

ROCC General Meeting Draft Minutes  
Thursday, August 17, 2017  
Ridgway Community Center

Don Swartz, President, brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Announcements - Don Swartz

The WCC Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017 starting at 9:00am in the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2017.

Tom McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes and Al Lowande seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report - Scott Williams

There was no Treasurer's report because Scott Williams is out of town.

4. Old Business

a. Spaghetti Dinner date for 2018 - Chris Pike

Chris asked if we should move the date of the event from February to say March or April. Some members thought moving it to January might be best since there is less snow in January than in February or March.

Roze Evans made a motion to have Chris research moving the dinner to January each year. Kathy Heffernan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Chris asked members to give him names for speakers and/or entertainment. Chris also wants the planning for the event to start earlier, say in the preceding summer, so we have time to get a good speaker and/or entertainment.

Dates for regular planning sessions, a committee head and other arrangements should be set early.

d. ROCC's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 - Chris Pike

We should have a 25th anniversary theme woven into our 2018 promotional materials and perhaps have a 25th anniversary event.

## 5. Committee Reports

### a. Clean Energy - Don Swartz

A grant has been secured for installing an electric vehicle charging station in Ridgway.

The next Clean Energy Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28 at 9:00 am in the SMPA office in Ridgway.

### b. Membership - Roze Evans

See report below on pages 3 thru 6.

Al Lowande stated that WCC has asked ROCC to give them some time to implement their new Salsa Pro database and straighten out membership procedures for all of the community groups including ROCC.

Al made a motion to give WCC until November 30 to straighten out the ROCC membership procedures and convert membership to a calendar year basis. Robyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Dudley Case stated that the Membership Committee should continue its work on reorganizing ROCC's membership procedures and have the new membership procedures ready to go on December 1 should WCC not be able to straighten out ROCC membership procedures.

# ROCC Membership Report August 17, 2017

- WCC is having problems with managing memberships and the affiliate organizations as well as WCC are losing memberships.



# Membership meeting to discuss solutions

- WCC is not able to manage memberships effectively at this point in time
- WCC is not performing the membership duties that we pay them for. (@\$1000 a year or 20% of each membership)
- Consequences - losing memberships because no one knows when to pay their dues.



# Managing our own membership

- ⑥ Austin Ray has agreed to manage ROCC's membership if we choose to go this route.
- ⑥ Change to an annual renewal using calendar year. Everyone renews at the same time. Ways to do this are still being worked out but several options are possible.

# Discussion and possible motions

- ROCC will begin managing our membership data as of (date???). We will no longer pay WCC 20% of membership dues.
- ROCC will give WCC (???) months to get the membership under control. If this happens WCC will continue to manage ROCC's membership. If it doesn't ROCC will begin managing ROCC memberships on (date??) and at that time withdraw the 20% payment to WCC for membership dues.

c. Public Lands - Jim Stephenson

GMUG meetings were held in Ridgway and Montrose on August 1 and August 15 respectively. Both of these meetings we well attended.

Some of the areas that are being recommended for protected area assessment are: Dominguez Canyon, Unaweep Canyon, Bear Creek, Matterhorn Mountain, Mount Baldy, Hope Lake, Albany Gulch, additions to the Sneffels Wilderness Area, Brown Mountain, and many others. None of the proposed areas have jeep roads in them.

d. ROCC Talk - Dudley Case

The next ROCC Talk will be on September 21, at 7:00 pm in the Wright Opera House in Ouray. Kate Kellogg and Dudley are asking Kris Holstrom to talk on composting and organic gardening.

e. Social Justice - Vicki Huggins

The committee is going to let D3 Indivisible take the lead on victim's advocacy and immigrant's rights since they have a number of good leaders in these areas. So the main focus of the committee will be affordable housing.

The next committee meeting will be Monday, August 28 starting at 3:00 pm in the United Church of the San Juans.

The committee is also working on a fall affordable housing forum.

Hilltop is holding a meeting on August 26 at 6:00 pm to raise awareness of victim's advocacy.

f. WCC Legislative Action - Roze Evans

There will be a meeting with Representative McLaughlin in the next month or two in Ridgway. Kathy Heffernan, Tom McKinney, Vicki Huggins and Robyn Cascade have volunteered to help set up this meeting.

