

**ROCC General Meeting Draft Minutes  
Wednesday, May 19, 2016**

1. Announcements:

Roze Evans announced that most of this meeting would be taken up by work on the High Country Residential Building Regulations in Ouray County.

Next ROCC Meeting - Roze Evans

The next ROCC meeting will be on June 22 (Wednesday) and will be the ROCC Talk entitled "Bees' Needs and How You Can Help" by Tina Sebestyen of the Four Corners Bee Association.

Parking Lot Sale - Rich Niemeier

This year's parking lot sale will be at the 4-H Events Center. ROCC will not have a table at this year's sale. Rich thanked all those who have volunteered so far to help with this event.

2. The March 17 ROCC Meeting Minutes were approved.

3. High Country Residential Building Regulations in Ouray County Discussion:

The BOCC adopted Resolution 2016-017, which places a temporary moratorium from April 19 to October 19, 2016 on all residential building permits on mining claims and mill sites in the high alpine zone, defined as 9,500 feet about sea level.

Currently Ouray County has no special regulations on building above 9,500 feet on mining claims and mill sites. However, San Juan and San Miguel Counties have enacted regulations on building in the high alpine zone.

The BOCC in Resolution 2016-018 has requested that the Ouray County Planning Commission provide its recommendations or responses to the BOCC on or before August 1, 2016 on:

- A. If the definition of High Country and any specific residential development restrictions should apply to residential development on patented mining claims and mill sites in the high country of Ouray County at or above an elevation of 9,500 feet within Ouray County or if the Planning Commission recommends a different definition or applicability.
- B. Should Ouray County have any restrictions or limitations on residential use and residential structures in the High Country? The BOCC is interested in getting a recommendation on from the Planning Commission identified in one or both of San Juan and San Miguel counties' codes are:
  - Should Ouray County have a minimum parcel size of 5 acres to qualify for a site development/building permit for a residential structure in the High Country?
  - Should Ouray County require a maximum density of 1unit (no Accessory Dwelling Unit) on patented mining claims and mill sites in the high country of Ouray County

- at or above an elevation of 9,500'? Should this limitation exist county-wide?
- Should Ouray County require additional minimum setbacks in the High Country so that they are the same as 35-acre conforming parcels throughout the county? [reference - Ouray County Land Use Code Section 3.85b]
  - Should Ouray County require residential development to demonstrate that the project has been designed in a manner that will protect and minimize impacts to important historic (historic building, town site, mining district, cultural) or environmental features of the site (such as timber, plants, wildlife, drainages, wetlands, geologic features)? If so, can it be accomplished with the KISS principle in mind?
  - Should site development protect existing public trails (i.e. prevent obstructions such as driveways crossing the trails, fencing obstructing the trails, or structures being located so as to maximize a buffer to trails)?
  - Should Ouray County require primary access to residential development be through an Ouray County Road or State Highway vs. access having no nexus to public roads within Ouray County?
  - Should require adequate parking for the proposed residential use on-site in the High Country? Should this requirement exist county-wide, so that any Ouray County development will not rely on property users to park on County Roads?
  - Should Ouray County require utilities for High Country residential development to be installed in ways that minimize impacts to environment and scenery? [One adjacent county requires features to be installed underground or placed within structures]. Should Ouray County restrict placement of fuel, water tanks, generators, etc. to be located within a structure or be put underground?
  - Should Ouray County require High Country residential buildings to blend with the natural surroundings?
  - Should Ouray County restrict square footage of High Country residential dwelling units to 1,000 square feet? Should Ouray County restrict square footage of High Country residential dwelling units to 1,000 square feet, with the ability to earn potential bonus 500 square feet if certain incentive conditions are met, such as in San Miguel County, up to 2,500 square feet? (For reference, examine San Miguel County code, San Juan County code and previous Ouray County proposed Section 30 draft.)
  - Should Ouray County eliminate all residential buildings within the tundra ecosystem? Or are existing code and site development permit considerations adequate for protection of tundra and watershed health?
  - Should Ouray County require a Special Use Permit (SUP) if building is a vacation rental or commercial use to require as conditions of use adequate parking (off county roads), trash, water, sanitation, cell/satellite service, and emergency access? [For reference, see Ouray County notes on a potential county-wide ordinance on regulations for short-term/vacation rentals]. Are there regulations for short-term rentals that should be different for High Country development than county-wide?
  - Should Ouray County restrict or ban residential development in the High Country that results in an increased demand for public services (plowing/county road maintenance, emergency response, etc) beyond what is currently provided by the County?
  - Should Ouray County restrict High Country driveway or private road cuts in a manner to make them subject to review to ensure they are designed to minimize impacts to environmental and scenic values? If so, can it be accomplished with the KISS principle in mind?

