

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
RIDGWAY OURAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD JANUARY 18, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:	CAROLYN DRESLER	DICK GINGERY
	DON SWARTZ	VICKI WARNER HUGGINS
	KATHY HEFFERNAN	TOM HEFFERNAN
	GENE ULRICH	REIN VAN WEST
	KATE KELLOGG	DAN KIGAR
	VAL SZWARC	RICH NIEMEIER
	ANTHONY GEGAUFF	AUSTIN RAY
	ROZE EVANS	AL LOWANDE
	MIKE PERKOVICH	LINDA BROWNING, SECRETARY

Carolyn Dresler called the meeting to order to discuss the organization and type of meetings to be held in 2024 for ROCC. Following the discussion, Roze Evans moved that ROCC meetings be rotated between general business meetings and meetings featuring a speaker or activity selected by a committee. Val Szwarc ask to amend the motion to allow the general membership to select topics/speakers along with the committee. Vicki Warner Huggins seconded the motion, as amended, and it was approved.

Going forward business meetings will be held in the odd months with an activity or ROCC talk taking place in the even months. To be clear, business meetings will be held in March, May, July and September. ROCC activities or talks will take place in April, June, August and October. The annual meeting will continue to take place in December.

No formal committee was appointed. Instead, the Co-Presidents, Carolyn Dresler and Dick Gingery, will randomly select one of the standing ROCC committees to organize speakers or activities for the even months.

Carolyn Dresler recommended that ROCC leadership attend a training session with our WCA organizer in the first quarter of each year to enhance their meeting facilitation skills. With a motion by Linda Browning and a second by Val Szwarc, Carolyn's recommendation was approved.

Carolyn requested that by March 7, 2024, the ROCC board, committee chairs, and interested ROCC members attend a 2 hour training on conducting one on one conversations with the community to educate them on the activities of ROCC and to learn about their concerns. Roze Evans moved to approve this request as presented. With a second by Linda Browning, the motion carried.

Carolyn announced that ROCC has been given the opportunity by WCA to send one individual to the “Principles of Community Organizing” training to be held in Billings, Montana from April 8 through 11, 2024. Carolyn asked for volunteers at which time Linda Browning volunteered to attend. Rein Van West moved to approve Linda as the representative for ROCC to attend this training. With a second by Rich Niemeier, the motion was approved.

For the past couple of years, the Western Colorado Alliance (WCA) has promoted youth involvement through an initiative called Western Slope Youth Voice. ROCC leadership would like to encourage local youth to become more involved by bringing this program to Ouray County. By July, 2024, Dick Gingery will contact Todd Lokey and Beth Lakin to introduce this program to them and to encourage youth involvement. Al Lowande moved to approve Dick contacting these individuals. With a second by Rein Van West, the motion carried.

One of the goals of the training approved earlier, is to give leadership, including committee chairs and members, the tools to engage with the community to encourage membership and participation in ROCC. The goal would be for each of these individuals to contact 3 to 5 members of the community with the focus on individuals 30 to 50 years old. Dan Kigar made a motion to this effect and with a second by Tom Heffernan, it was agreed to work toward accomplishing this goal by June, 2024.

Additionally, Roze Evans moved for the Membership Committee to focus on contacting residents of the City of Ouray with the goal of obtaining 5 to 10 new members from there. Kathy Heffernan seconded the motion. The Committee is to complete this effort by June, 2024.

The members present recommended that the Social Justice Committee meet with our WCA organizer, Bianca Diaz, by May, 2024 to assess how Bianca could best

support the committee with a campaign to enroll youth of Ouray County in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Carolyn Dresler then asked for the approval of the Minutes of the annual membership meeting held December 8, 2023. With a motion by Austin Ray and a second by Rich Niemeier, the Minutes were approved as presented.

The membership next discussed the Treasurer's Report. At the September 21, 2023 meeting, the Treasurer was instructed to provide the report to the Board Members and Committee Chairs by e-mail one week prior to a scheduled meeting. Several questions were raised as a result. It was noted that ROCC's contribution to the WCA for 2023 was not made. Rich Niemeier moved for ROCC to contribute \$1,500 to WCA for 2024 within the next 30 days. With a second by Rein Van West, the Treasurer was instructed to make this payment.

A discussion followed regarding the timing and posting of the Treasurer's Report. Dan Kigar moved that the Report be prepared quarterly and submitted to the Board and Committee Chairs within 15 days following the quarter for review at the next general business meeting. Rein Van West seconded this motion and it was approved.

Val Szwarc asked the Treasurer whether a budget for 2024 had been prepared and presented for approval. The Treasurer reported that he had not prepared a budget for 2024 as he did not feel he had sufficient information to do so.

Rich Niemeier proposed that the annual budget for the following year be presented at the annual meetings held in December. Much discussion took place regarding the timing and methods for calculating an annual budget. This included getting input from the Committee Chairs for expenditures expected in the following year. As no conclusions were made regarding the budgeting process, the members agreed to establish a Budgeting process for 2025 and beyond at the March 21, 2024 meeting.

The Treasurer was asked to develop a 2024 budget and deliver it to the Board and Committee Chairs by February 29, 2024. He agreed to do so.

Carolyn Dresler reminded members that Agenda items need to be sent to her one week in advance of the meetings. For the March meeting, the deadline will be March 14. She also encouraged Committee Chairs to file their reports on the ROCC website by Monday before the business meetings.

Meeting adjourned