

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. held August 15, 1951 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by the President, Dr. William H. Bollman.

Dr. Bollman led in prayer after the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

Call for meeting was read by Ass't. Clerk- Miss Gertrude Lauber.

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.

Auditing Committee - Mr. Thomas Duncan, Chmn. reported that the auditors examined the books and accounts of the Clerk and Treasurer, and found them to be complete and correct.

"We feel that our Association is especially fortunate in having the able and painstaking services of Miss Card and Miss Lauber to whom go the sincere thanks of our entire Association."

Voted to receive report of Auditing Committee and place on file and that expression of appreciation mentioned therein be made that of Rustic Ridge Association, Inc.

Report of Treasurer - Miss Ruth Card showed a balance of \$1120.44 and balance in unused designated appropriations accounts \$776.07 leaving a balance of \$344.37 in the General Fund.

Voted to receive report of treasurer with thanks.

Report of President - Dr. William H. Bollman read a report summarizing some of the highlights of the year's work. Incorporated in the president's report was a Necrology Report of Dr. Arthur L. Berger. Ridge members and friends who have passed on to eternal rest during the past year were- Mr. Charles S. Cregar, Mrs. Sarah (McLeod) Doremus, Miss Mabel Livingston, Mr. Albert McClain, Mrs. Frank D. Torrey - who with her husband ~~built~~ and lived for many years in "Kenjockey", the first house built on Rustic Ridge; Mrs. Robert Voorhies, Mrs. Charlotte Shumway; Miss Emma E. Woodard, Mrs. Luella J. Hubbell and Mr. Frank N. Ray. A brief prayer was offered by Dr. Bollman.

The theme of the President's report was cooperation.

- 1- All residents were encouraged to keep their places cleared of undergrowth and extra trees.
- 2- Stress was placed on the cooperation of each member being thoughtful of trash and garbage collector. Newspapers and magazines were to be tied seperately and securely.
- 3- Safety was another point in the theme of cooperation. Residents were asked to drive along roads at a reasonable rate of speed.
- 4- The President was happy to note that almost all our members cooperate in the matter of paying our ridge dues.

Because we cooperate the following privileges are ours to enjoy

- 1- Garbage and trash collection.
- 2- Mosquito Control.
- 3- Ridge Agent- Mr. William Hoehn
- 4- Good Roads

Voted that the report of President, Dr. William Bollman be accepted with great appreciation.

Report of Clerk- Mr. William F. Hoehn reported that the State Police assured at least three visits to the Ridge during winter season.

Two waste removal collections will be made Tuesday of last two weeks of September and first two weeks of October.

Voted to receive report of Clerk and place on file.

Reports of Committees

Road Committee - Mr. Francis L. Jones, Chmn. reported that the surface of West and East Lanes and of Heath Lane on the grade will soon be given a second coat of oil. This will give us a permanent road on these three ridges. Semi-permanent repair work (hot patches) has been done at the base of Mountain Road, near the intersection of Woodruff Road and Willow Lane, the south entrance of East Lane, the south entrance of West Lane and the entrance to Cliff Road. These repairs are preparatory to oiling. Various culverts have been repaired or restored. Gravel has been placed on Glen Road preparatory to oiling.

For the coming year we hope to lay a second coat of oil at the base of Mountain Road, a first coat on Cliff Road and the remainder of Heath Lane and if funds permit a first coat of oil on Ledge Way just above Pine Road (near the Ray cottage) and on Mountain Road from Woodway to Oak Terrace. It is hoped that permanent roads will be finished in 1954.

We also plan to bring under control the drainage system along Ledge Way. This it is hoped will relieve the flood conditions on the property of Miss Wooster and Miss Erb.

Mr. Jones suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Winthrop Sanderson in the name of the Association by the Ass't. Clerk. Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that letter be sent to Mr. Sanderson as suggested by Road Committee.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that Board of Directors be authorized to appropriate an additional \$250. from the Bruce Estate Fund in order to proceed with plans to improve the roads.