- Should Ouray County restrict High Country residential driveway widths to 10feet? Should Ouray County restrict blasting to create residential driveways in the High Country?
- Should Ouray County consider have more restrictive building height requirements for residential development within the High Country? [currently buildings county-wide can be up to 35 feet high; for reference see adjacent San Miguel County code that limits High Country buildings to 12 to 20 feet high]
- Should there be referrals to any County or State/Federal agencies that are specific to High Country residential development?
- Should there be any reference exhibits to any potential new code or permit applications?
  - o The BOCC is in consensus that 9,500' elevation should be as referenced in the latest published 24,000 USGS quadrangle

The attendees at the meeting broke out into seven groups and each group worked on coming up with the 3 or 4 elements that they believed should be priority items that the Planning Commission should recommend to the BOCC. When the groups' discussions were finished each group's priorities were written down on large white sheets of paper.

The Planning Commission's schedule for work sessions and its public meeting on this issue is as follows:

June 7, 6:00 – 8:00pm – Planning Commission Work Session: High Alpine Regulations

June 15, 1:00 – 4:00pm – Planning Commission Work Session: High Alpine Regulations (proposed additional meeting)

June 21, 6:00 – 8:00pm – Planning Commission Work Session: High Alpine Regulations

July 6, 6:00 – 8:00pm – Planning Commission Work Session: High Alpine Regulations (moved from July 5<sup>th</sup>)

July 19, 7:00pm – Planning Commission Public Hearing: High Alpine Regulations

Sign-up sheets were passed around so people could sign up to: write letters to the Planning Commission, attend the work sessions on June 7 and 15, talk to friends and neighbors about this issue, and speak at these meetings.

People were also asked to volunteer to be part of a leadership team and a research team on this issue.

4. Treasurer's Report - Scott Williams

Ridgway Ouray Community Council Net Worth - As of 5/16/2016		Page 1
5/16/2016		
Account	5/16/2016 Balance	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>		
Alpine Checking	16,719.37	
Alpine Money Market	5,815.19	
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>22,534.56</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>22,534.56</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>22,534.56</b>	

ROCC Income / Expense - Year To Date  
1/1/2016 through 5/16/2016

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Category	1/1/2016- 5/16/2016
<b>INCOME</b>	
Donations Income	1,000.00
Grant Income	1,000.00
Interest Inc	1.52
Membership Dues Income	1,961.30
ROCC Talk Income	25.00
Spaghetti Dinner Income	1,438.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,426.32</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	0.00
Awards Expense	226.22
Dues Expense	
Other Dues Expense	100.00
<b>TOTAL Dues Expense</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Grants	1,250.00
Liability Insurance	340.74
Miscellaneous	159.00
Postage	54.00
Printing	347.75
Rummage Sale Expense	95.00
Spaghetti Dinner Expense	964.89
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,537.60</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,888.72</b>

