

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
RIDGWAY OURAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:	SCOTT WILLIAMS	DICK GINGERY
	VAL SZWARC	AUSTIN RAY
	CAROLYN DRESLER	DAN KIGAR
	DUDLEY CASE	REIN VAN WEST
	KATE KELLOGG	MICHAEL PERKOVICH (partial)
	LINDA BROWNING	BIANCA DIAZ (WCA)

Carolyn Dresler called the meeting via Zoom to order. She requested approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held January 18, 2024. Rein Van West moved that the posted Minutes be approved. With a motion by Val Szwarc, the minutes were approved.

Val Szwarc reported that ROCC will host a presentation on Dark Sky activities in Colorado on April 25 at the Space to Create. It will last approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours and will cover other communities/parks seeking to obtain Dark Sky Certification. He pointed out that the Ridgway State Park is currently in the process of being certified.

The Co-Presidents reported that they had randomly made committee assignments for being responsible for organizing talks/activities in the even months for 2024 as follows:

April-Dark Sky	June-ROCC N BY THE RIVER Picnic
August-Clean Energy	October-Clean Energy
December-Annual Meeting	

Carolyn Dresler reported she had received an application from UWP for a grant from ROCC. She will circulate the request along with the scoring sheet to the board members during April for a final decision to be made via e-mail prior to the next general meeting.

Committee chairs and members were encouraged to work on the goals established at the January 18 meeting for engaging with the community to encourage membership and participation with ROCC. The goals established were:

Contact 3 to 5 individuals focusing on those 30 to 50 years old
Contact Town of Ouray residents to obtain 5 to 10 new members

Carolyn reported that 7 members attended training given by Bianca Diaz on setting strategic goals and engaging in one-on-one meetings with community members. This training took place on March 4.

Dick Gingery will be talking to the local school administrators to introduce the WCA initiative called Western Slope Youth Voice. ROCC wants to encourage more youth participation in the Community.

Bianca Diaz, our WCA organizer, met with the Social Justice Committee to identify and implement its strategic goals for 2024.

Kate Kellogg, as chair of ROCC talks, reported she is still in conversation with Jason LaBelle for a talk in the Fall. He is an archeologist and would be talking about the ancient history of the Ute Indians in our area.

Linda Browning gave an update on the details for the ROCC N BY THE RIVER dinner to be held on Friday, June 28, 2024. Carolyn and Dick voiced concerns over the selection of Rib City as the caterer. Prior to the meeting Linda had contacted several Ouray County providers to obtain bids. Only two were available on that date with the lowest price offered being \$50 per person. Rib City's price is \$18.50 per person. Dick also voiced concerns over having a vegan option and asked that Linda contact Mi Mexico in Ouray to see if they would provide vegan/vegetarian options. Linda agreed to do so.

Scott Williams reported on findings disclosed at the recent meeting of the Board of County Commissions for Ouray County (BOCC) pertaining to the Red Mountain Alpine Lodge. The findings revealed a number of possible failures of RMAL to comply with the High Alpine Regulations for Ouray County. These recent findings concerned: approval of more floor area than allowed, demolition of historic structure, approved versus actual occupancy at RMAL, number of accessory

structures, long term use of temporary camping structures (yurts) and parking on Red Mountain pass.

The members present determined it was important for ROCC to take a firm position with BOCC regarding the enforcement of the High Alpine Regulations. A letter drafted by Scott Williams was presented for review by the members. The letter itemized the regulations of concern and further requested a full investigation by BOCC of the issues raised by the RMAL. It also requested that BOCC place a moratorium on issuing any permits in the High Alpine Zone until the completion of their investigation. Val Szwarc made a motion to approve the letter to the BOCC as drafted by Scott. With a second by Linda Browning, the members unanimously approved sending the letter to the BOCC.

Rein Van West next asked the membership to consider the resignation of Dan Kigar as a Director at Large as he has now accepted the position as the WCA representative for ROCC. He then offered the name of Roza Evans to fill the vacant Director at Large position. Upon a motion by Carolyn Dresler and a second by Dick Gingery, Roze Evans was elected as a Director at Large to fill the position vacated by Dan Kigar.

Rein once again made a request to the membership for individuals to join the Nominating Committee. The Committee has had the same 3 members for a number of years and having a more diverse and inclusive committee is desirable.

Austin Ray, as the Treasurer, then reviewed the 2024 Budget for ROCC in detail. He pointed out that each Committee was budgeted \$500 for expenditures as part of the budget. The amount of \$4,000 has been budgeted for grants. Since the 2024 budget was delayed, the membership agreed to extend the application deadline to May 1, 2024 and to run an ad in the Plaindealer notifying the public of this new deadline.

Following a close review of the 2024 budget, Scott Williams moved to approve the budget a presented with the addition of the amounts for the committee expenses. With a second by Rein Van West, the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be May 16 at the 4-H Event Center in Ridgway. Meeting adjourned.