

Sangre de Cristo Ranch Owners, Inc. Membership Meetings	Zoom meeting ID: 834 9260 1289 Zoom passcode: 543203
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**SCRO Membership Quarterly Meeting for Spring 2026
Saturday, May 2, 2026, 10:00am-12:30pm on Zoom**

The general public is welcome to attend this meeting and to participate in any, and all, presentations and discussions

Only SCRO members may participate in votes

Agenda Packet

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/prer5uav>
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Call to order

Welcome to all!

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Community members may participate in any discussion that occurs during this meeting even if they are not a member of SCRO. The first time during the meeting you are recognized and invited to speak, please state your name and your relationship with the community. Then, begin your comments. Comments are to be respectful (i.e., no personal attacks) and relevant to the Sangre de Cristo Ranches community. Please be aware that your comments are being audio- and video-recorded and will subsequently be published to a publicly accessible website.

Town hall

All four candidates for Costilla County Sheriff were invited to participate. Jason Maestras declined to participate and Cruz Soto did not respond to the invitation; they are the two candidates running in the upcoming democratic primary.

The meeting chair, Board Member Frase, will ask the speakers questions. In some cases, questions may be taken from the audience.

The scheduled speakers are listed below; the order of speakers may vary from what is shown here due to some participants juggling multiple time commitments.

Adam Moore – Supervisory Forester, Alamosa Field Office, Colorado State Forest Service
& **Daniel Boyes** – Executive Director, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project

- speaking on the Costilla County Wildfire Ready Action Plan & Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Lucas Casias – Emergency Management Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Costilla County

- speaking on the purpose and function of the Costilla County Office of Emergency Management

Joe Smith – Costilla County Interim Sheriff

- speaking on the rebuilding of the Costilla County Sheriff's Office

Kirk Taylor – Republican candidate for Costilla County Sheriff; his qualifications for office

- being interviewed on his qualifications for office

Paul Quintana – Independent candidate for Costilla County Sheriff; his qualifications for office

- being interviewed on his qualifications for office

Roll call

Six non-board members and four board members are required for a quorum.

Board Members

President: Nancy Frase

Vice-President Josabeth (Jo) Way

Secretary: Mike Powell

Treasurer: Dagmara (Mara) Rodriguez-Walters

At Large Member: Scott Cessac

At Large Member: Margie Palmer

At Large Member: Vacant

SCRO Members

SCRO members will be asked to identify themselves

Confirmation of a quorum

Board Member Rodriguez-Walters will determine if there is a quorum

Review of agenda

Discussion: Consider requests for modifications to the agenda

Review of meeting minutes

Discussion: Consider requests for modifications to the minutes from the August 2nd, 2025, annual membership meeting (see attachment “SCRO Annual Membership Meeting: August 2, 2025”)

Vote by voice: Motion to “approve the minutes from the August 2nd, 2025, annual membership meeting as presented [with the following amendments...]”

Discussion: Consider requests for modifications to the minutes from the November 1st, 2025, quarterly membership meeting (see attachment “SCRO Quarterly Membership Meeting for Fall 2025”)

Vote by voice: Motion to “approve the minutes from the November 1st, 2025, quarterly membership meeting as presented [with the following amendments...]”

Discussion: Consider requests for modifications to the minutes from the January 31st, 2026, quarterly membership meeting (see attachment “SCRO Quarterly Membership Meeting for Winter 2026”)

Vote by voice: Motion to “approve the minutes from the January 31st, 2026, quarterly membership meeting as presented [with the following amendments...]”