There will be a meeting with Don Coram on Thursday, August 31 in Montrose. This meeting will be hosted by WCC and UVA.

g. WCC Report - Al Lowande

On Tuesday, August 15, 2017 Dave Reed resigned as Executive Director of WCC.

The Board of Directors appointed Emily Hornback as the Acting Executive Director until December 31, 2017 or an earlier date if a replacement Executive Director is found and hired.

The Board of Directors also appointed Emily Director of Community Organizing.

Roxanne Dennis resigned from WCC on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. So WCC is now short one organizer.

Jeriel Brammeier is the ROCC and UVA organizer but until WCC's internal reorganization is completed she will not be doing much organizing work with ROCC this year.

Emily and Stephani Soto are in charge of the Annual Conference on August 26th.

At ROCC's next business meeting in October we need to decide what issues we need to have Jeriel help us with.

## 6. New Business

### a. High Alpine Regulation proposed changes - Roze Evans

The former county attorney, Marti Whitmore, told the BOCC that there maybe legal exposure for the county because of the treatment of yurts as structures under the High Alpine Regulation (Section 24 of Land Use Code). Then Mark Castrodale took it upon himself to temporarily exempt yurts from the Section 24 requirements until the Ouray County Planning Commission and the BOCC had time to consider this issue and possibly make changes to Section 24. Then Mark submitted proposed changes to Section 24 for the Planning Commission's consideration.

One of the proposed changes was to change the wording of the maximum size limit for structures from total square footage to total foot print. This would allow much larger structures in the high alpine zone. So this is a change that ROCC would not be in favor of.

There is also a problem in the regulation because it allows 35 acres of non-contiguous parcels to be aggregated to allow one structure to be built.

If the regulation allows yurts to be built pursuant to the non-commercial long term camping regulation, one yurt could be built on each mining claim that is 3 acres or more in size. This would allow much greater density for structures in the high alpine zone.

ROCC needs to have a large presence at the next planning commission meeting on Thursday, September 5 at the Land Use Dept.'s meeting room on Mall Road. This meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

Roze suggested keeping a low public profile and acting fast on this issue. And only making comments to the BOCC, Planning Commission and ROCC members on this issue. We should avoid any letters to the editor for fear of alerting the conservative elements in Ouray County to this issue.



b. Ouray County Fair - Roze Evans

The Ouray County Fairgrounds is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and as part of its celebration it is offering non-profit organizations free table space in the events center to advertise their scholarship programs. ROCC has been invited to do this if we offer scholarships.

c. Highway 550 cleanup - Tom McKinney

Tom said there had been an adopt-a-highway clean up on April 1 and that we would like to have another cleanup this fall. No date has been scheduled yet.

d. Affordable Housing Forum again? What subject or theme? - Chris Pike

Affordable Housing Forum again? What subject or theme?

A “win” needed. Focus on mobile homes and address the current ban by Ouray County on mobile home subdivisions.

c. Bylaw change - hard copy plus duplicate for archives – all minutes. - Chris Pike

Suggested language:

“ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 5.5. **Minutes of Meetings.** There shall be a permanent record of all business meetings. That record shall be made by the Secretary or Acting Secretary and shall include the date, time of the meeting and topics discussed and resolutions passed. A draft copy of the minutes shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled business meeting for review and approval by hand vote by the members in attendance. Minutes shall be preserved in duplicate hard copy as well as stored digitally and/or posted online. The Secretary and Historian shall each retain a record of the meetings in hard copy; with the Historian retaining the originals and the Secretary a duplicate copy.”

*Intent and reason for amendment: In the past, relying on digital storage or paperless has had problems – including perishability and human error and changing software. Files have gotten lost or misplaced and sometimes there has been no way to retrieve them.*

This bylaw change will be discussed at the next meeting.

d. Ridgway Overlay District proposal - Sharon Case

The Town of Ridgway is proposing a new overlay district for the river corridor area in the town. The new regulations for the overlay district adds development restrictions that could seriously impact the ability of the Railroad Museum and

Ranch History Museum to carry out their development plans for Charlie Ergens' 18 acre parcel, which is entirely within this overlay district.

Members interested in this issue should attend the next Ridgway Town Council work session on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 pm in the Ridgway Community Center.

#### 7. Adjournment

Jim Stephenson made a motion to adjourn. Roze Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.