

# Sangre de Cristo Ranch Owners, Inc.

## Board of Directors Minutes

July 6, 2023

The regular July Board meeting was held at Chris Bolander's home.

Present: Doug Anderson President, Mike Powell Vice President Chris Bolander Treasurer and Wade Epler member at large. Not Present: Tanya Edwards

A quorum present Doug Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Mike Powell motioned the Board place Tina Squire as Secretary  
Seconded by Doug Anderson  
Motion passed by voice vote

Tina Squire present in the room accepted the position and immediately assumed the duties of Secretary.

Chris Bolander presented a brief Treasurer's report. Current bank balance \$37,458.53.  
Printed statements to be attached to minutes for detailed information.

Doug warned the Board to be prepared for members to question about the bank balance going down this year. Insurance was substantial at \$3,433.15 as was expenditures for community service such as dumpster day. Also noted were a few expenditures which were unexpected.

Mike shared a photo of the Fun Fest announcement he noticed on Lu's Bulletin Board following the committee meeting there last week. Doug commented it was a preliminary notice the final version will show the admission cost will be 2 cans of non-perishable food. The canned goods to be donated to area food banks. Profits of the Fun Fest will be donated to the Costilla County fire fighters to assist with the purchase of dress uniforms.

Wade Epler brought up to the Board that acquiring a Gaming License allowing Bingo, Raffles and the like is cost effective and should be considered. It's an online process that costs \$25.  
The Board will consider the idea going forward.

Doug addressed the Pinion Newsletter, previously published twice a year by the SCRO. He has been delayed by injury and is currently writing a letter to the members in the place of a newsletter. He plans to mail the letter to current members and include the 2023 voting ballot.  
A local printing or copying business will be employed to generate sufficient copies for mailing.  
He plans to create a letter that can become "a living document" which can be easily updated in the future.

Mike noted to the Board US Postage will be going up later this month. By vote Chris B. was authorized to purchase 5 Rolls of "Forever Stamps" to cover the upcoming mailing and to have postage enough to cover outreach letters to members and prospective members.

Chris noted as much as a 90% return rate is generated by the letter program she instituted, which is writing to members whose membership will soon expire and also writing to new purchasers as gleaned from the Title Company

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Doug announced “We have a Ballot”. He explained he’d reached out to Guy Fredrick and firmed up nominees for the upcoming 2023 election in August. Doug verbally related the ballot as follows:

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

Doug noted the ballot will have “write in” space for each position. However potential members of the Board generated by write ins will be subject to vetting by the Board to determine suitability and may include a background check. Vetting being satisfactory the Board will appoint selected individuals to seat open positions on the Board. Mike volunteered to create the 2023 Ballot document and provide it tomorrow to Chris B. to be uploaded to the SCRO website.

A general discussion was held concerning a sense of concern with the 2023 Nominating Committee. Doug explained a list of names was generated at his suggestion and there was some disappointment among the Board the list only contained existing members or names developed outside the committee. Future utilization of a Nominating Committee will be after close scrutiny and development of written guidelines to help the process along. Edits were put forward for Article VII, Sec 8 and will be reflected in the 2023v of the By Laws. A voice vote of the Board was held in support of these edits. It carried unanimously.

Other edits to the proposed 2023 Bylaws draft were desired in the following areas:

Article IX, Sec 5

Article X, Sec 1

Note: Edited sections will be included here as an attachment.

In leaving the position of President of SCRO Doug wants to keep up his relationship with the Costilla County Commissioners. Doug regularly attends their meetings and says in the future should something of interest be discussed he will share it with the SCRO membership.

Doug notes he learned a few things recently from attending Commissioner meetings:

A proposed Colorado Energy Plan, if enacted, will require insulation in crawl spaces of new construction.. Also roofing will be required to withstand 105 mile per hour winds/30 lbs per sq ft pressure. Other changes will be phased in as well.

Doug states he will try to keep a reasonable presence on Facebook after his departure as President of the SCRO.

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Doug says publicity for Fun Fest in August will be increasing over time. His wife Debbie is making posters. He asks Board member to share information.

Mike noted to Doug that the January, 2023 Board Minutes are not present on the website and could he contact Christy to follow up and reconcile all available minutes are present on the website.

Mike inquired of Doug as to the status of our Non-Profit Corporation with the Colorado Secretary of State. Doug did catch up the filing, As of Dec 2, 2022 we are in "good standing" however the renewal date must be determined.

Mike inquired of Doug as to the status of our Non-Profit Corporation with the IRS. The past three years returns have been submitted, the two years prior to that he was unable to submit electronically and hard copies of returns will no longer be accepted. Doug will provide print outs for the SCRO files.

Mike stated to Doug Chris B. mentioned SCRO Ranch Owner stickers were in short supply. Christy Kearns has that information, he will ask her.

Mike advised Doug that Aplos program Administrator Role be assigned to Chris B. Doug made the change as requested during the meeting and added Tina Squire as a user. Doug removed himself as Administrator. The Board generally agreed the usefulness/cost of Aplos will be looked at closely in the coming months. If desired all information in Aplos apparently can be exported to an Excel file. Doug says if the subscription is stopped the SCRO information will still be available.

Doug informed the Board he would donate Ground Beef for the annual SCRO membership meeting.

Wade noted the gas grill the American Legion owns can't be used as it was recently destroyed. The American Legion will be replacing that grill with a Blackstone griddle. Wade also noted should anyone need some freezer space the American Legion freezer can accommodate a quantity of frozen food.

Doug made a motion that the SCRO also purchase a Blackstone Grill for our use, the amount not to exceed \$300. General discussion was held. It was noted Amazon Prime Day is upcoming and it may be possible to get a good buy on a Blackstone Grill. Chris B. is a Prime member and will look for a suitable unit and will complete the purchase using her own resources. Chris B. will be reimbursed in the usual way.

Motion was made by Chris B. to adjourn, seconded by Wade  
Motion carried, meeting was adjourned.