Financial and membership reports

Discussion: Board Member Rodriguez-Walters to review the attached financial and membership reports

Annual Meeting (August 8th)

- Saturday, August 8th, 3:00-6:00pm
- Hybrid format: Simultaneously in-person (Fort Garland Museum Mess Hall) and on Zoom
- A late lunch will be provided for those attending in person
- Date was moved out a week (from 8/1 to 8/8) because the mess hall was not available on 8/1
- Guest speaker(s) and food at 3:00pm, business meeting immediately following (approximately 4:00 or 4:30pm)
- Elections for board positions and voting on amendments to governing documents to be conducted ahead of the annual meeting via written ballots (no voting will occur during the annual meeting)
 - Ballots to be sent to members around the first week of July, must be returned by Aug 4th via email or USPS
 - To be eligible to vote, your membership must be in good standing on May 31st, 2026
 - Make sure your contact information, especially emails addresses, are up-to-date in SCRO’s records

- Any member of SCRO who is willing to be considered for a board position needs to contact the board by May 14th to be placed on the ballot (self-nomination)
- During the Aug 8th business meeting, a discussion will be held concerning the members' wishes pertaining to plural memberships (multiple voting shares for members who own more than one lot in the Ranches)

Announcements

Board meetings (public welcome)

- The next regular board meeting is Thursday, May 7th, 8:30-10:00am on Zoom

Social activities:

- The next social event is Saturday, June 13th: "Beautification Day" spent on rehabbing the six welcome signs for the Ranches subdivision; meet at 9:00am at Veterans Park
- On July 4th, SCRO will be handing out cold water bottles and soda cans during the celebrations in San Luis

Membership meeting (public welcome):

- The next membership meeting is the annual meeting on Saturday, August 8th

Community Input on topics not included in the agenda

Community members may speak even if they are not a member of SCRO. When you are recognized, please unmute your mic, then state your name and your relationship with the community. Then, begin your comments. You are encouraged to be prepared, and comments will be limited to five minutes. Comments are to be respectful (i.e., no personal attacks) and relevant to the Sangre de Cristo Ranches community. Please be aware that your comments are being audio- and video-recorded and will subsequently be published to a publicly accessible website.

Board member comments on topics not included in the agenda

Board members may respond to community input and/or provide any supplemental information or announcements.

Adjourn

About Zoom

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SCRO Annual Membership Meeting
~~**SCRO Annual Board Meeting**~~
August 2, 2025

Start: 12:25 PM

SCRO Board Members Present:

Mike Powell, President
Tina Squire, Secretary/Treasurer
Wade Eppler, At Large
Troy Way, At Large

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance 07/31/2024 -	\$33,371.41
Ending Balance 06/30/2025 -	<u>\$27,970.44</u>
Year to Date Expenses -	\$ 5,400.97

Nominations:

President: Nancy Frase
Vice President: VACANT
Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Powell
At Large (1): Josabeth Way
At Large (2)
At Large (3)

Vote: Unanimous; all nominations elected

Comments:

Wade Eppler:

Wade resigned from SCRO Board due to conflicts with other duties. Wade did offer use of American Legion Post in San Luis for board meetings and events whenever needed (provided no conflict with AL activities).

Steve Navratil:

Steve brought up concerns from Lynn King regarding previous college scholarships that were provided by SCRO and/or individual members. Funds were obtained by use of selling recyclable materials (ie aluminum cans).

Discussed website Unreal Engine (<https://www.unrealengine.com/en-US>) use for learning/training purposes for individuals and school students as way to help disadvantaged youths of the area.

Discussed possibility of community meeting for brainstorming; consulting with Nicole Langley (grant writer) for obtaining grants for fire mitigation, water rights, and other pertinent services;

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

County Code Enforcement: illegal ponds, building, etc;

Water Rights: Fort Garland water out of service, no water supply;

Crime: theft/animal abuse/lack of county response;

Lack of respect, lack of participation, lack of cooperation of residents;

Fort Garland Revitalization Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:45PM

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SCRO Quarterly Membership Meeting for Fall 2025
Saturday, November 1, 2025, 10:00am-12:00pm on Zoom

Draft Meeting Minutes

Bracketed numbers show the related time marks within the video recording of the meeting

Call to Order [01:08]

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by the meeting chairperson, Board Member Frase.

Guest speaker [02:08]:

Costilla County Wildfire Ready Action Plan (WRAP) & Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Daniel Boyes, Executive Director, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP)

(See attachment titled, "Costilla County Wildfire...")

