

RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 13, 1955.

The meeting, held at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, was called to order at 10 A.M. by President John Hann, Jr.

Reverend Ray opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Wm. F. Hoehn, Clerk, read the call.

Mr. Hann welcomed new members, Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Babos, who have purchased the Lucy F. Jackson cottage, ~~to the Association.~~

Dr. Chapin moved and Mr. Hoehn seconded that the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting be dispensed with. The motion carried. Mrs. Jenkins asked that a summary be made of the high lights of that meeting.

The President then gave his report, summarized as follows:

- 1 Recommended 1% tax, based on 1952 valuation. Cash on hand, less 1955-1956 budget, leaves comfortable balance for contingencies.
- 2 Fire Gongs, Still on hand 10, which may be purchased at \$2.00,
- 3 Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Moore, who are rebuilding, their cottage from the recent fire caused by lightning. Too few realize the benefits we receive in having Mr. Hoehn and Mr. and Mrs. Huber as year round residents to keep an eye on our properties during the off season. Mr. Huber's quick action during this fire may have prevented a total loss.
4. The unsightly condition at the first turn, where all the foliage was brown, was caused by the Town's spraying, at our request, to kill the poison ivy. This has since been cleared.
5. The benefits we all derive from joint action as an association like ours are tremendous, as you will realize in hearing about the specific actions taken during 54-55 and the future programs for 55-56, as given in reports of officers and committees.
- 6, I must apologize if I overlooked anyone when my President's letter was mailed. Miss Lane has spent much time preparing a revised list which is up to date and should be complimented for this fine job.
- 7, There is some evidence that we are not doing a good job of welcoming new residents, etc. A discussion on this subject would be timely.
- 8, Any officer can only be as effective as the support and co-operation he receives. I wish to thank each committee chairman and the members thereof for the fine job they did. The Directors deserve ~~spee~~ special thanks, all too few realize the hours they devote of their vacation time. Those whose labor is never done are the clerk, ass't clerk and treasurer. Their work continues the year round.
- 9, It has been a pleasure to work with all of you-- many thanks for your help" Signed John H. Hann.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the President's Report be accepted and made a part of these minutes.

Necrology Committee: Dr. McIntyre read a report prepared by the Chairman, Mrs. Anderson, giving a beautiful tribute and report of members who have passed on this last year. The list comprised the following:

Miss Carrie Arnold

Mrs. Stella Chamberlain

Rev. W. H. DesJardins Mrs. Myrtle Allen DesJardins
Mrs. George L. Goodrich Dr. Joseph L. Peacock
Mrs. Elva Wolf Randolph Mrs. Jane Mitchell Townsend
Mrs. Adrianna Otte Scholton Dr. William Henry Bollman

Treasurer's Report: Mr. C. W. Scott, Jr. read his report for the year August 1, 1954 - July 31, 1955.

The Auditing Committee submitted a report they had examined the books of the Treasurer for the year ending July 31st, 1955, and found them correct. Signed by Mabel R. Broadhead and Thos. J. Duncan.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and that special appreciation be expressed to Mr. Scott in the splendid manner in which his records are kept.

Road Committee: The President stated the Northfield Schools had been engaged to take care of the road work on the Ridge and they have done an excellent job and their work for the year is finished.

Tree Committee: No report.

Insect Control: Mrs. Hann reported three sprayings this year, May for Gypsy Moth, general spraying last of June and last of July. Mrs. Hann further stated it was possible the spraying for Gypsy Moth could be eliminated next year as the State sprays for protection against this Moth. Mrs. Jenkins thought we should allot sufficient funds to take care of this spraying if evidence indicated it was necessary and it was decided to add \$50.00 to the tentative budget for next year for this purpose.

Sanitation Committee: Mrs. Schmadeke reported that Mr. Black had made all collections to date as per schedule. Cards were printed and distributed early in the season, giving dates of collection. Additional cards may be secured from Mr. Hoehn or Mrs. Schmadeke. No complaints have been received.

