

**1. Treasurer's Report – Scott Williams**

Scott reported that as of March 14, 2014 ROCC has a net worth of \$17,616.51. And for the year so far ROCC has income of \$2,145.44 and \$1,135.18 in expenses.

**2. Old Business**

**a. Spaghetti Dinner wrap up – Roze Evans**

Roze reported that the income from the dinner was \$1,506.00 and that the expenses were \$975.86, which resulted in a net income of \$530.14.

Chris Pike commented that we need an earlier starting date in the year for the dinner preparations and planning. Probably late October or early November. Roze also commented that the planning for the dinner did get going later than normal.

**b. Bylaw amendments and submission for a vote – Scott Williams**

Scott stated that Eve Becker-Doyle and he spent a month rewriting parts of the Bylaws. The most important parts of the rewrite were to add the Alternate WCC Representative as a new officer and board member; to make the election of officers every two years instead of every year; to make the election of directors and officers in even numbered years; and to require the signature of two officers on checks made out for \$1,000 or more. So the next election will be this year at the annual dinner and meeting in December.

There was some discussion of whether or not the President, Vice- President or Co-Chairs duties should be described in more detail in the Bylaws. It was decided not to do this since the members wanted the Bylaws to be as flexible as possible when it comes to how these officers will carry out their duties.

Roze then made a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended by the Bylaws Committee. The motion passed.

**3. Committee Reports**

**a. Land Use – Don Rogers**

Don stated that we are waiting on the BOCC to make its recommendations on the draft Section 9 of the Land Use Code that the Planning Commission presented to the BOCC.

It was suggested that the committee should work on possible fallback positions should the BOCC decide to amend Section 9 in ways that ROCC would not be comfortable supporting. Jen announced that Randy Parker had been elected unanimously as the new Chair of the Planning Commission.

**b. Public Lands – Jim Stephenson**

Jim was absent from the meeting so there was no committee report given.

**c. Energy Committee – Al Lowande**

Al stated that the oil and gas air quality rules were passed thanks in part to six ROCC members' testimony at the hearing in Denver and letters written by ROCC members and local governments.

The next focus in Colorado will be on local control over oil and gas drilling rather than

control of drilling by the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission.

d. Uranium Committee – Dudley Case

Dudley reported that what was formerly known as the WCC's Uranium Group has now been formally recognized by the WCC's Board of Directors as a WCC issue committee.

The committee is now working on a uranium cleanup campaign specifically focusing on the Department of Energy's Final Uranium Leasing Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, the Uncompahgre Draft Resource Management Plan, the Abandoned Uranium Mine Report, and a plan about WCC's legislative engagement around uranium issues for this current legislative session.

e. Legislative Committee – Roze Evans

1. Roze reported that there is a lobbying visit to the state legislature planned for March 31 to April 2. Rein VanWest will be going as a representative of WCC and Jan VanWest will be going as ROCC's representative. This is a trip which is being fully paid for by WCC.

2. Stolen Wage Bill (SB 005)

This bill would ensure that low-wage workers are treated fairly. Apparently six out of ten laborers in Colorado experience wage withholding or nonpayment of wages. Senator Ullbarri and Representatives Singer and Duran are sponsoring the bill.

It was suggested that a ROCC Alert be sent out on this bill with a link to the site showing the wording of the bill and also a link to a letter of support that members could electronically sign.

f. Grants Committee – Dave Jones

The committee has developed a grant application form for grant applicants to fill out, which includes questions on how the grant money will be spent and how the grant would benefit the community.

Dave raised the issue of how much money ROCC needs in its checking account at any given time and how much money could be expended on grants and community projects. Dave noted that ROCC's checking account balance has gone up \$10,000 in the last three years. A discussion on this issue followed and the treasurer will look into this issue.

Dave pointed out in the power point presentation that in the period from 2007 to 2013 ROCC gave local community groups amounts varying from \$200 to \$677 per year. This year ROCC has budgeted \$1,400 for grants.

A motion was made to give UWP \$250 based on a UWP request so ROCC can be a Class 1 Sponsor of the Ridgway River Fest which will be held on June 28 this year. This motion passed.

A second motion was made for the grants committee to review an upcoming grant application from the Ridgway High School Solar Car Project and to award them \$250 if their goals matched ROCC's goals. This motion passed.

The grants committee will also look into possibly giving grants to the Ridgway High School Solar Classroom Project and the Ridgway Community Garden.

g. Membership Committee – Jo Anne Williams

It was announced that Jo Anne Williams has volunteered to be the new Chair of this committee.

WCC will be holding a membership drive in May and ROCC will be a part of this drive. And as part of this drive a new member house party will be held. Al Lowande asked that each ROCC member suggest 1 or 2 people to the committee who could be potential new members.

Howard Greene tentatively volunteered his house for the party pending approval by Chris Lance.

h. WCC Representative – Al Lowande

Al pointed out that ROCC has no Local Foods Committee and we should look into creating such a committee.

#### 4. **New Business**

a. Parking Lot Sale – Coordinator – Eve Becker-Doyle

Eve has volunteered to be the new coordinator for the parking lot sale. Eve passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers who want to work on this event.

This year ROCC will have its own booth for selling items and also for handing out membership information. Eve suggested that donors of items price their own items.

Spaces at this event for vendors are on a first come first serve basis. There are no reserved spaces.

It was also suggested that if we cannot find the old ROCC parking lot sale banner we should purchase a new banner.

b. New ROCC Organizer

Jen Parker announced that Emily Hornback has been appointed by the WCC as ROCC's organizer. And Al pointed out that her job will be to help ROCC to organize itself better, but she will not do the actual organizing for ROCC that is ROCC's responsibility not hers.

c. Website – Roze Evans

Roze announced that the Website Committee has gotten a new ROCC website up and running using Weebly as the website host.

She also pointed out that people using the site can sign up for IGIVE and that each purchase they make using IGIVE will result in a small donation being made to ROCC.

It was suggested that each committee have a page on the website.

d. Social Justice and Membership Diversity Issues – Al Lowande

Al would like members to contact him with social justice issues that they would like to see ROCC address. It was suggested that Al craft a ROCC Announcement to be sent out to the members on the social justice issue. Al also pointed out that WCC is addressing membership diversity and that ROCC should also look into this issue.

e. Spring Adopt a Highway Date and Plan

Tom McKinney will plan and organize this when he returns in mid April.

f. Cottonwood Creek Cleanup – Nick Williams

Nick said there will be a cleanup of Cottonwood Creek in Ridgway north of the Chipeta Drive and south of Moffett on March 29 from 10 am to 3pm. If the weather is bad on Saturday March 29th the alternate date for the cleanup will be Saturday April 5th. The Town of Ridgway will provide equipment and gloves. It was suggested that a ROCC Alert be sent out to the members on this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.