Roll Call [45:35]

Board members:

President: Nancy Frase – PRESENT
Vice-President: Jo Way – PRESENT
Secretary: Mike Powell – ABSENT
Treasurer: Mara Rodriguez-Walters – PRESENT
At-Large Member: Steve Navratil – PRESENT
At-Large Member: Scott Cessac – ABSENT
At-Large Member: Position VACANT

Four of six board members were present at roll call.

General members (identified at a later time in the meeting):

Margie Palmer
Tim Palmer
Troy Way
Chris Cuff

Three general members were present at roll call; a fourth member joined at 11:48am.

Four board members and six general members are required for a quorum; thus, a quorum was not established.

Review of Agenda [46:46]

The membership considered requests for modifications to the agenda; no requests were heard.

Due to the lack of a quorum, a vote could not be held to approve the agenda. The membership continued with the meeting as if the agenda had been approved.

Review of meeting minutes [47:10]

The membership considered requests for modifications to the minutes from the August 2nd, 2025, annual membership meeting. (Note: The agenda and Board Member Frase mistakenly referred to them as the “September 4th board meeting minutes”.) One request was heard from Board Member Frase: The title of the minutes should be changed to “SCRO Annual Membership Meeting”.

Due to the lack of a quorum, a vote could not be held to approve the meeting minutes. The draft meeting minutes will be re-presented at the next membership meeting for approval.

Introduction of board members [47:48]

The board members in attendance introduced themselves, along with the board candidate (Margie Palmer) who will be considered for appointment to the board during the November 6th regular board meeting.

At the end of the board introductions, general members in attendance were identified.

Updated website [56:50]

Board Member Frase provided a summary of recent updates to SCRO’s website. These updates include:

- Up-to-date meeting minutes & governing documents
- Social events
- Maps
- SCRO’s progress on community and administrative priorities
- Fixed the “wonkiness” of webpages on mobile interfaces

Board Member Frase accepted an action item to create direct access to the “contact/dues” webpage on the homepage of the website.

Announcements [58:53]

Board Member Frase reviewed the upcoming social activities, membership meetings, and board meetings listed in the agenda, noting that details for all events will be posted to the website. She also noted that Board Member Powell is coordinating all the social activities; he can be reached by sending an email to communityscro@gmail.com (the email will be forwarded to Board Member Powell).

Board Member Way called attention to community events (not sponsored by SCRO) that are scheduled for those same days and may conflict with SCRO’s planned events:

- Fort Garland Museum is going to have a Christmas Toy Drive on November 22nd from 10am to 2pm
- On December 20th, it is tradition for community members (from the community at large, not just SCRO members) to go to Mrs. Rio's in San Luis and then go to the town's holiday event (parade, gift give-away, etc.) that is located just down the street from Mrs. Rio's.

Community-focused priorities: Access to water [1:01:15]

Board Member Frase highlighted one major update to SCRO's website, which is the addition of webpages related to SCRO's priorities. There are two types of priorities and there is a webpage for each of those types: community-focused (access to water, trash service, wildfire preparedness, etc.) and administrative (how meetings are conducted, how elections are conducted, bylaws, etc.). All priorities that are currently on the board's "radar" are listed on these "priorities" webpages. Users of the website can "drill down" on any given priority to read what progress has been made on that priority. General (non-board) SCRO members and community members are encouraged to explore these webpages while considering which efforts to which they would like to contribute.

Concerning the community-focused priority of access to water for cisterns, Board Member Frase noted that Fort Garland Water and Sanitation District restored their bulk water sales for cisterns about a month ago. Thus, the short-term water crisis has been resolved. However, there is still the long-term concern that access could be shut off again at any given point in the future.

Board Member Frase reviewed the handout contained in the agenda packet labeled "SCRO-Led Facilitation..." As a prelude to the review of the handout, she noted that SCRO's board is waiting to hear back from their water rights attorney on what next steps, if any, the attorney recommends the board take.

