

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association Inc. held August 12th, 1947, at the home of Miss Minnie Erb.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the President Dr. Arthur L. Berger.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mark Ray.

The call for meeting was read by the clerk Mr. W. Hoehn.

Word of greeting was extended to new members, active and associate, also all renters and guests.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the reading of minutes of last meeting be dispensed with.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the reading of rules of Association be dispensed with and in lieu thereof a copy of same be placed in hands of all present.

Report of President - Dr. Arthur L. Berger read a report summarizing some of the highlights of the year's work. Report was received.

The acceptance of the following recommendations were unanimously voted:-

- 1- The Ridge active members dues be 1% of the 1946 town valuation for the purpose of our next year's assessment.
- 2- There be no abatement nor exemption of dues for any owner of property connected with the Rustic Ridge Association Inc.
- 3- That a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr. W.E. Park President of the Northfield Schools and to the Trustees for the restoration of the General Conference, and that the hope be expressed to them that in the future a full two week's schedule be devoted to the conference as in former years.
- 4- That a vote of thanks be extended to the town of Northfield for improvements made thus far on Woodruff Road.
- 5- That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Gordon Moody and the Northfield Hotel in appreciation of recreational facilities and other courtesies supplied to members of this Association.
- 6- That \$400.00 be appropriated for roads and \$150.00 for Waste Removal for the year ahead.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that note of regret at their absence and word of cheer be sent to Mrs. W.H. DesJardins, Mrs. William Voorhies and

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the matter of constant water supply for Ridge residents on upper ridges be brought to attention of Mr. McEwan and Board of Director's be empowered to discuss this matter with East Northfield Water Co. and Mr. McEwan. X

Auditing Committee - Mr. Francis Jones reported that auditing committee examined and found in good order the books of treasurer and clerk.

Report of Treasurer, Mr. DesJardins showed a balance of \$528.07 in the General Fund, and was accepted with thanks.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that a vote of thanks be sent to Rev. Wesley DesJardins for his long and efficient services as treasurer of the Association.

Rev. Holloway reported that their are copies of Ridge History still available at 50¢ each.

Attention was drawn to property owners that no fires be made on roads or within forty feet of houses. Anyone desiring to have a bonfire must receive permission from the Fire Warden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to extend a vote of thanks to Miss Minnie Erb for the use of her home for the annual meeting.

Reports of Committees

Mosquito Committee- Dr. Atkins reported that pools were sprayed and thus far it has been impossible to make over wading pool.

Hospitality Committee - Mrs. Broadhead reported that refreshments had been furnished for the meeting.

Necrology Committee - Rev. Holloway reported the following ridge residents and friends who passed away during the past year:-

Miss Alice M. Pedley, Mr. George Coxson and Mrs. Randolph.

Road Committee - Mr. Duncan reorted great progress in improvement of roads especially Ledge Way which was widened and oiled, also Pine Road at North Lane. It is planned that other roads be oiled and sanded making them more permanent. It was recommended that a one way sign be placed on West Lane which would make that road one way running north.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to receive Road committee report and recommendation to make West Lane a one way road running north be adopted.

Tree Committee - Rev. Poole reported the pleasure of the tree committee in that most of the recommendations made last year had been taken care of. The following recommendations were made-

I Suggestions to Town of Northfield

- 1- That the town annually clear off all dead limbs from trees in its right of way.
- 2- That brushes and other undergrowth be cut back as needed. Special attention this year is called to the intersections at North Lane and 7th Ridge and East Lane and North Lane, both being blind corners, thus creating traffic hazzards.

II Suggestions to Road Committee

- 1- That the roads be cleared adequately so that those walking in wheeltracks will not get their clothes wet and that cars not be scratched by overhanging bushes.
- 2- That the limbs overhanging the roads be cut from the large trees so that in heavy weather they will not drag across tops of our cars.

III Suggestions for Executive Committee

- 1- That conversations be begun with the proper authorities to

have fire hydrants placed systematically throughout the ridge - meeting the minimum requirements of the underwriters of fire insurance companies so that our homes may have some fire protections and our insurance rates accordingly reduced.

- 2- That those people with brush on their places be written immediately and provided names of cartage men who will haul away the most positive fire hazards which threaten the security of us all. Last year, there were eighteen piles of brush; this year, the committee found ten piles in need of immediate attention. The names of these are (Mr. Hann, Mr. Broadhead, Miss Lippincot, 2 piles near Dr. Cowles, 1 pile opposite Mr. Heydenreich, pile at intersection of ridges 5 and 6 - back of Mr. Atkins, 2 piles at end of ridge six piles on Dr. Peacock's land by some resident on ridge six)
- 3- That workmen be employed to clear our power lines of vines, growing small trees, bows of large trees and even the trunks of large trees - all coming in contact with our wires especially in wet weather.

IV Suggestions to Property Owners

- 1- That more pride be shown in clearing out undergrowth on the lots. The committee was impressed in that several places with possibilities for beauty are allowed to grow wild.
- 2- That all excess trees be cut down, thus allowing a better view for the neighborhood, better breeze to circulate throughout the ridge and more sunshine to keep us dry and freer from mosquitoes and other insects.
- 3- That all trees be cleared of dead limbs and all dead trees be taken down.

V Suggestions to the Northfield School for Girls

- 1- That a cleanup job be given its property by the side of the cottage of Mr. T.W. Kidd - a job in keeping with the dignity and fine taste of that institution.

Finally the committee goes on record as giving its approval to the Western Mass. Electric Corp. and to the Telephone Co. in cutting as many trees as necessary in the installation of their wires and other equipment for the added convenience of the residents of this Assoc.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that Tree Committee report be accepted and Director's look into suggestions made by that committee.

Road Signs and Directory Committee - Mr. Hoehn reported that new name signs and road signs will be made and ready for next year. Recommends that Mr. Carr be asked to place proper sign posts at various roads.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted we approve of desire of Sign Committee to put adequate posts and signs and attention be drawn to Board of Director's concerning same.

Waste Removal - No report given.

Recreation Committee - No report given.

Social Committee - No report given.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that all reports of committees be accepted.

Clerk Reported - only small repair done to electric wires inspite of severe storms. All houses were examined during winter season three tours being made by State Troopers. There were a few houses where damage was reported, they were all taken care of. Suggested that members see to brush removal and thereby reduce insurance rates.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept the clerk's report.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that an appropriation of \$60.00 be made for use of sign committee.

Following is Budget for 1947- 48 proposed by Board of Directors

Waste Removal -----	\$150.00
Mosquito Control -----	50.00
Road Repairs -----	400.00
Printing & Office Supplies--	25.00
Ridge Representative -----	25.00
Miscellaneous -----	50.00
Total	<u>\$700.00</u>

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that proposed budget with addition for Road Signs be adopted.

The chair was taken over by Rev. Peacock for nomination of officers and directors.

Report of Nominating Committee was read by Dr. Atkins as follows

- President - Dr. Arthur L. Berger
- Vice Pres. - Dr. William Bollman
- Treasurer - Miss Ruth P. Card
- Clerk - Mr. William F. Hoehn
- Ass't. Clerk - Miss Gertrude K. Lauber
- Director - Mr. Hamilton S. Cregar
- Mr. George W. Carr

Motion moved and carried that nominations be closed and one ballot be cast by assistant clerk.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the following members be asked to serve on various committees.

(List of committees on separate sheet.)

Motion made and carried to adjourn - meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Arthur L. Peacock.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude K. Lauber

Asst. Clerk

William F. Hoehn CLK