Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Nov. 8, 2025 10:00am
Location: Holiday Trails Resort – Great Room

1. Call to order: 10:06am. Quorum reached

2. Approval of agenda: Moved (M13) that the agenda be approved, 2nd (A13). Carried

3. Minutes of previous AGM (Nov. 2, 2024): Moved(C10) that the minutes be accepted as presented, 2nd (C61) Carried

4. President's report: Donna read report (on file).
   Discussion re:

   -what is gaming training? All training for fire department members was paid for by the gaming grant

   -what are the fire dues? It's the annual dues paid by lot owners to the fire department for operating costs

   -for the gaming grant, do we need to volunteer to receive it? No

   Moved (C72) that the report be accepted as presented, 2nd (C18) Carried

5. Treasurer's report and financials: Donna read report (on file).
   Discussion re:

   -what is involved in medical training? First Responders Level 3 is the training done at the department level. The SVVFD can respond to all medical calls, they just can't transport patients

   -fire dues fees are too low. It was suggested that fire dues go up to $365 per year (a dollar a day). The board can raise fees as needed. The Board will take this idea into consideration and raise fees annually as needed. Fees aren't mandatory so it's hard to reinforce. The department will respond to all calls. If there is a house fire, insurance companies have been known to call the fire chief to ensure that fire dues were up to date

   -have we looked into becoming a registered charity? We aren't permitted as a fire department to become a charity; this has been looked into in the past

   -Huckleberry Estates, Huckleberry Grove, Lake Mountain View, Parkhill and Alpine pay mandatory dues through their neighborhood councils (leases, co-ops, stratas, etc). Meadow is looking into it. Cedar is freehold so no mechanism to enforce this for their neighborhood

Moved (A32) that the report be accepted as presented, 2nd (David Bull) Carried

6. Chief Harris's report: Aaron read report (on file).
   Discussion re:

   -where did the new truck come from? It was found online in the USA, Chief explained our situation to the company that owned it and received a $100 000 price reduction. Rocky Mountain Phoenix moved it from Las Vegas to Alberta, had it approved for Canada, and transported to us here on a low bed free of charge

   -we have a 5 year lease from Dynamic Capital and will own the vehicle at the end of 5 years. Thank you to David Bull for helping us with this process

   -the truck has a remaining 16 year lifespan before it needs to be retired (30 year maximum, and it is a 2011 International)

   -we sold many assets to be able to have a down payment on our new fire truck, including a side-by-side, a sprinkler trailer, and the old truck that was needing to be replace

   Moved (P95) that the report be accepted as presented, 2nd (C89) Carried

7. Election of Board officers: we need a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 7
   The following Directors are standing for re-election: Donna Hutchinson, Lisa Dundas, Joanne Taylor, Keith Fuerst, Patrick Bonney, Mike Dandenault

   Stepping down: Garry Vath

   Joanne Taylor nominates new board member: Karrie Haggen

   Garry Vath moved that they be acclaimed as Directors, 2nd (David Bull). Carried

8. New business / Other

   -the Board received a thank you from the floor for doing the work they are doing to help the department

   -Stephanie MacClements is working on next year's annual car show and all profits will go towards the SVVFD

   -Chief Harris thanked Mark Wilson and Garry Vath for their service with the SVVFD and all their years of hard work and mentorship

9. Adjournment: 10:59am