The "SCRO-Led Facilitation..." document outlines how SCRO might help facilitation communication within the community and between governmental and private entities who are taking steps to address this long-term concern and provide as much support to those entities as possible. If some part of the identified solution is not being addressed by any established entity, SCRO might consider taking proactive steps to fill that hole. However, SCRO's preferred approach is to encourage the community to implement solutions. The document illustrates the components of the problem/solution and assigns each component to a specific board member who is to liaison with the community regarding that component.

Community-focused priorities: Social connection [1:09:12]

Board Member Frase noted that Board Member Way has prepared a presentation for the board on social connection but has not yet had a chance to present it to the board.

Board Member Frase summarized the steps the board has already taken to enhance social connection within the community, especially in the wake of the SCRO meetings being moved to a Zoom format. Those steps include:

- Encouraging people to meet in small groups (i.e., brunch at someone's house) to attend the Zoom meetings as a group

- Working towards creating a hybrid meeting space where people could attend either in person or on Zoom; there are technological challenges associated with this that will take time and money to address
- Working towards creating a community meeting space (clubhouse?) that would be funded and managed by SCRO and/or the Ranches community

Community-focused priorities: Economic development & growth [1:10:30]

Board Member Frase noted that Board Member Way has prepared a presentation for the board on economic development and growth but has not yet had a chance to present it to the board.

Board Member Frase mentioned that she had, in the agenda packet, used the term “master plan” in relation to this agenda item. However, since the publication of the agenda, she has come to realize that the better term would be “comprehensive plan.” A master plan typically captures the plan for the placement of geographic zones and infrastructure for a community; that is not – at all – what this plan would be about. Rather, it would be about things like community culture, priorities, assets, problems that need to be solved such as water, fire, theft, etc. and how we might fix those problems, how we improve employment opportunities, how we might keep a grocery store in town, how we can have better representation in local government, how we attract a satellite medical office, how we establish affordable housing, and so on. The term “comprehensive plan” would better fit for such a plan. Board Member Frase mentioned her plan to lead the development of a comprehensive plan for the Ranches community (action item #310).

The board is working to provide, on SCRO’s website, a listing of local businesses that are willing to serve the Ranches community. The business owners would not need to be a member of SCRO or even a member of the Ranches community. However, listings for businesses owned by SCRO members would be highlighted in some way.

Administrative priorities: Governing documents [1:12:44]

Board Member Frase noted that SCRO is currently a 501(c)(4) nonprofit. This means that we are unable to apply for grants needed for the larger projects we would like to implement. The board is considering how we might either reorganize as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, or partner with 501(c)(3) nonprofits that could act as financial agents for such grants.

The board is working on creating a strategic plan for SCRO. While the aforementioned comprehensive plan would apply to the Ranches community (and maybe Ft Garland?), the strategic plan would be specific to SCRO and how SCRO wants to interact with the community. Board Member Frase mentioned her plan to lead the development of a strategic plan for SCRO (action item #309).

SCRO currently has articles of incorporation (the most superior form of organizational legislation) and bylaws. If there is a conflict between those two legal instruments, the articles of incorporation would supersede the bylaws. The board is working to create a set of protocols that detail how SCRO implements the requirements listed in the two existing instruments. For example, the bylaws stipulate how often board meetings need to occur while the protocols would stipulate on what days, at what time, and in what venue those meetings would occur. Also, the bylaws do not indicate whether there will be guest

speaker presentations at the membership meetings, but the protocols might provide some guidance on that and on how the guest speakers are to be recruited. The protocols could provide guidance on, for example, how many social events we typically plan in a year. As the protocols are created, the board will likely find specifications that really should be in the bylaws rather than in the protocols. In that case, we could rewrite the bylaws and articles of incorporation when/if we reorganize as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Administrative priorities: Finances [1:14:48]

Board Member Frase reviewed the financial summary from the past three years that was included in the agenda packet. The related internal financial audit is still ongoing so it is unclear if the figures contained in the summary are fully accurate. However, they are likely substantially accurate. Board Member Frase provided the reason she included three years' worth of data in the summary: The activity level of SCRO has vacillated dramatically over the past several years which makes developing a realistic budget, based on history, challenging. The solution is to include data from multiple years.

