

ROCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2015

Welcoming of Guests

Leigh Robertson, Sheep Mountain Executive Director
Rachel Zatterstrom and Emily Hornbach, WCC Organizers

Approval of January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Howard Greene to approve minutes, motion seconded by Donna Green.
Minutes were approved.

Correspondence

ROCC received a thank you note from Rein VanWest for the ROCC Appreciation Award he received.

Treasurer's report- Scott Williams

Scot reported that ROCC has a bank balance of \$16,449.35 and has had income of \$3,386.12 and expenses of \$1,130.29 since the first of the year. ROCC's net income since January 1 has been \$2,255.83.

Scott also reported that there was a small loss of \$81.86 for the Spaghetti Dinner, which excludes new memberships paid for at the dinner.

Committee Reports

Most of the committee chairs were absent, so their reports will be given in May

Public Lands - Jim Stephenson

Jim gave the report with input from Leigh and Emily and talked about how the committee will continue to work on the Sneffels Wilderness Proposal and it will continue its outreach for support while trying to assess the changes in the political landscape with the election of Senator Gardiner. Emily reported about an upcoming joint presentation with the Public Lands Partnership on beetle kill and aspen decline and asked for support from both ROCC and Sheep Mountain Alliance. The following individuals volunteered to help: Jim Stephenson, Mary Beth, Gary Roberts, Bob Green, Leigh Robertson and Randy and Jen Parker.

Jim further reported on bills in the legislature affecting public lands including House Bill 1054 which provided for the licensing, insuring and registering for OHV's which operate on County roads. John Hollrah initiated a lengthy discussion about the concept of the Legislature authorizing Counties to require regulation of OHVs,

which operate on County roads. Randy advised the members that absent legislation Ouray County did not have the authority to impose additional requirements on OHV operators on county roads beyond the current State requirements, which permit drivers as young as 10 yrs. old to operate an OHV without the need for licensing, registration or insurance on county roads.

After a lengthy discussion Randy agreed to draft a proposed letter, which will be reviewed by John Hollrah, Jim Stephenson, Howard Greene and Bob Green indicating that ROCC favors Ouray County having the additional authority to require that all OHV operated on county roads be registered and insured and be operated only by a licensed driver.

Emily and Rachel clarified that WCC had taken no position on House Bill 1054 but that Ouray County Commissioner Lynn Padgett had been asked to address the Public Lands Committee about her concerns.

WCC Report - Chris Pike

Chris gave a lengthy report about the current status of WCC and the energy which David Reed as the new executive director has brought to the organization. Chris shared WCC's current Operating Plan and WCC's legislative appeal, financial status, and Dave's desire to focus on the fun in fundraising.

Old Business

Spaghetti Dinner Review

Reasons that the attendance may have been low. Jen asked for ideas that might improve attendance at next year's dinner including considering having the event in January rather than February. Jen asked that people to email her with suggestions and also asked if anyone would like to head this up next year. She stated that she would not be the Spaghetti Dinner coordinator next year.

New Business

Parking Lot Sale

There is a need for Parking Lot Sale Coordinator. Tom McKenney was nominated for this position.

WCC's Reorganization - Rachel Zatterstrom

Rachel indicated that with the reassignment amongst the organizers and the hiring of Matt King as the third organizer, the organizer assignments will be as follows:

Rachel - UVA and ROCC community organizer and assessing Delta County
Emily - Garfield and Routt community organizer

Matt - Mesa community organizer

Rachel's Issues - Local Foods and Agriculture, and Civic Engagement

Emily - Oil and Gas and Public Lands

Matt - Uranium and Social Justice

Red Cross Volunteers

Vicki Huggins appealed to the membership to become Red Cross volunteers

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm