

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association Inc. held August 13th, 1949, at Silverthorne Hall on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by the President Dr. Arthur L. Berger.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mark Ray

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 unanimously 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 in lieu thereof, a copy of same be placed in hands of all present.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted, that the Swimming Pool Committee of the Town of Northfield be given the courtesy of the floor to present to the Ridge Members the present plans for a swimming pool. Mr. Hantunen gave a complete explanation of the proposed location, problems to be faced and the approximate cost and answered pertinent questions.

It was voted that we endorse the work of the Swimming Pool Committee.

Mr. Ted Powell was given courtesy of the floor to make an appeal for immediate blood donations to the American National Red Cross.

Auditing Committee - Mr. Francis L. Jones, Chmn. reported that the auditors examined the books of the Clerk and Treasurer and found them correct.

Report of Treasurer, Miss Ruth Card showed a balance of \$688.16 and balance in unused appropriations accounts of \$463.15 leaving a balance of \$225.01 in the General Fund.  
Voted to receive report of treasurer with great gratitude.

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 Necrology report furnished by the president and clerk in the absence of Mrs. E. McIntire, Chmn.. Ridge members and friends who have passed on to eternal rest during the past year were Miss Edith Welch, Miss Jennie Kinsman, Prof. Louis Hodous, Mr. Hugh Maydole and Rev. Joseph E. Harrison. Two verses of the hymn "Blest Be The Tie" were sung, followed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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It was respectfully urged that all property owners make sure that cesspools on their premises be safely covered as a precaution to prevent children and others from harm.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that a letter be sent to Dr. W.E. Park expressing thanks and appreciation for the high caliber of speakers, the musical talent and varied program presented at the 1949 General Conference. This letter to be sent by Dr. Arthur L. Berger.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that Mr. George Carr be given a rising vote of thanks for his many years of faithful service to our Association.

All members were urged to drive with due care and caution on Ridge Roads.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the By-laws be amended by the following changes in Article III that the words "except the assistant clerk" be deleted and the word "two" be changed to "four".

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Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the President and Clerk be granted permission to sign legal papers as advised by our attorney and the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors recommended that the Ridge members' dues for the year 1949-50 be  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the 1949 town valuations and that the Board of Directors through the treasurer make available to the Road Committee an amount up to \$400. from the Bruce Estate to effect its plans for general road improvements throughout the Ridge.

Upon motion be duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the two items as recommended by Board of Directors be considered separately - that the item regarding \$400. from Bruce Estate be considered first and active members' dues be considered secondly.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Board of Directors through the treasurer make available to the Road Committee an amount up to \$400. from the Bruce Estate to effect its plans for general road improvements throughout the Ridge.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the active members' dues of Rustic Ridge Association Inc. for the year 1949-50 be  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the Town valuation for 1949.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Budget for the year 1949-50 as presented in the Treasurer's Report and recommended by the Board of Directors be adopted with an additional \$50 for second spraying for insect control and that the Board of Directors be authorized to use remaining balance in General Fund to meet same.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the following resolutions be adopted and that the Board of Directors be requested to take suitable action for effectively carrying out the spirit of these resolutions.

- 1- That it is the wish of this body that prospective sellers of cottages located on Rustic Ridge consider seriously whether prospective buyers are sufficiently in sympathy with Ridge ideals so that their coming will be heartily welcomed by those already here.
- 2- That unless prospective buyers are of the type certain to be generally welcome, that sellers be respectfully requested to notify the Ridge Assoc. Directors of their purpose and

*See action taken August 9, 1986*

willingness to offer the Assoc. an option to buy within a limited period, in order that other members of the Assoc. may know of the opportunities to buy and may notify their own respective friends desirous of such opportunities.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the seminary be approached regarding the removing of undesirable odor coming from silage in barns on Seminary grounds.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Association send a letter to Chairman of the Board of Selectmen asking them to do something to lay the dust on Woodruff Way.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize Board of Directors to take action that may be necessary to turn over to the Western Mass. Electric Company any lines and right of ways.