Three years ago, there was \$42K in the checking account. There is now \$21K. That trajectory is unsustainable and a redirection of that trajectory should be reflected in our current budget.

Our main source of income has been membership dues. Three years ago, there were 175 members; there are now about 30. Thus, this revenue stream needs to be restored and/or replaced.

Board Member Rodriguez-Walters provided an update on the San Isabel Electric we recently received for coop credits. She stated that she was able to confirm, through confirmation of our EIN, that those monies really do belong to Sangre de Cristo Ranch Owners, Inc. (SCRO) and not Sangre de Cristo Ranches, Inc. (Forbes organization that developed the subdivision). The credit relates to a time, decades ago, when SCRO had some kind of meeting or office space for which electricity was purchased from San Isabel. Board Member Rodriguez-Walters noted that she will provide a more detailed explanation to the board (action item #311).

Board Member Frase reviewed the top expenditure categories over the past three years. The biggest expense, at just over \$6,000, has been the recent hiring of the water rights attorney. Next is general liability insurance and officer bonds at about \$5,800, which merits research to determine if we can reduce that cost. We have spent about \$5,200 for food for meetings, which seems excessive.; given the current state of our budget, this may not be an option. The accounting software subscription (Aplos) started at \$60/mth and is now \$169/mth; Board Member Rodriguez-Walters is looking into other options (action item #312). As for the storage unit, Board Member Rodriguez-Walters took a quick inventory of the contents of the unit and conduct a more in-depth inventory of the contents as she has time; she will work on getting the organization's historical paperwork (6-8 bankers boxes full) scanned and digitally preserved, and the remaining items (Christmas decorations, grill, etc.) disposed of so we can stop paying rent on the storage unit. She has provided a summary of options for where/how the digital records could be stored.

Board Member Way has been working on a draft budget to be reviewed by the board in the near future. A balanced budget may not be possible this year, but it is something the board can work toward over the next few years.

Board Candidate Palmer inquired about the dues cycle (when are dues to be paid, when do memberships expire, is there any prorating, etc.) Board Member Frase responded that the board decided a while back that memberships run with the fiscal year (August 1 to July 31) and that they are prorated as the year progresses; the related details are on the dues webpage. During this discussion, it became apparent that the treasurer (Board Member Rodriguez-Walters) had not been made aware of this decision (a decision made before she joined the board) and she had been reaching out to members about renewing their dues on their anniversary date. Apologies were extended for the confusion.

Board Member Navratil commented on the dramatic loss of membership and how that loss of income places the organization's longevity at risk. He believes the best option is to dissolve SCRO in its current state, disperse its assets to another nonprofit and to reorganize as a 501(c)(3). This reorganization would allow donations to SCRO to be tax deductible and would encourage donations, especially from larger businesses.

Administrative priorities: Communication strategy [1:31:24]

Board Member Frase noted that Board Member Navratil has been leading the effort to develop a communication strategy. He is currently working on a proposal for a member forum and a blog on SCRO's website. We are also working on setting up a social media presence and a mass email/MMS notification interface. We are also looking at restarting the newsletter and creating a newcomers packet.

Board Member Navratil noted that our website host (wix.com) provides plug-ins for a member forum and a blog at no additional cost. He suggested that we create a sample forum and/or blog that the board could explore before deciding to implement these features on the website. He also recommended that we publish the newsletter on a more frequent basis (monthly?). He noted that the main purpose of our communication is to encourage community members to get involved in SCRO. He noted that the newcomers packet could be modeled after other geographical area's packets and should be provided to the community at no cost; it should contain information about and provided by community agencies such as the local government, Trinchera Ranch, etc.