## 5. Committee Reports:

<b>DATE</b>	4-12-16 meeting (+ comments to present, 5-12-16)
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Debbie Cokes
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> <b>Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs</b>	<p>The CEC committee continues to have great attendance, 12+ each meeting. We are working on the following:</p> <p><u>Green Blocks Program</u> CEC and SMPA are making a collaborative effort to promote Green Blocks. Green Blocks is a SMPA program that allows co-op members to both source their electricity from green, non-carbon sources and support local, renewable projects. Specific efforts include: --promotion @ ROCC talks --April 21 ROCC Talk – “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency” by Renewable Energy Mad Scientist, Wiley Freeman. Well attended and multiple attendees signed up for more info on Green Blocks. --consumer information sheet prepared</p> <p><u>Communication/Education</u> - Ways to advertise and promote CEC efforts --A link to SMPA renewable programs has been set up on ROCC website. Possibly the HOA websites and/or newsletters could provide our info. --Solarize. The No. Fork Valley is using to Solarize to galvanize the community around a bigger vision of local energy independence and renewable energy as a means of economic revitalization. Add'l info will be collected at our May 17 meeting when Delta County Solarize program coordinator and rep from Solar Energy Institute, Gerald Espinosa, will present to us.</p> <p><u>Ridgway Schools Lighting</u> Effort to change out bulbs to more energy efficient and <u>healthier</u> source. Committee members have collected impressive data and presented to board of education and is working on securing assistance in funding. Also looking into possibly making this part of school <u>curriculum</u> in conjunction with an energy-producing bike program SMPA is sponsoring.</p> <p><u>Ridgway energy utilization</u> <u>Eco Action Partners Green Business Program</u> CEC is learning more about, and supporting/promoting Eco Action Partners and their Green Business Program.</p> <p><u>Other</u> Ridgway has applied for 'A Space to Create' funding. Perhaps there's an opportunity for clean energy if the town is selected?</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	

<b>DATE</b>	May 12, 2016
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Grants Committee
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Dave Jones
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> <b>Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs</b>	<p>\$500 given so far in 2016 to support UWP and the Riverfest. Please help us identify other worthy local causes.</p> <p>Ridgway Schools have requested \$5000 to support installation of LED light bulbs at the Elementary and Senior schools in a project encouraged and supported by the ROCC Clean Energy Committee. Entire project is projected to be \$15-23.000 less installation costs. (See request for funding) The school is also seeking volunteers to assist in installing these lights. Volunteers will be taught how to rewire the fluorescent fixtures and will need to operate from a stepladder.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	Ridgway Schools have requested \$5000 to support installation of LED light bulbs at the Elementary and Senior schools in a project encouraged and supported by the ROCC Clean Energy Committee.

Rein vanWest made a motion that ROCC contribute \$5,000 to the Ridgway Elementary and High Schools to help replace their fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs. Ken Lipton seconded the motion.

After discussion on the motion, the motion passed.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>5-15-2016</b>
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Membership</b>
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	<b>JoAnne Williams</b>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs	<b>The April member roster showed 141 members (counting couples as one). 119 are current, 22 are in grace.</b> <b>The April ROCC talk garnered one new member and one renewing member.</b>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	



<b>DATE</b>	May 19, 2016
	Public lands
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Jim Stephenson
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>  <b>Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs</b>	<p>There are 4 issues to report on;</p> <p>1. Wilderness Proposal. Senators Bennet's office has expressed interest in reintroducing the Wilderness in the senate. He needs evidence that the issue is still alive and wants support from the local government as well as some local businesses etc. The Ouray BOCC and Ridgway Town council have renewed their support and reissued their resolutions. Several community leaders and businesses have agreed to give quotes and LTEs. We are monitoring the progress. This show is being co-ordinated by the Bennet staff and the Wilderness support group of the Wilderness Society.</p> <p>2. BLM Uncompahgre Field office is ready to release the resource management plan and we will be preparing to comment on the EIS.</p> <p>3. SPEADMER record of decision has been released and the WCC PLC has registered our objections on 4 points. We won on only one issue. The Forests Service has agreed to enhance their monitoring notifications.</p> <p>4. This is the big one! The GMUG is preparing to begin the process for the Forest Management Plan Revision. There was an important and well attended meeting of a large and growing alliance of groups that are preparing to participate in this process. It will likely be about a 7 year process with much monitoring as assessing of forest health and conditions along with many comments and meetings etc. The group has already had the first tele-conference and will have bi-monthly calls.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	<p>#1. May need some volunteer help to produce the requested documentation etc. Nothing certain right now, this is a slow moving process and not in the spotlight because it is an election year.</p> <p>#2. When the EIS is released, I may need some comments from users of the areas concerned.</p> <p>#3. I may ask for monitoring help if we are tasked for that.</p> <p>For #4...Members should be prepared to report in on areas of concern and comment about how it should be managed in the new management plan. I would like to see a deeply interested and active group of volunteers that would participate in some field work and writing comments.</p>

