

**ROCC General Meeting Draft Minutes  
Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

**1. Introduction**

Jen Parker started off the meeting by thanking everyone who attended the Planning Commission's High Alpine Regulation Public Hearing.

Next Jen introduced Kelvin Kent, Secretary of Top of the Pines, Inc.

Kelvin thanked ROCC for giving TOP, Inc. a \$1,000 grant for improving the trails for hiking, biking and skiing at TOP. Kelvin then went into a detailed history of TOP starting in about 2000 and ending in 2016, and he also detailed all the expenses that TOP incurs each year.

On August 9th the BOCC and TOP, Inc. will have their annual joint work session. Lastly, Kelvin stated that dogs are now allowed at TOP during the summer months only but dogs have to be on a leash at all times. Dogs are not allowed at TOP during the ski season, because the skiers do not want dog urine and poop on the ski trails.

See attached presentation from Kelvin.

Lastly, Jen introduced a new member, Bill Hamann, who lives in Grand Junction.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Tom McKenney made a motion to approve the minutes and Rein van West seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**3. Treasurer's Report - Scott Williams**

Scott reported that ROCC has \$15,398.27 in the bank. And the year-to-date income is \$6,363.07 and expenses were \$11,610.64 for a net loss of \$5,247.57. This net loss is due to \$7,750.00 in grants that ROCC has given to other organizations.

**4. Announcements**

WCC will hold its Annual Conference on Saturday, September 17th at the Montrose Pavilion. Senator Ulibari will be the keynote speaker. And in the evening there will be live music.

## **5. Committee Reports**

### **A. Planning Commission Hearing Report (Leadership Committee) - Al Lowande**

There were approximately 27 people who spoke in favor of the High Alpine Regulation and there were about 5 people who spoke who were opposed to the regulation.

The Planning Commission, after much discussion, decided to keep the minimum acreage to build on mining claims at 5 acres and to keep the maximum square footage of a residential dwelling at 2,500 square feet.

Tom McKenney suggested that ROCC needs to take a position on the regulation at the BOCC public hearing. This sparked some discussion among the members on the pros and cons of ROCC taking a position. Jen Parker and Roze Evans spoke against ROCC presenting one position at the BOCC Public Hearing. They feel that it is too difficult to come up with one ROCC position since there are so many different positions that ROCC members support. They feel that ROCC members should be informed by the leadership team and present their own opinions on their own behalf. Scott Williams pointed out that the High Alpine Regulation Leadership Committee has taken a position in the petition the committee has been circulating among Ouray County residents. Rein van West pointed out that this committee has a lawyer who will be advising the committee on legal issues concerning this regulation. Rachel Zatterstrom and Dudley Case felt that taking a position on the regulation might help build ROCC's membership, especially among younger county residents. The Leadership Committee will look further into this issue.

Al also mentioned that the Citizen's Letters have been submitted to the Planning Commission as coming from the Red Mountain Club, ROCC and representatives of the Ouray Trail Group. And the Declarations of Support will be given to the BOCC by Red Mountain Club and ROCC.

**B. Affordable Housing (Social Justice Committee) - Chris Pike**

The committee has about 8 to 10 members. And the committee is trying to help the Ouray County Housing Authority find funding, which is critical for the Authority. The committee also needs to review all the Housing Authority's data and Chris is looking for some help doing that.

There will be an Affordable Housing Forum on September 21st at 7:00 pm in the Ridgway Community Center. We need people in the service industry to speak on their need for affordable housing in Ouray County.

It was also mentioned that some people in the community think public transportation is a more important issue than affordable housing. This sounds as if these people would rather have service workers commuting to Ouray County rather than living in Ouray County. This might be viewed as an elitist position.

**C. Clean Energy Committee - Rein van West**

The committee is looking at possibly doing an Energize Project which would include solarization, weatherization, energy efficiency, conservation, small hydro, and geothermal.

The committee is in the process of gathering data for this Energize Project, such as financing, building regulations and permits, federal and state tax credits, rebates, etc, to see if the project is feasible.

Mark Castrodale and Bryan Sampson from the Ouray County Land Use Department are being invited to the next meeting.

The Ridgway Schools/SMPA LED Project is underway. LED bulbs have been ordered for both schools and should be here the first week in August. Then we will be looking for people who can help swap out the CFL bulbs for the LED bulbs.

**D. Public Lands - Rachel Zatterstrom**

The BLM Uncompahgre Field Office's Resource Management Plan has been released and the deadline for public comment is currently September 1, although there is an effort underway by WCC to try to get this deadline extended by 60 days.

Tom McKenney, Jim Stephenson and Bob Green have volunteered to work on the comment letter writing workshop so that we make sure that ROCC members are making the substantive comments that the BLM is looking for.

The Wilderness Society is a good source for information that can be used in the comment letters.

**6. New Business**

**A. Nominating Committee**

Current members are Tom McKenney, John Hollrah, and Jim Stephenson. And Sharon Case has just been appointed to the committee.

**B. Picnic Committee**

Tom McKenney has tentatively offered his house for the picnic, and it was suggested that Nick Williams chair the committee and that the picnic be held on Saturday, August 20th in the afternoon.

**C. Ridgway Candidate Forum - Howard Greene**

Howard was talking to Don Batchelder when Don asked Howard if ROCC might sponsor a candidate forum in Ridgway. Currently WISE holds a candidate forum in the City of Ouray and Log Hill sponsors a small candidate forum, but there is no Ridgway Candidate Forum.

Tom McKenney, Rachel Zatterstrom and Chuck Wyre offered to look into the possibility of such a forum if WISE has no intention of holding a forum in Ridgway. Rachel mentioned that WORC might also be able to help with this forum.

**D. UWP Update - Scott Williams**

Scott thanked ROCC for its RiverFest music sponsorship of \$250.

Scott also said that the Sneffels Creek Stabilization Project (Atlas Mine tailings) is underway and the creek is being rerouted and revegetated to minimize the Atlas Mine tailings from leaching into Sneffels Creek.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.