Board Member Rodriguez-Walters showed a sample of SCRO's hardcopy newsletter from several years ago and reviewed the type of content present in that newsletter. Board Member Navratil noted that, if the newsletter were provided in a digital format rather than a hardcopy format, there would be no printing or mailing costs. He also highlighted the revenue opportunity that could come from ads in the newsletter and that it might be easier to fund the newsletter if we were a 501(c)(3). He noted that our communication efforts might create the opportunity for SCRO to hire an employee or two; those employees could be, for example, high school students that we teach how to manage communications for SCRO.

Board Member Frase noted that SCRO's newsletter has been published since the early years of SCRO, its publication stopped about three years ago. Board Member Rodriguez-Walters mentioned that there is likely a subset of the local population that is used to a printed copy of the newsletter and may have difficulty accessing it digitally; she would like to provide an option for people to receive the newsletter in printed form.

Board Member Frase noted that we need to be careful that income from ads does not make up a significant portion of our overall income as that could place our nonprofit status at risk.

SCRO Member Cuff expressed his strong desire for the newsletter to be restarted as his father (who was the original owner of the Cuff property) looked forward to receiving the newsletter and then sharing the newsletter with Member Cuff (the current owner of the Cuff property). The newsletter gave both father and son a sense of belonging to the community even though they didn't live here, and Member Cuff chose to keep the property after his dad passed away because of that sense of belonging.

Board Member Frase noted that the board has many efforts in progress and it will take time to get things accomplished. Community members are encouraged to get involved in these efforts so more progress could be made in less time.

Community input and board member comments [1:44:48]

Board Candidate Margie Palmer expressed her support for restarting the newsletter. SCRO Member Tim Palmer noted that, based on his 40+ years of working with nonprofits, he knows that a very clear purpose statement is needed to direct the choices and actions of the organization, and a clear articulation of the benefits of being a member is needed to attract participation from the community.

Adjourn [1:46:09]

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

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Call to Order [1:15]

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by the meeting chairperson, Board Member Frase.

Guest speaker [2:40]:

Vision of the Sangre de Cristo Ranches (Community) Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1329908911950844>

Mark Jamison, Co-Founder
Sangre de Cristo Ranches (Community) Facebook Group

This Facebook (FB) group was co-founded by Mark Jamison, Melissa Heggen, and Mac Gallegos; there is currently no affiliation between the FB group and SCRO (although this presentation may be a prelude to some sort of relationship). The FB group was established due to a need for an uplifting and welcoming Ranches-related social media presence. The FB group is neighbor-driven community space that strengthens communication, preparedness, and relationships across a geographically dispersed region. The group is designed so that it can continue to exist and thrive even if the founding members are no longer able to manage the group.

The FB group is based on a community hub model. Both members and moderators are encouraged to share information to enable peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, rapid information exchange, storytelling and photos, tips, advice, and informal problem solving. Currently featured content includes a description of how one community member has improved the efficiency of their wood stove, as well as a photo competition. Weather forecasts and notices of upcoming community events are regularly posted.

The FB group is developing a set of guides that focus on off-grid living. Topics include water sources, sanitation, electrical systems, permitting and regulations, property access, trail building, fire mitigation, survival skills, etc. One of the guides is a list of community resources and businesses. Community Member Jamison invited SCRO to post SCRO-related information in the FB group.

Various board members acknowledged all the hard work that has been put into this FB group and expressed appreciation for the commitment to keeping the FB group's content and comments respectful (which would be a requirement of any FB group with

which SCRO associates). Community Member Jamison noted that there are no plans to monetize the group's social media presence nor to incorporate into a legal entity; he emphasized that the FB group is and will not be a competitor with SCRO. Rather, the FB group could be a way for SCRO to amplify any governance and official communication resulting from SCRO's official business, including meeting agendas and minutes. He also offered the use of the FB group to facilitate community discussion related to any pending SCRO business.