Safety Report: Mrs. Hann read the report of the Safety Director, Mr. Broadhead, who was unable to be present, which follows:
Many have bought Pyrene fire extinguishers at Hamilton Greger's. Have you checked yours for pressure? They should be checked each year and it costs nothing to restore the pressure at a gas station. Instructions are on extinguisher. Buy your fire alarms at today's meeting. Hang near outside door so that alarm will be given outside. Anyone hearing an alarm, bring himself and fire extinguisher "prestissimo" Each cottage should have an outside faucet with hose attached, ready for instant use at any time. Express appreciation to Town for spraying for poison ivy and encourage them to spray for three more years and get rid of it. Urge the Rustic Ridge Ass'n. (if town won't do it) to knock out the two large boulders at the first turn at entrance and grade off the rise in ground for better visibility. Urge Town to mend fence at first turn.
Respectfully submitted, C. J. Broadhead.

Recreation Committee No report.

Directory and Signs Committee: Mr. Hoehn reported it was necessary to replace road signs in some localities as they disappear; He also submitted a sample sign for Woodruff Way, done with black lettering on green background. Mrs. Jenkins suggested the street signs be made larger than present ones and they be of a different color than the black and white name signs. Mr. Poole suggested the State Highway Commission be consulted as to color. It was the consensus of opinion the green and black would blend too much with the foliage. It was moved, seconded and carried that this matter be left to the Directors for final decision.

Proposed budget for 1955-56 The President submitted the following.

- Printing, postage, clerical.....
- Ridge Representative.....
- Waste Removal
- Road Signs & Directory.....
- Corporation Tax
- Insect Control
- Road Improvements

Nominating Committee:

Dr. Chapin read the slate as follows:

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| President | John Hann, Jr. | |
| Vice President | Rev. Thos. Kidd | |
| Treasurer, | C. W. Scott, Jr. | |
| Clerk | Wm. Hoehn | |
| Ass't. Clerk | Alice Lane | |
| Directors: | Rev. Mark Ray | ' 56 |
| | Rev. Henry McKnight | ' 56 |
| | (new) Mrs. Wm. Anderson | ' 57 |
| | " Mr. Kenneth Page | ' 57 |

Committees:

It was moved, seconded and carried that the above Officers and Directors be accepted and the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate, which was done.

Committees: Dr. Chapin then presented the list of Committees as follows:

- Road: Walter C. Chapin, Chairman
John Hann, Jr.
John Harmon

Tree:

- Recreation: Rev. Thos. Kidd
Rev. Geo. Washburn
Rev. Mark Ray

Committees continued:

Insect Control: Mrs. John Hann, Chairman
Miss Maude Curtis

Sanitation: Mrs. John Schmadeke, Chairman
Mr. Wm. Hoehn.

Directory & Signs: Mr. Kenneth Page, Chairman,
Mr. Wm. Hoehn.

Necrology: Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Chairman
Dr. Elizabeth McIntyre

Safety Control: *not appointed Jan for Directors* Mr. C. J. Broadhead, Chairman.

For the Nominating Committee:

C. J. Broadhead,
Rev. Parker Holloway,
Walter C. Chapin, Chairman.

The President expressed appreciation for the use of the Church in holding the Rustic Ridge Annual Meeting and requested the Assistant Clerk to send them a letter expressing our thanks.

The subject of appointing a committee for the purpose of beautifying the space around the Directory Board, as they may see fit, was carried forward to the first Directors' meeting, at which time he will appoint same.

The question of having an active Social Committee was discussed and it was suggested two members from each Ridge be appointed to serve on same. This was carried forward to the first Directors' meeting. Mrs. Jenkins spoke of lack of hospitality on the part of the members and thought a special effort should be made to meet new members, and requested that she be made a member of such a committee.

The President requested the Directors be notified of illness among the members so that cards may be sent.

Mrs. Babos spoke of the splendid hospitality accorded them as new members and wished to thank the Association. Rev. John S. Moore expressed thanks for the quick action taken in the recent fire, particularly Mr. Scott and Mr. Huber for their splendid assistance and to the town Fire Department for putting out the fire.

The President spoke of requests having been made for colored post cards, which the School Book Store would have made if there was a demand for them. A number of members stated they would be very glad to purchase them. It was left to the Directors to decide, as it would be necessary to contact Mrs. Hyde for further information.

Mr. Scott told the meeting he had a number of copies

of Histories of the Ridge which were available for 50 cents per copy.

Mrs. Jenkins asked if there was to be a picnic this year and when. There was no information available as to this.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the President requested that all join in singing Blest Be The Tie That Binds. Rev. Berger pronounced the benediction, and the meeting, upon motion, adjourned.

William H. Hosh

Clerk

Rice Lane

Ass't. Clerk.