



**Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Nov. 2, 2024**

- 1) Call to order – 10:04am. Quorum reached. Garry Vath (President) explained guidelines for voting and began meeting
- 2) Approval of agenda: Moved – Wilson (A32) that agenda be approved, 2nd – HG162. Carried.
- 3) Minutes of previous AGM minutes (Nov.18, 2023): Time given for attendees to read minutes. Moved – Steinhilber (SVE12) they be accepted as presented, 2nd – Webber (P109). Carried.
- 4) President’s report: Garry read report (on file). Questions were asked regarding how many active volunteers were in the department, how many were required for insurance purposes, what happened causing the change of chiefs, written guidelines and bylaws, and about the budget. Moved – Webber (P109) that it be accepted as presented. 2nd -Kieber (C63). Carried.
- 5) Treasurer’s report and financial statements (Deb Terry). Limited copies distributed to the attendees. Deb presented a report and many questions were asked. Discussion ensued about Spring Training, lack of residents paying fire dues, suggestions on how to increase compliance with non-paying residents, who should invoice fire dues and how often, grants that may be available (Ann Phels will help with this), bookkeeping, budgeting, and a request for corrected finances. Item to be discussed: The SVVFD Board will investigate creating a memo that explains to residents if the SVVFD is called to their lot and fire dues haven’t been paid in full, the resident will be charged directly for the service(s) provided during the callout Moved – Dodd (C22), that the financial report be accepted as presented. 2nd – Barker (A60). Carried.
- 6) Chief Harris’s report: Aaron read report (on file). Discussions ensued regarding becoming a fire department member, how the firehall was built and paid for, the different trucks in the fleet and the need for a new one, and grants for purchasing trucks. Moved – Webber (P109), that the Chief’s report be accepted as presented. 2nd – Dodd (C22). Carried.
- 7) New business / Other

Special Resolution:

Be it resolved that Bylaw 7.1 has the following addition:

7.1 (c) Declaration of Conflict: Senior managers such as the President, Vice-President, as well as the Secretary-Treasurer are deemed to be in a conflict of interest to their duties, roles, and responsibilities if they are also spouses or partners and living in the same household as with another senior member or the Fire Chief

Garry moved that the Resolution be adopted as presented. 2nd – Dodd (C22). Carried.
Discussion regarding conflicts, the need for a fundraising committee, suggestion of a connection committee where one representative from each neighborhood share information in their own, places where donations can be made (website, Facebook, etc.), fundraising for a truck, and applying for charity status.

8) Election of officers: we need a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 7

The following Directors are standing for re-election: Garry Vath, Donna Hutchinson, Lisa Dundas, Joanne Taylor, Keith Fuerst, Patrick Bonney.

Stepping down: Deb Terry.

New board member: Walter Rawlinson (M2).

Moved – McPherson (Cedar) that they be acclaimed as Directors. 2nd – Adamo (A43). Carried.

9) Adjournment: 11:50am