Board Member Frase noted that, prior to this SCRO meeting, Community Member Jamison had asked her what outcome she was hoping to materialize by inviting Community Member Jamison to give this presentation; her response was three-fold: 1) Community-focused information to be readily available to the community, regardless the venue/organization utilized for that dissemination; 2) SCRO would be able to provide sufficient benefit to the community in order to justify its membership dues (this may be more challenging if SCRO is not providing community-focused information-sharing; thus, the value-added may need to be created in other ways); 3) the FB group has the freedom to do what they are already doing so well and that SCRO support that information-sharing effort.

Roll Call [41:00]

SCRO board members:

President: Nancy Frase – PRESENT
Vice-President: Jo Way – PRESENT
Secretary: Mike Powell – ABSENT
Treasurer: Mara Rodriguez-Walters – PRESENT
At-Large Member: Scott Cessac – ABSENT
At-Large Member: Margie Palmer – PRESENT
At-Large Member: Position VACANT

Four of six board members were present at roll call.

SCRO general members:

John Baich
Tim Palmer
Troy Way
Glenn Walters

Four general members were present at roll call.

Four board members and six general members are required for a quorum; thus, a quorum was not established.

Community members:

Mark Jamison
Jan Green
Robert Green

Review of Agenda [42:43]

The membership considered requests for modifications to the agenda; no requests were heard.

Review of meeting minutes [42:56]

The membership considered requests for modifications to the minutes from the August 2nd, 2025, annual membership meeting and the November 1st, 2025, quarterly membership meeting; no requests were heard.

Due to the lack of a quorum, a vote could not be held to approve the meeting minutes. The draft meeting minutes will be re-presented at the next membership meeting for approval.

Announcements [43:13]

Board vacancies: The resignations of Board Members Mike Powell and Steve Navratil were noted. Board Member Frase stated that she views the turnover in board membership as an indicator of the board being in the “storming” stage of organizational development; she believes the turnover will allow cohesiveness to form among the remaining/new board members, making way for the “norming” stage of organizational development. Board Member Way accepted an action item (#340) to recruit board candidates to be considered at the 3/5/26 board meeting for the two open positions.

Social activities: SCRO social activities are being postponed indefinitely (at least through the winter).

Membership meeting (public welcome): The next membership meeting is Saturday, May 2nd, starting at 10:00am on Zoom.

Board meetings (public welcome): The next regular board meeting is Thursday, February 5th, 8:30-10:00am on Zoom; the schedule for future board meetings and work sessions will be reviewed and possibly changed during that board meeting.

Strategic planning for SCRO [50:09]

Background: During each SCRO meeting this fiscal year, there has been a consensus that SCRO needs to develop a robust strategic plan to capture the purpose and strategy for fulfilling our mission, especially as we consider establishing a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. During the Nov 1 membership meeting, Board Member Frase accepted an action item to lead the development of that strategic plan.

Discussion led by Board Member Frase: Consider the purpose of SCRO and the direction the board would like to lead the organization and the community, including the potential for an ongoing relationship between SCRO and the Sangre de Cristo Ranches (Community) Facebook Group. Outcomes of that discussion include:

- It was noted that former Board Member Steve Navratil had been leading the effort to potentially migrate from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3); he had prepared a presentation for the board. However, with his resignation from the board and from

SCRO, that presentation is no longer available to SCRO. This provides a renewed opportunity for the SCRO membership to help determine next steps on this front.

