

ROCC Annual Meeting Minutes January 21, 2015

Approve minutes from 12-11-15:

John Hollrah made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes and Chris Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report - Scott Williams

ROCC currently has a net worth of \$20,645.84. January to December 2015 income was \$17,142.01 and expenses were \$10,699.69 resulting in net income for 2015 of \$6,442.32.

Announcements: Jen Parker

Jen thanked everyone who worked on the Ice Park Festival coordinating parking.

Rachel Zatterstrom announced that on Saturday, January 30th from 9 am to 5 pm WCC is sponsoring a Grassroots Leadership & Action Workshop on Community Organizing. The workshop will be held in Delta at the Methodist Church at 477 Meeker Street in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending please contact Rachel. The cost for ROCC/WCC members is \$10. The registration deadline is January 26th. Training will include public speaking, using messaging, outreach, and many other topics.

On Monday, February 8th from 10 am to 3 pm in Ridgway's Community Room at the Town Hall, the local chapter of Great Old Broads for Wilderness will host a workshop regarding grazing on public lands and the nexus between grazing and climate change. Guest presenter is Mary O'Brien from Grand Canyon Trust.

Old Business:

If anyone has information they want placed on the ROCC website please contact Roze Evans.

Committee Reports:

1. WCC - Rein van West

WCC passed a minimum wage resolution at its annual meeting in September and is now waiting on the language by the state steering committee to see if it wants to sign on to help place a minimum wage initiative on the ballot in November. We should know more within the next couple of weeks.

Rein announced that the Alpha Coal Company and the Arch Coal Company have both

filed for bankruptcy. And that the federal government has suspended any more leasing of public lands for coal mining for the next 2 to 3 years pending review of a more fair return to the taxpayer of royalties of such sales. (in other words, coal mining on federal land will continue where it already exists.)

President Obama has also introduced a Clean Power Plan which will reduce carbon emissions from electric plants by about 30 percent by 2030. This plan is being litigated but the federal judge presiding over the case has decided that the plan can move forward during the litigation.

Lynda Alfred, who is WCC's grant writer, has developed cancer and Karen Mercer and her musical group is holding a fundraising benefit for Lynda on Friday, January 29th from 7-9pm at the Chipeta Resort in Ridgway. Please consider attending.

2. **Social Justice** - Dick Engdahl

The next committee meeting is Monday, January 25th at 3pm at the Church of the San Juans. Strategies and plans will be considered at this meeting.

Presently committee members are speaking to local government officials to encourage them to support affordable housing in Ouray County. And we are taking a collaborative approach with various community organizations.

There seems to be a lot of support for this issue in the community.

Telluride has its act together on this issue and is supplying money for the issue.

Members of the committee are being encouraged to go to the next Ridgway Town Council meeting on Tuesday January 26th, which is a joint meeting with the Ridgway Planning Commission at which this issue will be discussed.

3. **WCC Food & Ag** - Robyn Cascade

On Saturday, January 23rd the annual Food and Farm Forum sponsored by Valley Food Partnership will take place at the Montrose Pavilion from 8:30 am to 5 pm. WCC will have a table at this event.

The next meeting for the Cottage Foods Act rulemaking will be on Wednesday, February 10.

WCC will participate in the 10 state Food Justice Collaborative meeting February 19 and 20 in Billings, MT.

On Monday, February 8th from 10 am to 3 pm there will be a workshop that the Great Old Broads is sponsoring on climate change.

We are tracking Colorado legislation this session regarding raw milk and small poultry producers.

4. WCC Oil & Gas Committee - Al Lowande

There will be ballot initiatives on increasing oil and gas drilling setbacks from homes, schools, etc. and also an initiative on returning zoning control to local communities on oil and gas drilling. At some point we will need to gather signatures for these initiatives.

Al will be gone for two and a half months from February through March and would like someone to volunteer to be on the committee conference calls while he is gone. If you are interested in being in on these calls while Al is gone, please, get in touch with him.

5. New ROCC Clean Energy Committee - Al Lowande

ROCC has formed a new Clean Energy Committee and the next committee meeting will be on Monday, January 25th at 9 am at Dave & Judi's house at 700 Sabeta Drive. Our area's SMPA board member, Debbie Cokes, is on the committee.

The committee is currently working on a mission statement, vision statement and goals.

6. WCC Legislative Committee - Rachel Zatterstrom

Gretchen Nicholoff, former president of WCC, is chair of this committee. The committee meets by phone each Tuesday at Noon.

The annual lobby trip to Denver will be on March 7 to 9 this year. If you are interested in going on this trip contact Roze Evans or Rein van West or Rachel Zatterstrom.

The new legislative session for 2016 started last week and will run through the first week in May.

Four OHV bills will be up for consideration this year.

New Business:

1. Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, February 20th

Kate Kellogg is Chair of this committee

John Hollrah and others - Kitchen Detail

Dudley, Sharon and Kate - Collecting entrance fees and membership forms

Austin Ray - Audio/visual equipment

Jen and Joanne - Check in sauces & desserts

Rein & Chris - Set up

Clean up - Chris, Rein, Rick and Nick

Kate - Publicity

Chris - Awards

2. **Parking Lot Sale** - Jen Parker

We need a chair for this committee!!!

This year it will be held in the parking lot of the 4-H Events Center in Ridgway due to the road construction in Ridgway this year. Cost to rent the parking lot is \$95. Rest rooms will be available in the center.

It will be held on Saturday, May 21st and the rain date will be Saturday, June 4th.

3. **New Mission Statement** - Roze Evans

The ROCC Communications Committee is rewriting the ROCC brochure and needs input on the new mission statement the committee has come up with.

After much discussion the ROCC members decided on the following wording for the new ROCC mission statement:

ROCC WORKS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE OURAY COUNTY'S QUALITY OF LIFE

There was also much discussion about changing the membership fees for ROCC, but it was decided that the Communications Committee would reevaluate membership fees before any changes are finalized.

4. **Brainstorming Use of Awesome Gift!**

The members spent about 10 minutes in 5 small groups coming up with ideas on how to spend the \$7,500 that is left from the \$10,000 anonymous gift ROCC received last year. \$2,500 of the gift has gone towards Rachel Zatterstrom's salary as ROCC's organizer.

The groups came up with many ideas, which were written down on a large sheet of paper. These ideas included using the money for affordable housing, student scholarships, leadership training, electronic recycling, light shields to preserve dark skies in the county, solar panels, and many more.

Meeting was adjourned.