Voted that Report of Road Committee be accepted with sincere appreciation.

Tree Committee - Mr. C. J. Broadhead, Chmn. emphasized necessity for clearing away brush which is not only a fire hazard but is unsightly and uncontrollable.

Residents were urged to keep the roads clear approximately 10 feet away from the actual road surface.

Tree Surgeon John Steiner, 52 Deerfield St., Greenfield was recommended as a reliable workman at a reasonable cost.

Voted to receive Tree Committee report and place on file.

Recreation Committee - Rev. Thomas Kidd, Chmn. announced the Annual Ridge Picnic to be held Wednesday August 22nd at 3:00 P.M. in the Picnic Grove in Warwick.

Insect Control - Miss Louise Roe reported in the absence of Mrs. John Hann, Chmn. that on July 2nd and August 6th the Ridge was sprayed with a 6% D.D.T. solution. The cost of spraying increased \$10.00 an hour making the total expenditure this season \$112.50.

Next year a notice will be posted on the bulletin board informing the public when sprayings will take place.

Road Signs & Directory - Mr. Kenneth Page, Chmn. reported that new name signs were furnished and a few additional road signs were made. Three new posts for name signs were erected by the school. Name boards and directory were removed in the fall and stored away and returned to their positions in the spring. A new directory was assembled by Mr. Hoehn and paid for by the advertisements. Any suggestions as to how to improve directory signs and placements will be appreciated and considered.

Waste Removal - Miss Lucy Jackson, Chmn. reported that Mr. Miller was engaged this year for the work of waste removal. Final collections will be made on each Tuesday of the last two weeks of September and the first two weeks of October.

Social and Hospitality Committee - Miss Alice Lane, Chmn. reported that the Annual Ridge Party will be held on Saturday August 18th at 3:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Will Moody. Box lunch should be brought- coffee to be furnished. Music and entertainment.

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

Following resolution was presented for adoption:- In appreciation of the services of our two living former presidents Rev. Dr. J.L. Peacock and Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Berger during their terms of office in the Rustic Ridge Association it is hereby ordered that they be enrolled as Honorary Presidents of the Association. Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that this resolution be adopted.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that the Budget for the year 1951-52 as presented in the Treasurer's report and recommended by the Board of Directors be adapted and that Active Members Dues be 2% of Town Valuation for the year 1949.

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

President - Dr. William H. Bollman

Vice Pres. - Mr. John Hann, Jr.

Treasurer - Miss Ruth P. Card

Clerk - Mr. William Hoehn

Ass't. Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber

Directors - Mrs. John F. Schmadeke, Mr. Francis 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)

The following resolution was presented for adoption:-

Uniting herewith in giving expression to ~~our sincere re~~

To our sincere regret over the omission of the Northfield General Conference in 1951, and

To our grave apprehension that this omission may be but a prelude to the permanent abandonment of one of the oldest and most spiritual summer religious assemblies in our land,

We, the undersigned, who are lovers of and debtors to the Northfield tradition, do now voice a lively hope that a way may be found,

By which the President and Trustees of the Northfield Schools can see their way clear to resume the Northfield General Conference, or -

By which the unrivaled facilities of the Northfield Schools may be made available to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America, or some other interdenominational agency, for the establishment of an annual religious convocation of similar scope, continuing purpose and evangelical zeal,-

To the end that this cherished spiritual heritage, which has proved itself through more than half a century, to be also a divinely blessed and divinely used dynamic in American Protestant Christianity, may be preserved for present and future generations.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adopt this resolution and obtain as many ~~names~~ signatures as possible and sending same to President and Trustees of Northfield Schools.

After a suitable appreciation by the President to the Trinitarian Cong. Church
Motion made and carried that we adjourn. *for the use of their church for our annual meeting.*

Meeting was closed by the singing of Blest Be The Tie That Binds, prayer was offered by Dr. Arthur L. Berger.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertrude Lauber

Assistant Clerk

William F. Horner

Clerk