- Board Member Frase solicited input on what attendees believe the overarching purpose of SCRO should be and if that purpose is compatible with an 501(c)(3). Input included:
 - Being an enduring and stable resource within the community; a 501(c)(3) status would allow SCRO to engage in larger-scale efforts within the community.
 - Being a reliable and trusted source of information and a sense of community.
 - A practical benefit to the community, especially facilitating vetted opportunities for those with greater resources to offer assistance to more vulnerable members of the community; this may include offering scholarships to cover membership fees when needed, gifting firewood from fallen trees, and a tool library. SCRO can implement such programs without being classified as a 501(c)(3).
 - Moving to a 501(c)(3) status would limit the relationship SCRO could have with governmental organizations; it would affect how “political” that involvement could become. SCRO might be able to provide balanced information on political issues but might not be allowed to advocate for a given position on the issue. It might make sense to keep SCRO as a 501(c)(4) and launch a separate 501(c)(3) that would be strictly non-political.
 - Currently, SCRO does not have the financial resources nor the member base needed to transfer to or launch a new 501(c)(3) organization. It may take months (or years?) to rebuild trust and interest within the community and to grow SCRO to the point that the 501(c)(3) structure is a real possibility. In the meantime, SCRO ought to behave as a 501(c)(3) to demonstrate fitness for becoming or associating with a 501(c)(3) in the future.
 - The existing purpose statements from the restated articles of incorporation (1993), and the bylaws (2024) are still applicable for SCRO as a 501(c)(4); there would be limits on how SCRO might be able to “to provide cooperation with [governmental agencies]” as a 501(c)(3).
 - It is accurate that a 501(c)(3) would allow donations to be tax-deductible. However, it is also accurate to say that most low-dollar donors do not take advantage of tax deductions. Thus, the tax deduction is not really a strong motivator to change SCRO’s tax classification. A bigger motivation for the change in tax status would be to attract high-dollar donors (such as large corporations); however, the same tax break may be provided through claiming their donations as advertisement (as long as it doesn’t jeopardize SCRO’s 501(c)(4) standing). Another significant motivation for the change would be the ability to obtain grants; however, obtaining grants is very difficult and would require a substantial financial outlay to hire a grant writer. Even with a grant writer, the chance of obtaining a grant is very low.
 - If SCRO finds an informational niche that is not already being filled by the FB group, SCRO could “lay claim” to that niche and provide that information to the FB group; an example of this could be updates about governmental agency activity and the availability of water for cisterns.

- SCRO can justify its membership fee through providing a way for individuals to join forces to be a meaningful influence in the community; it provides individuals with an active voice for shaping the community in which we all live.

Input on topics not included in the agenda [1:51:21]

Board Member Palmer requested feedback on the information she provided about newsletter options; Board Member Frase noted that that topic is on the agenda for the upcoming board meeting on February 5th.

Community Member Jamison requested that SCRO place a link to the FB group on SCRO's website. Board Member Frase indirectly accepted an action item (#343) to add that link to the website.

Adjourn [1:52:40]

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.

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Income & Expense Statement
for the period of 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

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Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Income		
4000	Contributions Income	4,141.01
	Total Income	4,141.01
Expense		
5100	Bank Fees	17.46
5150	Donations to nonprofits	100.00
5300	Office Supplies	127.50
5301	Accounting Software	2,515.00
	Total 5300 - Office Expenses	2,642.50
5500	Meeting expense	872.25
5600	Events	101.94
5604	Legal Consulting Fee	7,372.32
5401	Secretary of State	100.00
5403	Storage	720.00
5404	Insurance & Bonding- Liabilty Ins	2,402.00
	Total Expense	14,328.47
	Net Income (Loss)	-10,187.46

Income & Expense Statement
for the period of 01/01/2026 to 04/12/2026

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Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Income		
4000	Contributions Income	425.00
	Total Income	425.00
Expense		
5300	Office Supplies	407.83
5301	Accounting Software	297.00
4020	Business Advertising	66.38
	Total 5300 - Office Supplies	771.21
5600	Events	25.00
5404	Insurance & Bonding	1,876.05
	Total 5400 - Annual Expenses	1,876.05
	Total Expense	2,647.26
	Net Income (Loss)	-2,222.26

SCRO MEMBERS ROSTER

Report Printed as of 4/6/2026

MEMBER COUNT	YEAR	DESCRIPTION
182	2023	MEMBERS
-7		REPEATED
175		MEMBERS FOR 2023
43	2024	MEMBERS
-12		REPEATED
48		TOTAL MEMBERS 2024
20	2025-2026	NEW MEMBERS
40		RETURNING ACTIVE MEMBERS
60		TOTAL MEMBERS 2025-2026