<b>DATE</b>	7 May 2016
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Recycling/Composting
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Dave Jones & Judi Chamberlin
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>  <b>Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs</b>	<p>We held a meeting on 27 April with Mayor John Clark to discuss composting/ recycling at Town Events. The Town's needs remain the same this year. The Town has already asked all vendors to use compostable products for the summer music series in July and is counting on ROCC's support.</p> <p>ROCC has supported composting and recycling for the last two years by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide volunteers to helping concert goers sort their trash into the appropriate barrels at two stations.</li> <li>- Store the compostables until they are shredded.</li> <li>- Shred the materials into bags</li> <li>- Transport the bags to the composting facility in Delta.</li> <li>- Pay the composting facility to take the compost (\$55 for the summer)</li> </ul> <p><b>We need someone to house the shredder, pick up the compostables after the events, and store the compostables before and after shredding until they can be transported to the Delta Composting Facility.</b> Because of various schedules, no one has volunteered to assume these tasks, and without a leader, we don't know how this will succeed. John Clark refuses to see this initiative fail so is assuming responsibility for the compost. He would appreciate your help! <b>If you are available to be the leader at one or more of the Thursdays in July, please let Dave and Judi know.</b></p> <p>Dave and Judi are hosting a "Grinding Party" on 22 May @4PM at 700 Sabeta Dr, to provide instruction on the use of the shredder. We'll shred the compost collected at the Love Your Valley Festival on 21 May. All are welcome to attend. Please bring gloves, hearing and eye protection, and a mask.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	<p>We need volunteers to man the recycling/composting stations again this year (May 21 (Love Your Valley Festival), and Summer Concerts: July 7,14,21,28). <b>Sign up using VolunteerSpot at: <a href="http://vols.pt/w1Zcjf">http://vols.pt/w1Zcjf</a></b></p> <p>Is anyone willing to help John Clark by being responsible for the compost at the end of a concert, at least one Thursday in July? Or by driving the shredded compost to Delta at the end of July/early August? If so, Dave and Judi will train you on 22 May @4pm (or at your convenience).</p>

Dave also passed around a recycling/composting sign-up sheet.

<b>DATE</b>	May 16, 2016
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Social Justice
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Dick Engdahl
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>  Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs	<p>At a recent County workshop concerning the area of affordable housing, it was disappointing to us that a proposal was made for only revamping existing regulations instead of calling for the need for new fees to fund it. On the positive side, however, they agreed to amend an existing document between the political entities that would allow for funding to be made from both political and private parties.</p> <p>On May 26, 6:00, we are co-hosting along with the Housing Authority an event at the community center for exploring with contractors the process of affordable housing. We encourage members of ROCC to attend.</p> <p>On June 6 at 7:30 at the United Church a workshop will be held for training on running petitions for minimum wage increases.</p> <p>A new film on the lives of undocumented workers entitled "Do You Know Who I Am?" is planned for release. We hope to secure and show this film to our membership when available.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	

<b>DATE</b>	<b>15 May 2016</b>
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Town of Ridgway Adapt -a-Park Program (TRAPP)–Hartwell Park</b>
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	<b>Nick Williams</b>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs	Owing to Town construction (plus the fact that I have been incapacitated in walking boots for 7+ weeks due to bilateral Achilles tendonitis procedures), there has been no volunteer activity for Hartwell Park.
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	Need a ROCC alert send out requesting . . . “NEEDED: Volunteers needed for the Town Concert series in Hartwell Park–every Thursday night in July. Volunteers can either assist in the beer tent (pouring beer, taking beer orders, etc) <i>or</i> assist with post-concert clean-up. Please contact Nick Williams ( <a href="mailto:najwilliams@aol.com">najwilliams@aol.com</a> or 970-318-6713 {call or text}).

