

Uncompahgre Valley Association
March 22, 2010

The movie FRESH was shown to a group of about 50 people. This movie encourages viewers to take a healthier approach to eating and purchasing organic farm products.

Present for meeting: Jim Riddell, Diane Thompson and Helen Pederson, Regina Sowell, Marv Ballantyne, Shirley, Roland, Beth Gibson, Noalani Terry, Darrell Weingard, Stu Krebs, Irma Hoffman, Dale and Mrs. Reed, Steve and Lesley Hallenborg

Minutes for Jan. and Feb. meetings were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: Balance \$4509.90

No expenditures or deposits

Beth reported on the publication of the Connections magazine. Marv is writing on the proposed uranium mill for next month. Beth said if we were going to sign up for 6 more months, she would like to see more involvement from UVA members.

For Earth Day, April 22, WSERC will be showing Patagonia Wild and Scenic at the Egyptian Theatre. On Sat. March 27, WCC is showing another movie along this same theme in Grand Junction.

Roland said we might want to change our logo for UVA, "that it was from the dark ages". He felt the logo should be more colorful. A suggestion was made for a competition to come up with a new logo. Beth suggested we take more than a month to accomplish this. Jim moved and Roland seconded that we submit a new logo for UVA at the May meeting.

Marv asked for comments and letters to the CDHPE re social, employment, economics concerns on the Pinon Riddge mill. Marv stated that the uranium for this mill would be coming from Cotter Co and this company is involved in prior cleanup. Concerns that the public had would be addressed at public hearings to be arranged by Marv and Dr. Diesel, Curracanti Medical Society.

Noalani Meeting of Rocky Mtn.??

Stu received a letter from Mary Wood and John ??.... who wrote a letter regarding proposed uranium mill sent to county commissioners.

WCC liason – Marv 501C3 round table wants to hire a coordinator/convener for a part time position. UVA has an agreement with WCC for funding which can be used to "purchase" benefits. Support of WCC is critical. Each group w/in WCC will continue to fund the lobbyists.

Shirley reported on the San Juan Corridor. She stated that the wild life escape ramps are almost complete. Fencing is becoming well used in the southwest area between I-70 near Glenwood,

Hwy 82 near Carbondale. Bridges on 550 could be modified at some point to be used for wildlife movement. An expensive project near Hwy 160 is using sensors to detect movement which activates signs as a method to avoid animal collision. Wildlife forum April 8 @ 5pm at Ridgway Comm. Center. Montrose City Council on March 18 passed river buffer on first reading, 40/60- 100' foot buffer. FORU reported at this meeting and suggested ordinances that addressed a variety of issues. This language should be included in the ordinance to make it effective. Roland said UVA should be more involved in this because FORU is not happy with the outcome. Discussion on how UVA could be involved in this process. A volunteer was needed to present to city council, no one came forward.

Montrose Botanical Society sent a notice asking if we'd like to continue our support. A motion came before the group and was carried to send \$100 to them again.

Jim mentioned the lobby trip to send delegates to the State Legislature. It has been postponed to a date in early April. He is looking for members to attend this trip. Chuck???... has done a great job of introductions at the capital. Marv mentioned a dilemma on a Clean Air and Jobs Bill, power plants would be changed to natural gas, and asked what position UVA should take?

Roland announced an event on May 3, Help for Hard Times for individuals who need assistance. He is looking for volunteers to help at this event, again no one came forward.

Lesley mentioned that each month the same UVA members attended the meetings and that each attendee is very involved in the community already. It was suggested that a membership drive should be conducted or that when we host a movie night, we should not attempt to have a business meeting as well and spend time conversing with our guest in an attempt to encourage new membership.

Thursday is the annual Knowledge Bowl. UVA will be participating and Jim is asking for someone to take his place. Lesley Hallenborg did volunteer for this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Hallenborg