

Rustic Ridge Board Meeting **July 31, 2014**

Welcome - The meeting was called to order shortly after 8:00 AM by Ridge Association President, Doug Denise.

- In attendance: Alan and Janet Abel, Catherine Broadhead, Doug Denise, John Powell (Part Time by phone), Lucy Livingston, Mary Snyder, Bob Ziegenhagen, Carol Ziegenhagen
- Absent: Joanna Walker, Roy Martin, Julie Hawkins

Approval of Minutes - The July 31 minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

- The Board authorized the 2014-15 Budget as submitted by Treasurer, Carol Ziegenhagen. The proposed budget will be submitted for approval at the Annual Meeting. In discussion:
 - Doug advised the Treasurer to be prepared to explain the proposed dues increase and change in timing.
 - Lucy Livingston asked for additional funding in the Signs budget to cover a new Rustic Ridge sign that will be erected at the entrance of North Lane.
 - The Board also directed Carol Ziegenhagen to add a line for Youth Activities.
 - Alan Abel said Steve Wiggins has not submitted an estimate for the work currently required on the roads so he cannot yet give us a tighter cost estimate.

Roads Report

Alan Abel reported that the series of flooding rains have damaged Ledge and Willows in particular. In addition there is a dip half way down the fire lane which gets very muddy and must be filled in this year. As previously mentioned, we are awaiting a cost estimate from Steve Wiggin to see what the final cost will be. Several Board members agreed that we will have to make these repairs even if the total cost is over the current budget.

Flood damage to the property in the Willows area will be reviewed to determine whether it should be a Ridge Association Road expense or is a private property issue for the residents to handle.

Youth Activities

Catherine Broadhead reported that the Youth Activities program is going very well with many events and good participation. She has ordered more tee shirts and said she would continue to finance the inventory herself. The board agreed that this was an outstanding addition to the Rustic Ridge experience and thanked Catherine for her leadership and personal efforts. Separately, Doug Denise was thanked for his contributions along with Catherine's leadership with the development of the new logo.

Web Site

Bob Ziegenhagen discussed the new “Activities” section of the web site and the recent addition of information on live theatre in the area. Alan Abel volunteered to add a similar section on music opportunities. The Board suggested that Bob follow up with Vin Catania and Wendy Lavallee to do an entry on restaurants. In addition, they suggested Bob will add a page summarizing Northfield town activities from the town liaison.

New Associate Members

New candidates were proposed for Associate Membership. The president will offer these candidates for approval at the annual meeting.

Announcements

The Board recommended the upcoming presentation by the Foster / Moore family at the Library on their activities with the Mam Native American people of Guatemala.

Carol was asked to send out an email detailing the coming weekend activities

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be at 2pm after the Annual Meeting on August 2.

Submitted August 1, 2014; Bob Ziegenhagen