<b>DATE</b>	5/14/16
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Western Colorado Congress (WCC) report
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Al Lowande
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>  <b>Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs</b>	<p>WCC staff welcomes Sabrina King as a new organizer to replace Matt King (no relation), who got an offer he couldn't refuse in California. Sabrina will, among other things, work with the WCC - Mesa group in Grand Junction, work on social justice campaigns, including the minimum wage ballot initiative and on public lands issues. She comes to us with years of experience with Dakota Rural Action, one of our sister groups in the Western Organization Of Resource Councils (WORC).</p> <p>WCC needs to replace two officers this fall, our very own Rein van West (president) and Randy Parker (treasurer), whose terms are ending. So far we have have two nominations for president and are working on finding a treasurer. If interested, contact Rein or Randy.</p> <p>WCC has finished in the black financially for a number of years in a row. That will be a more challenging goal this year. The tragic passing of Lynda Alfred, our contract grant writer, has left executive director Dave Reed handling all of our grant writing, which leaves less of his time to handle the major donor efforts. We hope to have a new grant writer on board by June and plan a big push to increase major donor giving before year end. As rank and file members, we are all encouraged to donate above our dues whatever amount we feel we can.</p> <p>To follow WCC's issue work, go to <a href="http://www.wcccongress.org">www.wcccongress.org</a> and click the tab on "our issues". (Better yet, get involved in one of WCC's issue committees.)</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE: Sept 17 - WCC's Annual Conference at the Montrose Pavillion. More details will follow as available. While ROCC members focus on local issues here in Ouray County, we should be always mindful that important regional and statewide issues often are beyond ROCC's capacity to influence as much as we might like. WCC gives us the avenue and resources to affect those issues, but they need the members' participation to maximize their effectiveness. And on an even bigger scale, the seven-state Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC), of which we are also members, tackles issues on the national scale. To win on the issues we care about, all of these levels of organization are crucial</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	WCC is opening a bare-bones office in downtown Montrose. Organizer Rachel Zatterstrom will be stationed there. Under WCC's fairly new organizer work model that emphasizes organizers working more closely with community groups, she has been assigned ROCC and our Montrose sister group UVA (Uncompaghre Valley Association). Her proximity in this office will facilitate that work and cut way down on travel time and expense. UVA has agreed to donate \$500 toward the rent and ROCC must decide if we are willing to do likewise.

Rachel Zatterstrom announced that WCC's new organizer, Sabrina King, will be supporting WCC's regional climate/clean energy work rather than its public lands

work.

<b>DATE</b>	May 19, 2016
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	WCC Food and Ag
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Robyn Cascade
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> <b>Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs</b>	<p><u>Farm to Consumer Bill signed into law.</u> During the week of May 9, Gov. Hickenlooper signed into law a measure that makes it easier for farmers to meet the growing demand for farm-fresh poultry and increases opportunities for cottage food producers.</p> <p>During the last four years, cottage food producers have been providing safe products direct to consumers and now have the opportunity to legally make additional products under the law, including pickled fruits and veggies!</p> <p>In addition, Colorado's small poultry producers have known for years that lack of access to adequate processing made it nearly impossible for them to meet the growing market demand for farm-fresh poultry. This new bill offers a solution by establishing exemptions for small (fewer than 1,000 birds per year) and mid-scale (fewer than 20,000 birds per year) poultry farmers.</p> <p><b><u>WORC Food and Ag Campaign Team</u></b> Rachel, Robyn and Wink Davis participated in a conference call April 26 during which each state and WORC summarized campaigns and actions related to Food and Ag. We also elected Wink from WCC as the campaign teams vice chair. Then Northern Plains Resource Council presented their research and new initiative related to soil health.</p> <p><b><u>Food and Ag Justice Coalition (FAJC)</u></b> 10 state collaborative continues to wait for news of Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) federal legislation and consider campaigns under the theme "Public Money for Public Good" advocating that taxpayers' money support local, sustainable agriculture rather than corporate farms.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	<p>Thank Governor Hickenlooper for signing Farm to Consumer bill</p> <p><a href="http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5706/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=22913">http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5706/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=22913</a></p> <p><b><u>Please join your voice with others across Colorado and thank Governor Hickenlooper for supporting local agriculture! &gt;&gt;</u></b></p>