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

#### Reports of Committees

Road Committee - Mr. Jones reported that the surface of Pine Road and Wood Way had been graveled and oiled, the incline on Heath Lane graveled, and road repaired at intersection of West Lane and Willow Lane.

The Road committee wish to thank the retiring member of the committee, Mr. George Carr, for his splendid cooperation and careful planning and recommend that a letter be sent him by the Clerk thanking him for his long and faithful service.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted, to send a letter to Mr. George Carr as recommended by the Road Committee.

Tree Committee - Rev. Thomas Kidd reported in the absence of Mr. C.J. Broadhead, Chmn. After making an inspection of the Ridge the committee made the following recommendations:-

- 1- Remove brush and over crowded trees. Most Ridgeites will agree that if 90% of the brush and all of the over crowded trees were removed the Ridge would be safer, cooler, lighter, and more attractive. If each owner would plan to remove a certain amount of brush and over crowded trees each season, no one year need be a hardship, yet real progress would be made.
- 2- Trees close to cottages should be removed. The danger of trees too close to cottages was dramatically brought to our attention by the last storm in which a cottage fortunately escaped serious damage by a few inches. What lightning can do so too can a sleet or ice storm do.
- 3- Do not leave Ridge without making arrangements to have brush piles removed. If left they constitute a fire hazard. Some people have been taking brush away in the trunks of their cars. It can be done. The waste removal truck will also be glad to take brush away for a small fee.
- 4- The Tree Committee suggests that there be an annual clean up week some time in August in which a real check up by the committee

and everyone else be made to make our Ridge a safer and more attractive place to live.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that residents of Ridge be asked to remove all underbrush.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that recommendations of Tree Committee be adopted.

Recreation Committee - Dr. Walter Chapin reported that excellent recreational facilities are provided and available to members of our Association. A list of activities and their location was given. A report was given as to conditions at the Northfield Hotel pool and mention made of plans by Town for building a pool.

The Committee announced a soft ball game to be held Monday evening, August 22nd. All were invited to come and play ball.

Road Signs & Directory Committee - Mr. Kenneth M. Page reported that directory signs were placed in proper places by Mr. W. Hoehn. Several new directional, dead end and name signs were made, others corrected and placed. A new plot plan of Ridge was made and placed on bulletin board. Plans are being made to print a small directory including a small map of ridge and one placed in hands of each member.

Mosquito Committee - Mrs. John Hann reported that Ridge was sprayed on June 30th with a 6% D.D.T. solution. The Government had been asked about possibility of spraying Ridge in the interest of insect control but a negative reply was received.

The committee wishes to recommend that next year there be two sprayings for a more effective control.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that two sprayings of D.D.T. be done next year as recommended by the Mosquito Committee.

Waste Removal - Miss Lucy Jackson reported that contract was awarded this year to Mr. Waldo Hutchins who is giving satisfactory service.

Social & Hospitality Committee - Rev. Mark Ray reported in the absence of Mrs. Ray chmn. that Annual Social will be held on Monday - August 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cregar. A picnic will be held on Monday - August 29th at Mt. Grace Picnic Grove - afternoon and evening.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that all reports be received with thanks and place on file.

Miss Dorothy Doremus spoke to Ridge Members regarding the serious condition of Pine Rust existing on the Ridge urging them to remove all wild current and gooseberry bushes from their property.

The chair was taken over by Rev. Gordon Poole for nominations of officers and directors.

Report of Nominating Committee was read by Dr. Walter Chapin as follows:

President - Dr. Arthur L. Berger  
Vice Pres.- Dr. William Bollman  
Treasurer - Miss Ruth Card  
Clerk - Mr. William Hoehn  
Ass't. Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber  
Directors - Mr. John Hann, Jr.  
Mr. Francis L. Jones  
Mrs. John F. Schmadeke  
Rev. Thomas Kidd

Motion moved and carried that nominations be closed and one ballot be cast by 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)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to express our gratitude to officers for their fine labors in the Association this year.

Motion made and carried to adjourn subject to the call of the President, as to time and place.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Parker B. Holloway.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gertrude Lauber*

Assistant Clerk

*William F. Hoehn*

Clerk.