

Sangre de Cristo Ranches, Inc.

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

8/5/2023

The Annual Ranch Owners of the Sangre de Cristo Ranches was held August 5, 2023 at the Blanca/Fort Garland Community Center.

President Doug Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:49 PM and presented the annual President's Address. News highlights of the SCRO Association were mentioned as:

- The year ending has been easy and peaceful
- The 2023 "Fun Fest" is scheduled to occur next Saturday (8/12/2023). Fun Fest will benefit our Costilla Firefighter first responders by aiding with the purchase of dress uniforms as well as gathering non perishable food items and animal food to be donated to local charity organizations. Events will include a number of vendors, raffle items, silent auction items, a bounce house, pony rides and seminars of local interest.
- The "Parade of Lights" at Christmastime (12/10/23) held at Veteran's Park was successful and fun.
- "Dumpster Day" (7/29/23) provided a much needed service to our association members and was very successful in spite of persistent rain.

Doug Anderson related he was not available to serve the Board in the coming year due to health issues currently being faced.

Chris Bolander was publicly recognized for her hard work this year as the SCRO Treasurer. With her hard work she has succeeded in straightening out jumbled records, created a new and up to date website (www.scrocommunity.org). Current financials were presented by Chris B.

Doug reminded the gathering the SCRO is not an **HOA** but is an "owners group".

Doug Anderson introduced Leslie Taufer and Tom Phillips who have a brief presentation regarding fair property value assessment, the formation of a movement to remove the county Assessor and the formation of a "Non-Profit" Corporation to aid in these efforts.

Doug Anderson announced election of SCRO Board for the coming year will now take place. A motion and second to hold an election was made from the membership body. The method of voting will be by voice vote. The result by unanimous vote of the membership body was:

- President – Mike Powell
- Treasurer – Chris Bolander
- Secretary – Tina Squire
- At Large Member - Wade Eppler
- At Large Member - Tanya Edwards
- At Large Member - Chris Ainsworth

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Voting having been concluded for the SCRO Board in the coming year Doug Anderson turned the meeting over to President-elect Mike Powell to lead the remainder of the meeting.

Mike Powell explained the Board worked this year on a much needed revision of the organization bylaws and that the proposed document has been available on the SCRO website for some time. A draft copy was circulated around the room for study.

Mike Powell noted the Board found it prudent to thoroughly review the SCRO insurance policy including liability coverage and the bonding provision covering Board members.

Mike Powell pointed out there are several Facebook groups with the intended audience of SCRO owners and he hoped these could be consolidated in the coming year to complement the SCRO website.

It was noted SCRO Board Members are non-paid volunteers with only reimbursement of actual expenses.

Doug Anderson explained to the group the current practice of having a "Nominating Committee" to help identify potential Board nominees will likely continue and will be addressed in Spring 2024.

Leslie Taufer questioned the criteria for raising the annual dues of the organization and referenced the proposed bylaws outline increases may be approved by the Board.

- A motion was made and seconded by the membership body to amend the portion of the proposed bylaws in that approval of a proposed dues increase will be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting.
- A voice vote in support of the above mentioned change was held and unanimously carried.
- A Voice vote to approve the SCRO bylaws as proposed was unanimously carried by the membership on this date.

Carmen Gloekler voiced a "Go Fund Me" to aid the Fire Department would be helpful for out of town owners to donate. Chris Bolander explained any donations for that purpose may be forwarded to the SCRO by mail, in person or by Pay Pal on the SCRO website, any receipts will be forwarded to the Fire Department.

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Debbie Anderson addressed the group and explained about Fun Fest next weekend. Volunteers to help run the event are still needed. Fun Fest is also a food drive, donations are needed.

Guy Frederick addressed the group and Board Members suggesting SCRO be opened up to others living outside the Sangre de Cristo Ranches. A short discussion was held on this subject with no action being taken.

Wade Eppler addressed the group and gave an update on the American Legion Post in San Luis having been redone and was recently relaunched. The American Legion was holding two raffles in connection with the re-grand opening and anyone desiring to enter the raffle should see him for a ticket.

A motion was made by Bill Andrews to conclude the annual meeting and adjourn. Leslie Tauffer seconded the motion and the 2023 annual membership meeting was adjourned at 2:44 PM