<b>DATE</b>	May 19, 2016
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	WCC Legislative Committee
<b>CHAIR / DESIGNEE</b>	Roze Evans
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>  Please keep reports to 2-3 paragraphs	<p style="text-align: center;">2016 Colorado Legislative Session</p> <p>WCC actively supported and campaigned for the following bills that passed and were sent to the governor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Residential Precipitation Collection</b> - The bill allows the collection of precipitation from a residential rooftop under certain conditions. The bill requires the department of public health and environment to develop best practices for non-potable usage of collected precipitation. HOA's cannot prohibit using rain barrels for collection.</li> <li>• <b>Off-highway Vehicles Regulation &amp; Local Government</b> - The bill clarifies that local authorities may require drivers of off-highway vehicles to have driver's licenses and insurance.</li> <li>• <b>Recognition Of Public Lands Day</b> - The bill designates the fourth Monday in March as Public Lands Day.</li> <li>• <b>Colorado Farm to Consumer Sales</b> - The bill exempts certain food producers from licensure, inspection, and other regulation for transactions.</li> <li>• <b>Conduct Emergency Responses At Legacy Mining Sites</b> - The bill authorizes use of the emergency response cash fund to conduct emergency responses when circumstances exist at a legacy hard rock mine site that create a danger to public health or welfare or the environment.</li> </ul> <p>All of the bills that WCC actively opposed died in committees.</p>
<b>ACTION ITEM(S)</b>	

6. Old Business:  
None

## 7. New Business:

<b>Committee: Public Lands</b>	<b>Date: 5 April 2016</b>
<b>Topic: Bylaw change to facilitate timely action by ROCC committees.</b>	
<b>Background:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ouray is approximately 50% public lands. So public land management has been a critical issue for ROCC.</li><li>• Historically, the ROCC public lands committee had broad authority to support good public lands management.</li><li>• The ROCC Bylaws were updated in 2014. The bylaws require membership and Board approval for "the adoption, modification, or repeal of a Council policy or position and/or a specific action to be taken on behalf of the Council." (Article 7 Section 7.1).</li><li>• The effect of the Bylaws is that ROCC's Public Lands Committee must get Board and membership approval for any action related to good public lands management.</li><li>• ROCC used to have monthly business meetings. Now business meetings occur only every other month.</li><li>• ROCC members participate actively in WCC's public lands committee. In the past, ROCC's support of WCC's positions has been very helpful. Currently, ROCC has not been active in supporting issues of common concern.</li></ul>	
<b>Potential Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• From time to time, requests for letters of support come from organizations such as the Southern Rockies Conservation Alliance, the Wilderness Society, Great Old Broads for Wilderness and other well known and respected organizations. Sometimes these requests are on issues of importance to ROCC. For example, recently there was a request for a letter supporting preservation of lynx habitat in Colorado. Since we have lynx habitat here, ROCC might wish to support lynx habitat elsewhere to set a precedent.</li><li>• Also, recently the BOCC considered whether to renew their support for the expansion of the Sneffels Wilderness area. The time frame between notice and action by the BOCC was only several days.</li><li>• Depending on when a need for action occurs relative to the schedule of ROCC business meetings, it can be up to two months before the public lands committee could present and get member and board approval.</li><li>• As a result, ROCC misses opportunities to impact important issues.</li><li>• When ROCC is able to support other organizations of issues of common interest, those organizations are more likely to support ROCC in times of need.</li><li>• ROCC's action on issues can make a difference.</li><li>• Other ROCC committees, such as the Land Use and the Affordable Housing committees, are also impacted by the inability to take timely action.</li></ul>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No action has been taken to date.</li></ul>	
<b>Action Recommendation:</b>	
<p>Amend Article 7 Section 7.1 of ROCC's Bylaws to read as follows:</p> <p><b>Section 7.1. Council Decision-Making, Open Meetings and Member Participation.</b> The Council is intended to be a democratic, grass-roots organization, and to that end both the members and the Board shall approve the adoption, modification, or repeal of a Council policy or position and/or a specific action to be taken on behalf of the Council, <u>provided that where time constraints would prevent timely action, such actions may be approved by the Board.</u> Members are encouraged to attend and participate in any meeting of the members and/or the Board, and members may make motions and vote on any matter brought before the meeting requiring approval of the members</p>	

The above-suggested Bylaw change was not discussed at this meeting and will be taken



up at the next ROCC General Meeting, which it was decided will be on June 23 at 7:00pm at the Ridgway Town Hall. This meeting will also be used to continue the discussion on the high alpine regulations.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.