

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association Inc. held August 10th, 1948, at Silverthorne Hall on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the President Dr. Arthur L. Berger.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Berger.

Call for meeting was read by the clerk Mr. William F. Hoehn.

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

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was voted that the reading of minutes of last meeting be passed over.

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

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

Report of Treasurer, Miss Ruth Card showed a balance of \$1246.97 with bills payable amounting to \$765.60 and balance in unused appropriations accounts of \$351.12 leaving a balance of \$130.25 in General Fund. Report was received with thanks.

Report of President - Dr. Arthur L. Berger read a report summarizing some of the highlights of the year's work. Incorporated in the president's message was a report of the Necrology Committee. This was read by the president in the absence of its chairman Dr. Joseph L. Peacock. Ridge members and friends who have passed on to eternal rest during the past year <sup>were</sup> are the Rev. David Otis Cowles, Mr. S. Gordon Watts, Rev. Dr. Paul D. Moody, Miss Edythe Babbitt and Mrs. Minnie L. Jones. Prayer was offered by Rev. Gordon Poole.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that note of regret at his absence and word of cheer be sent to Mr. Thomas J. Duncan.

Dr. Berger stated that the Western Mass. Electric Co. is now financially able to rewire the ridge, furnishing poles so that wires will not be placed on trees. The electric Co. has surveyed the ridge territory with a view to installing wires adequate to local requirements. It was suggested that any property owner desiring to know how ~~their~~ his property will be involved should contact the company directly.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the active members' dues of Rustic Ridge Assoc. be  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the 1946 town valuation.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that a letter be sent to Dr. W.E. Park expressing appreciation for the program of the General Conference. This letter to be sent by Dr. Arthur L. Berger.



Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the Recreation Committee with the help of the Directors, if they deem it advisable, contact Mr. Gordon Moody in regard to bettering the conditions of the swimming pool and that this committee have power to enlarge itself as it deems it advisable and necessary.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that we elect a Ways and Means Committee with power to increase their number and to solicit or otherwise raise funds to be used for beautifying entrance to ridge. Miss Minnie Erb, Chairman, Miss Theresa Simar and Miss Naomi Markely.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to combine Social and Hospitality Committees.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that a rising vote of thanks be given Miss Gertrude Lauber for work done on new 1948 directory and also to Miss Ruth Card for her splendid work as treasurer.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that a rising vote of thanks be given Mr. T.J. Duncan for his splendid labor as chairman of the road improvement committee.

After Dr. Bollman took the chair the president's report was received with a rising vote of thanks.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the budget be adopted as recommended by Board of Directors and that directors be granted a reasonable leeway for transferring funds from one appropriation to another thus taking care of bills not provided for in budget.

A recommendation was made that members prefer an afternoon meeting on campus of the Northfield School for Girls.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was voted that the annual meeting be held in some building on the campus.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was voted that the business meeting of the Rustic Ridge Assoc. be held on a Saturday and our social gathering be held on another day. Mrs/ Charles Cregar extended an invitation to hold the social gathering of 1949 at her home.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to express to Mr. George Carr our appreciation and thanks for his work in taking care of extinguishing the fire on the ridge and also for his able assistance on road improvements and other projects connected with Rustic Ridge Assoc.

#### Reports of Committees

Road Committee - Mr. Jones reported in the absence of Thomas Duncan Chairman. Re-oiling of Ledge Way from Woodruff Road to Pine Road, re-oiling of grading at North Lane and Pine Road, oiling of Mountain Road from Woodruff Road to Wood Way, oiling of 100 feet of intersection at Ledge Way and Wood Way.  
Repairs: Upper Mountain Road, Oak Terrace, Heath Lane, Glen Road.  
Some brush cut near intersection ~~at~~ Cliff Road & North Lane.



Tree Committee - Rev. Poole reported that the tree committee made an inspection tour of Ridge and noted that some recommendations made last year were not carried out. Town of Northfield failed to clear off the dead limbs from the trees of North Lane and that undergrowth along the roadway had not been cleared away and that the heavy growth at the corner of North Lane and Cliff Road continues to make a dangerous corner. Committee observed that vines, bushes, trees and tree branches continue to cover the power lines in dozens of places over the Association's territory.

The following recommendations were made:-

- 1- That the Town of Northfield spray the large area of poison ivy on North Lane opposite Woodruff Road, that adequate visibility be maintained at all curves along the Lane and that the corner of the Lane at Cliff Road be cleared immediately.
- 2- That the roadways be kept free at all times of roadside growth and overhanging bows.
- 3- That all residents continue in keeping their places cleared of undergrowth and extra trees adding to the beauty of their homes, aiding in circulation of air and letting in more sunshine.
- 4- That the residents continue the good work in having all piles of brush removed or otherwise disposed of as soon as possible.

During the past winter, five trees in the roadway along Glen Road were removed. This effort was part of an undertaking to give the swamp alongside the road as much sunshine as possible to reduce the menace of mosquitoes.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that Tree Committee's report be received and recommendations be drawn to Directors attention.

Recreation Committee - No report given.

Road Signs and Directory Committee - Mr. Hoehn reported that work on directory was begun last fall and has been worked on since Feb. Suggested that members of that committee be those who are present on ridge early in season. Entrance to Rustic Ridge sign has been placed at corner of Birnam Road and North Lane, large Directory Sign and Map is on North Lane and Woodruff Way with names of owners and lots by number, also new road signs have been erected as well as new name signs. Suggested that members of Association place the lot number on their property so it can be easily seen.

Mosquito Committee - Mrs. Mark Ray reported for Mr. J. Hann chmn. June 28th the Ridge was sprayed with a 6% solution of D.D.T. by the B.F. Lawrence Co., Greenfield, Mass. Two hours spraying at \$25. an hour. The very wet spring made the use of oil out of the question, and also posed the problem of an unusually large mosquito population. The results have been excellent controlling not only mosquitoes etc., but has eliminated gypsy moth larvae. Effective period of spray is 4-6 weeks and committee recommends spraying twice a season.

Waste Removal - Miss Lucy Jackson chmn. reported that owing to resignation of former incumbent, Mr. Field, a new collector was secured who is functioning as desired.



Social Committee - Miss Minnie Erb reported several social gatherings held this summer. "Our first 'get-to-gether' was held on July 14th at the Nest - 150 people were present, this party was for the purpose of becoming acquainted and to have a general good time." "On July 31st thirty nine children, and their mothers gathered at Miss Simar's cottage and enjoyed playing games, hearing children's records, seeing children's movies and being served with ice cream and lolly pops." The next social gathering will be held on August 10th at the home of Mrs. Schmadeke and a final party will be a picnic in the Pines on August 31st.

Hospitality Committee - Miss Therese Simar reported progress with social committee in planning for the various social gatherings. Word of thanks was expressed to Mrs. Schmadeke for the use of her home for the Annual social gathering of the Association.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to accept all reports and place them on file.

It was voted that the following recommendation be referred to the Directors: It was Rev. Poole's suggestion that a ditch be made to drain the large swamp on Glen Road.

Voted to refer to Board of Directors for their immediate action the lack of proper supervision at the Fresh Air Camp in the woods.

Voted that Board of Directors take up matter of water supply being shut off for one week, asking that work be postponed until later date.

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

Report of nominating committee was read by Rev. Holloway 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  
Directors - Rev. Gordon Poole  
Mr. George Carr

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

Upon motion being 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. Bollman.

Respectfully submitted

*Gertrude K. Lauber*  
*Asst. Clerk*  
*Mr. J. H. Carr*