

MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
RIDGWAY OURAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 8, 2021  
HELD VIA ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:     Kate Kellogg           Vicki Warner Huggins  
                              Scott Williams       Patsy Miller  
                              Dave Jones           Dudley Case  
                              Al Lowande           Roze Evans  
                              Diane Thompson     Rein Van West  
                              Don Swartz           Robin Cascade  
                              Austin Ray           Carolyn Ray  
                              Val Szwarc  
                              Rich Niemeier       Anthony Gegauff  
                              Kathy Heffernan     Tom Heffernan  
                              Ames Risch          Karen Fehringer  
                              Jennifer Cramer     Linda Browning, Secretary

Guests:           Emily Hornback, Western Colorado Alliance  
                      Noah Shaw, PACT Outdoors

Emily Hornback was introduced to give an update on WCA activities. She advised that WCA is still looking for an Ouray County/Southwestern Slope organizer. This position, along with the existing organizer positions, will become even more important as WCA goes forward in 2022 with a program of Deep Canvassing in the core counties. Deep Canvassing will consist of one on one conversations with individuals, both members and non-members at their homes. The goal of the WCA board is to increase the base of support in order to address issues with elected officials. Both WCA and ROCC are non-partisan organizations and, as such, do not support candidates. A schedule of areas to be canvassed has been developed.

Emily went on to applaud all the participation and involvement of ROCC member, Al Lowande. He has been ROCC's representative to WCA for several years and was recently recognized by WCA for his efforts.

Vicki Warner Huggins announced that the annual spaghetti dinner normally held in February will not be held. A new format will be formulated for the annual dinner to be held at a date to be determined sometime in the spring as an outdoor event.

The minutes of the ROCC meeting held September 23,2021 were presented for approval. With a motion by Al Lowande and a second by Kathy Heffernan, the minutes were approved as presented.

Scott Williams then presented the financial report for the period 12/1/2020 through 11/30/2021. Income for the period was \$10,998.10 and expenses totaled \$10,158.97 resulting in a net income of \$839.13. Scott also presented the proposed budget for the period 12/1/2021 through 11/30/2022. The proposed budget showed income of \$10,005.00 and expenses of \$13,480.00 resulting in a net loss of \$3,475.00. The proposed budget included a \$5,000 expenditure for legal fees for the filing of an Amicus brief in the County Road 5 matter.

Vicki advised the membership that the board, meeting in executive session, approved going forward with asking for member approval of this expenditure. Following a discussion by the membership, Dave Jones moved to approve the estimated expenditure of \$5,000 by ROCC for legal fees for the filing of the Amicus brief. With a second by Al Lowande, the membership voted unanimously to approve this expenditure.

Scott next brought to the members attention, that no amount had been budgeted for General Grants for the upcoming year. He asked for input as to an appropriate amount. It was suggested we continue with the same amount as in the prior year which was \$4,000.00. The membership agreed and upon motion by Dave Jones with a second by Roze Evans, the proposed budget as modified by the inclusion of the general grants amount was approved.

Diane Thompson then introduced Noah Shaw of PACT Outdoors in Gunnison, CO. Noah presented the membership with the PACT KIT, an all-inclusive, outdoor bathroom kit. The kit contains, small trowel, wipes, and mycelium pills. He explained the wipes are compostable and mycelium helps to break down the waste more quickly. The kit is small and easily carried in a day pack. It is being sold directly to users online.

Diane urged members to become more familiar with the product as a way of educating the public on tools available for healthy backcountry hiking and waste disposal. Diane plans for the Public Lands committee to continue its efforts this summer at the Blue Lakes trailhead. A detailed report of Public Land Use can be found on the ROCC website.

Additionally, detailed committee reports are posted on the ROCC website. Each report highlights the 2021 accomplishments and the 2022 goals. Reports are available for: Clean Energy Committee, Dark Sky Committee, Land Use Committee, Membership Committee, and Public Lands Committee.

The following slate of officers was presented to the membership for consideration:

Co-President	Vicki Warner Huggins	12/2022
Co-President	Richard Niemeier	12/2023
Communications	Austin Ray	12/2022
Secretary	Linda Browning	12/2022
WCA Rep	Al Lowande	12/2022
WCA ALT Rep	Diane Thompson	12/2022
Treasurer	Anthony Gegauff	12/2022
Director	Tom Heffernan	12/2022
Director	Ames Risch	12/2023
Director	Scott Williams	12/2022
Director	Open	12/2023
Past President	Kate Kellogg	12/2022

With a motion by Dave Jones and a second by Diane Thompson, the slate of officers was approved as presented.

The meeting was adjourned.

ADDENDUM: On December 17, 2021, Val Szwarc, was elected to fill the open director position by a vote of officers via e-mail.