve the Ranches in a non-monetary format including the fire department, San Luis Food Bank (canned food from funfest), the Fort (paid for their space for funfest), American Legion, VFW and VA (free booths at funfest), Trinidad State College, Adams State College, Community Center, Department of Wildlife, COVID shot option, free tablet option, Fire Dpt, and more.

*Explanation of effort to promote Ranch Owned businesses including a free ad in the Pinion and our desire to put them on our website. We are not endorsing these businesses. We recommend always checking references and work first.

*Explanation of why we are here to nominate and not elect. Explain positions and inform current treasurer did not attend meeting about her position or answer email.

At this point the treasurer interrupted the president report and their was yelling between the president and treasurer as treasurer continued to interrupt and president continued to yell for treasurer to sit down and wait her turn.

***Quickly explain basic Robert's Rules of Order/Parliamentary procedure.**

Once room had calmed down president quickly explained that Roberts rules state a leader cannot be interrupted but he should not have responded that way and he's sorry. He had a really hard week. Continued to apologize for his reaction throughout the meeting

Open Forum: Take limited questions on Pres Report only.

Treasurer: states she has been treasurer 2.5 years and takes it very seriously. States she is mad that president tried to cancel a meeting (referring to December when presidents sons were in a severe car accident and he asked to move the meeting), disagreement in meetings, and because family members from different households served on the board together. States by laws are set by the state of Colorado and believes they shouldn't be changed.

Introduce new Mission Statement with 100% recommendation from both the Ranches Board and our winter "All-Ranch Meeting." Seek ratification.

*Discussion
*Vote PASSED

“We exist to serve all land owners of the Sangre De Cristo Ranches. We will accomplish this through communication, events, and partnering with community organizations.”

Introduce the Ranch goal of serving all-Ranch owners regardless of whether they are members with 100% recommendation from both the Ranches Board and winter "All-Ranches meeting." Seek ratification.

*Discussion
Riger Ainswoth says he thinks we should get written confirmation of what to do from an attorney about us as an organization.
*Vote- tabled

Introduce an All-Ranch Meeting schedule that would include quarterly "All-Ranch Meetings" including the summer "All-Ranch Meeting" on the first Saturday of August at 2 pm. Explain why 100% of the Ranches Board and why our off-season All-Ranch Meeting are recommending this. Seek ratification.

*Discussion
Pam Thompson says she likes to see neighbors often.
Alisa Holden says it would take the stress off if we did social gatherings more often and only did official meetings 4x a year.
Abby Noss agrees on this.
*Vote PASSED

Quarterly meetings will occur and do social gatherings in between.

President again apologizes

Julian: does this solve the problem?"

President: "honestly I don't know. There has been problem after problem the last year and I've never had to deal with this before. Board voted we wouldn't accept cash and treasurer still did it, Treasurer doesn't understand the importance of family and that when my sons were in that car accident I had to miss."

Victor: "This is my first meeting and all I have to say is that this needs to be fixed or we don't want to stay."

Discussion of livestock with permission

Jackie asked if it was true that people could have livestock with permission from the HOA and county.

Abby moss: recommends Jackie go to the county to figure this out as this organization really doesn't have much power to enforce other than a complaint if someone doesn't have permission or isn't treating their animals well.

By laws- having family members on the board

Rex asked about the treasurers concern with having family members on the same board.

Response: The By-laws state that no two members from the same family unit can serve. Legal definition of family unit is within the same household so legally 2 family members in different households could serve

Dissolve this organization

Rose makes a motion to dissolve this organization. No one gives a 2nd so this is not passed.

Motion to form an election committee

Guy made a motion to push the election to October 6th at 5pm and in the meantime form a nominating committee for the upcoming election. Plan is this committee would screen and find nominees and help put together the ballot. Current board members cannot be on the committee. After the nominating committee puts together the ballot the secretary will send it out to all ranch members in the address book 45 days prior to the election.

PASSED- nominating committee will be Rex, Julian, Guy, Chopper, and Christine

Vote for name change

Julian motioned to change name to "Sangre De Cristo Property Owners"

*Discussion
*Vote PASSED

By laws discussion

Pam Thompson states that by laws have to be kept by the state of Colorado and have to be followed

Doug Anderson states that by laws are able to be changed when voted on and then resubmitted to the state.

John- states this is a big enough issue maybe we should get some legal consultation on this

Nancy- agrees with John

Rex- states he has a non profit and if the by laws say it we can do it

Abby moss- maybe we need to look into non-profit rules vs by law rules and which one we need to follow here.

Doug Anderson- the by laws state that they can be changed by a vote at the annual meeting which is today

Kevin Patrick- then lets move on!

Treasurer's Report

Handed out to everyone by treasurer

Adjourn

Guy Frederick motioned to adjourn due to another group using the space and this was 2nded so the meeting was ended.