

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held August 8, 1950 at the Congregational Church of East Northfield.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by the President - Dr. Arthur L. Berger.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Wesley Atkins.

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

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

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

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

Auditing Committee - Mr. Francis L. Jones, Chmn. reported that the auditors examined the books of the clerk and treasurer and found them to be correct.

Voted to receive report of auditing committee and place on file.

Report of Treasurer - Miss Ruth Card showed a balance of \$1115.58 and balance in accrued accounts payable \$915.36 leaving a balance of \$200.22 in the general fund.

Voted to receive report of treasurer with great gratitude and more.

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 of Mrs. Elizabeth McIntire. Ridge members and friends who have passed on to eternal rest during the past year were Rev. Leon J. Brace and Mrs. Edna B. Jenkins. A word of prayer was offered by Rev. George Washburn. Members were urged to purchase Ridge History books which are on sale at 50¢ a copy.

Members were urged to erect lot numbers on their property so that the cottages may be located easily.

Members were requested to observe STOP sign on corner of North Lane at Birnam Road.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that a letter be sent by the president to Dr. W. E. Park expressing thanks and appreciation for the continued high caliber of speakers and the splendid musical talent.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that Rev. Reeves and officials of Congregational Church be given a rising vote of thanks for the use of their building for our meeting.

A word of thanks and appreciation was expressed to Messrs. Broadhead, Scott and Atkins for cutting brush which was a menace to passing cars. The Board of Directors recommends that Association Tax be 2% of the Town Valuation for 1949.

The Board of Directors recommends that the names of all delinquents be published regardless of year.

Voted that the report of President Dr. Arthur L. Berger be accepted with great appreciation and thanks.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that we as an association recognize and acknowledge the receipt of Quitclaim Deed giving us title to roads and that clerk place same on file for future reference.

Report of Clerk - Mr. William F. Hoehn reported that State Police assued at least two visits to the Ridge during winter season. The Public Telephone on Woodruff Way & Mountain Road would not be installed this year due to lack of cable. Clerk also reported that there had not been sufficient interest shown in plan of delivery via Woodruff Way therefor our application for R.F.D. mailing has been rejected. Electric wirés were down twice due to falling trees and high winds. All were replaced by electric company who also removed trees without expense. Voted to receive report of clerk and place on file.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Budget for the year 1950 - 1951 as presented in the Treasurer's report and recommended by the Board of Directors be adopted.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Active Members' Dues of Rustic Ridge Association Inc. for the Year 1950 - 1951 be 2% of the Town Valuation for 1949.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the directors be given authority to make any reasonable adjustment on taxes upon request of any member of Rustic Ridge Assoc. when a change has been made in town assessor's book for any year other than the one being used for computing taxes.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that names of all delinquents be published regardless of year.

Reports of Committees

Road Committee - Mr. Francis L. Jones, Chmn. reported that the surface of West Lane and East Lane have been gravelled and oiled and the incline on Heath Lane, the 6th ridge, has been oiled. A second coating of oil has been laid on Pine Road and Woodway and on Mountain Road from Woodruff Road to Woodway. Gravel has been placed on Ledge Road above Pine Road. For the coming year a second coating of oil on West and East Lanes and on Heath Lane is planned. The steep grade on Mountain Road will need another coat of oil and repairs on Cliff Road will be needed. The road ~~wish~~ committee wish to thank Mr. Hoehn for his services in keeping culverts open during the winter and removing trees from the roads. They also wish to thank Dr. Atkins the retiring member of the committee, for his fine support and wise counsel.

Tree Committee - Mr. C. J. Broadhead, Chmn. The Committee has four recommendations:-

- 1- Clear out brush.
- 2- Remove piles of brush that are fire hazards.
- 3- Thin out crowded trees.
- 4- Keep roadways clear.of brush by cutting same five feet from road.

Recreation Committee - Rev. Mark Ray reported in the absence of Dr. Walter C. Chapin. A list of activities and their locations are as follows:-

July 25th a get-together party was held at the home of Mrs. Schmadeke.
Baseball Game between married men and single men to be held Thursday August 10th.
Annual Picnic at Mount Grace Park * August 15th.
Entertainment and social program sponsored by Miss Lane August 19th on her lawn.
A Ping Pong Tournament at a date suitable to the young people.

Road Signs & Directory - Mr. William Hoehn reported in the absence of Mr. Kenneth Page Chmn. that all name signs had been corrected and placed on posts.

Insect Control - Mrs. John Hann Chmn. reported that on July 6th Rustic Ridge was sprayed with a 6% D.D.T. solution, costing \$43.50 The second spraying will not be in order unless requested.

Waste Removal - Mr. Hoehn reported in the absence of Miss Jackson Chmn. that Mr. Miller was engaged this year for the work of waste removal. The last collection will be made the middle of September.

Social & Hospitality Committee - Mrs. Bessie Schmadeke Chmn. reported that on July 25th a get-together party was held at her home. Mrs. Anderson's daughter Ora kindly entertained the children who came with their parents. Plans are now under way for the Social and Entertainment to be held at Miss Lane's on August 19th.

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

Recommendation that the seminary be approached regarding the removal of brush in the Pine Grove Section was referred to the board of directors for favorable action.

It was suggested that the board of directors look into the matter of broken pipes and low water pressure on cliff road.

Report of Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Holloway in the absence of Dr. Walter C. Chapin Chmn.

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

Motion made and seconded 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)

As Dr. William Bollman took over the chair as the new president he expressed to Dr. A. L. Berger very sincere thanks for the splendid service rendered our association during the past ~~nine~~ *ten* years.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Meeting was closed by the singing of Blest Be The Tie That Binds, prayer offered by Dr. Wesley Atkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude K. Laube
Assistant Clerk

William F. Fisher
Clerk