

Village Rovers Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2025

Officers in Attendance: Paul Flick, President; Jo-Ann Flick, Vice President; Laurie Anderson, Treasurer; Joann Peek, Secretary

Paul opened the meeting and asked if people were still interested in doing the Pledge of Allegiance. A vote was taken and enough people still wished to do so, and the decision was that the Pledge will continue to be said and was said.

Paul then went over the list of new and current officers, and gave a profound thank you to Sharon Grin for her two years of service and hard work.

It was announced that the January minutes would not be read and were on our website for review at www.villagerovers.com/minutes

Guest Speaker

Shari Malecek from Cause 4 Paws, a non-profit retail outlet, came to speak and tell us about their store and the causes they wish to help. Their main goal is to help pets and shelters. All their profits go to these causes. They are located at 9911 E. Baseline Road, just a few doors south of Basha's, next to the hair salon. They accept donations of clean women's clothing and shoes and some men's clothing and home decor. They accept pet food and items which go to shelters. Next month they will have a special day where all proceeds go to Rachel's Rescue. For more information, please visit their web site at www.cause4pawsshop.com or their Facebook page at Cause 4 Paws Resale Boutique

Bingo Support

Bingo set aside \$10,000.00 to help Village Rovers. Some of the money has been used to purchase 10 new waste stations with the rest still set aside. Thank you, Bingo!

Let's help Bingo – they need volunteers and attendance is down. We will try to attend once a month as a group to show our support. This month we are looking at possibly the 23rd. A message will go out about this. More SVE residents need to support Bingo as most of the attendees are not from here.

Bingo is known for helping the SVE Community with its generous monetary donations. Since reopening in 2021 they have donated over \$200,000.00 to various clubs and causes. Please give them your support and encourage others. Bingo opens their doors every Sunday at 3:00 pm, start playing at 5:00 and end between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.

Volunteers Needed

With the addition of two more waste stations, plus the current eight locations, more volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help, please contact Paul Flick.

Ambassadors Needed

Two Ambassadors are needed for the Newcomer Orientation sessions. The second Wednesday of every month at 8:30 am in the Ocotillo Room. We would like someone there to introduce and recruit newcomers to our Village Rovers Dog Club, in our Dog Club shirts. It was suggested to mention coyotes and predatory birds.

Jo-Ann Flick volunteered; we need one more. If interested, please contact Paul Flick.

Golf Tournament

We need someone to chair this project. In the past two years this event has raised over \$11,000.00 The date is set for September 21, 2025. Leatrice volunteered IF she could get someone to help her. Darla has already offered to help, and Connie Rogers volunteered her services. Sharon will provide the list of usual donors and Laurie will provide the list of usual sponsors.

Rosewood Room

There will be some construction on the Rosewood Room to create an outside entry back to the restrooms, resulting in the room being slightly smaller. Work is scheduled to be completed before the end of February. Our meeting set up will be condensed due to poor attendance at meetings.

Treasurers Report Laurie Anderson

The bank balance as of January 31, 2025 was \$10,577.86

Income for January was \$2,454.33 - \$240 in dues, \$980 for calendars, \$212 in donations, and \$1022.33 for Farmer's Market vendor fees, raffle and citrus sales

Expenses for January were \$2,599.81 - \$20.57 for web hosting, \$126.15 for Farmer's Market TPT tax, and \$2,453.09 for the dog park.

Net profit for January Farmer's Market was about \$700, same as November and December. Donations for citrus and the raffle added another \$242 to our net profit.

Nancy McGrorty made the motion to accept the report, Judi Morack seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to pass.

Farmer's Market Jo-Ann Flick

Due to the lack of SVE community support there will be no more markets after March of this year. Vendors are pulling out; we are down to 25 from 32. 13 Vendors have paid so far.

We will sell citrus again this month and start collecting them on the 16th or 17th.

We need an item for raffle. Linda Serf will donate a specialized dog crate.

A man who makes coffee mugs and micro-fiber towels with dog pictures brought some in for us to sell at the February market. We will sell them at the Dog Club booth. He sells them for \$20.00 but we will not charge that much. Jo-Ann will speak with him about pricing.

Dog Park Jim Varner

Nothing new to report. The permit for the shade structure has been submitted to the City. The permission for water for the fountain has been submitted. Now it's just waiting for them to be processed, at least three months.

A question was raised about exercise equipment for the park. That will be part of Phase 3, depending on costs/funds. Probably next year.

It was mentioned that people are not picking up after their dogs at the park. A reminder will be sent out in an email to remind people do to so and to watch their dogs.

Next Month's Speaker

Deb from Norwex will have a Norwex party and will donate 20% of her proceeds to the Dog Club. They sell eco-friendly cleaning products, some dog specific. She will also be selling at the Farmer's Market

Next Month's meeting March 5, 2025 in the Rosewood Room 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm