

ROCC BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 17,2019

Ridgway High School Library

Present: Don Swartz
Kate Kellogg
Scott Williams
Kathy and Don Heffernan
Roze Evans and Al Lowende
Dave Jones
Judy Chamberlin
Val Szwarc
Rod Colburn
Carolyn Dressler
Secretary: Linda Browning

The meeting was called to order by Kate Kellogg. She requested the approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2019 Meeting. Upon motion by Kathy Heffernan with a second by Scott Williams, the Minutes were adopted and approved.

Kate next asked for volunteers to chair the spaghetti dinner to be held in February, 2020. This event raises funds for ROCC. The dinner also includes a speaker which will need to be selected by the committee. It was suggested that the speaker focus on high alpine issues. No one volunteered for the position at this time. Kate will seek to fill the position at the October board meeting.

Kate announced that the Minutes of the Board and Business Meetings are now password protected. The password has been given to all members.

A discussion was opened to determine whether to replace the regular business meeting board meetings only which would be open to all members. The ROCC annual meeting and potluck would continue for all members. It was pointed out that the ROCC By Laws require approval on all matters from the Board as well as the membership. ROCC intended to be a grassroots organization. It was pointed out that only grants over \$500 required approval by the membership.

Scott Williams suggested a change to the By Laws to have the Board of Directors (BOD) make decisions that would not then require membership approval. He suggested the BOD would also meet on a more regular basis.

The discussion continued on how to keep the membership informed of decisions, activities and items of concern. Currently, all members receive ROCC ALERTS. Concern was voiced over their effectiveness in getting members to attend town meetings and the BOCC. Discussion to continue on how to more effectively involve the membership.

Having listened to the discussion, Roze Evans moved to leave the decision for speakers and the structure of the meeting to the Co-Presidents. Upon a second by Don Swartz, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

Scott Williams reported a balance in the account of \$37,276.01. He further noted that total income through 7/15/2019 was \$12,509.57 with total expenses/grants for the same period of \$6,297.05 resulting in net income of \$6,212.52 as of 7/15/2019.

Don Swartz discussed the use of funds from a special donation that has been made and requested the grant committee meet to discuss its use. Dave Jones to set up meeting of committee to discuss this donation and to focus its use on the mission of ROCC.

Land Use Report:

Kate Kellogg reported on attendance at the BOCC on July 10, 2019. No action was taken on the changes being considered on the non-commercial camping ordinance. BOCC will continue to work on changes to the ordinance at future meetings. Al recommended that ROCC Alerts specific to the BOCC meetings at which changes are being worked on be sent to the membership to encourage attendance at these meetings.

Dark Skies:

Val Szwarc reported on recommendations to the Ridgway Town Council and their review of a lighting ordinance in the August and September council meetings. Encouraged support from ROCC membership at these meetings. Agreement was reached between the IDA, Town of Ridgway and the ROCC Dark Sky committee on an update to Ridgway's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

Social Justice Report:

See attached copy provided by Kathy Heffernan

ROCC Talks:

Kate Kellogg reported that only one talk has been scheduled. The speaker will be Kori Keil of the Montrose Public Defender's Office. She will speak on Cash Bail Reform. A date has yet to be determined.

Clean Energy:

Dave Jones reported that the Town of Ridgway is still investigating how, and if possible, to recycle plastic bags. The Town recently eliminated use of plastic bags in stores.

Legislative Action: Roze Evans reported that through WCA , 41 bills were monitored and lobbied for/against. Of this number, 20 bills were supported and passed by the legislature. One was opposed. A full report is available in the Clarion Newsletter.

Membership:

Austin Ray provided an updated report. A copy is attached.

Public Lands:

No report

WCA:

Al Lowende reported that WCA has spent much time developing its platform and that any issues being worked on must be supported by this platform. Oil and gas regulations continue to be a major platform issue.

Old Business:

Tom Heffernan reported that the May 19 clean up along the roadways was a success. More volunteers were needed and will be needed for the Fall clean up.

The meeting was adjourned.