

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., held Saturday, August 7, 1971 at 2:00 P.M. at the Music Hall of the Northfield Schools.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Walter C. Chapin.

Rev. Kenneth Page opened the meeting with prayer.

The call of the meeting was read by the clerk, Miss Gertrude Lauber.

At this time the president welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Hanock, who purchased the Curtis cottage and Chaplain and Mrs. Stanhope who have the Stevens cottage.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Report of the President:- Dr. Chapin opened his report with the sad announcement of the death of Mrs. Mabel J. Broadhead on Friday evening, August 6th, 1971. Dr. Chapin then stated that the Board of Directors had met several times during the year. Various committees had been active in carrying out their responsibilities. House to house mail delivery is now a reality on the Ridge. For fire prevention members should connect hoses outside their cottages. For safety on the roads, members are requested to clear brush from the edge and corners of their property. The young folk on the Ridge have a feeling of necessity of more togetherness and suggest as one project that a bicycle depot be put at the bottom of the Ridge.

Mention was made regarding the Franklin County United Fund which we are always asked to contribute to. It was suggested that anyone interested in contributing to the Discretionary Fund should add such to their Ridge Tax payment. A word of thanks was expressed to all Committee members and officers for their help during the year.

Report of the Clerk: Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the President's letter was mimeographed and mailed to all members. All meeting notices were sent out. All correspondence was done as directed by the Board of Directors. Members are reminded of the importance of notifying the clerk of changes of address and ownership of property.

Report of Ridge Representative: Mr. Edward M. Powell reported that Mr. Horak, chief of police, made several inspections of the Ridge during the winter. Owners are reminded to check covers on septic tanks, and renew where necessary. Members using tennis courts - it is suggested that these members send a contribution to Dr. Howard Jones for the upkeep of the courts. Shell Pool was dredged out this year. A life guard is on duty. The town has a Recreation Committee which has an excellent program for the children of the town.

A Committee is being formed in town for the prevention of the use of drugs. The "F I S H" organization is still in existence for anyone needing their help. Tax in town to be increased by \$3.00 per thousand valuation due to receipt of less funds from the State.

There is a possibility of the town dump closing in the near future. At present there are to be no fires at the dump as ordered by Pollution Board.

Auditing Committee: Mr. John Hann reported that the treasurer's books and accounts were examined and found in good order and well kept.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Frank Williams reported a balance on hand of \$1911.02 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1971.

(copy of report attached to these minutes)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to accept reports of all officers.

Road Committee:- Mr. David Powell reported that brush was cut on North Lane, broken shoulders on Woodway were repaired, leaves were cleaned from all culverts.

Insect Control:- Rev. Thomas Kidd reported that two sprayings were done this year by the Hinkley Tree Company, one in May and one in July.

Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Lucy Hann reported that Gardiner Hudson was contracted to make 30 collections of garbage on the same terms as 1970. Schedules were printed at a cost of \$12.88 and distributed to each home in May. The committee would like to emphasize that one of the conditions of our agreement was that garbage be wrapped, otherwise Mr. Gardner Hudson could refuse to make the pick-up.

Road Signs and Directory:- Rev. Kenneth Page reported that Bob Huber removed signs in the fall and placed them for storage at the home of Mr. Chas. Cooper, he also placed the signs in their proper places in the spring. Name signs of new owners have been painted and placed in proper section of Ridge. The Rustic Ridge entrance sign is being repainted. Committee suggests that metal posts be used to replace wooden ones.

Historical Committee:- Mrs. George Loos reported that information is on hand covering all aspects of life on the Ridge. It is hoped that a specific recommendation for the appointment of a sub-committee will be ready in 1972. The committee has on hand some excellent pictures submitted by Mr. Moore and would appreciate any pictures of the inside of cottages.

Necrology Committee:- Miss Jane Swanson reported with sorrow the deaths of five members during the past year - Mrs. Marian D. (Grogan) Cooper, Miss Margaret E. McIntyre; Mrs. Ruth (Johnson) Stearns; Mrs. Mabel Broadhead and Mr. Harold McGrath. In tribute of these departed friends a moment of silent prayer and then audible prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Page.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to accept reports of all committees.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the informal statement as reported by the Historical Committee in 1970 be incorporated to show funds of \$100.00 each year.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the expense part of the Budget for 1971-72 as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Motion was duly made that the Active Members' Tax for the year be \$20.00 as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Motion was duly made to amend the motion to increase the tax to \$23.00. VOTED that the tax be \$23.00.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the Proposed Budget as amended.

Nominating Committee:- Miss Beatrice Cheek presented the following slate of Officers and Directors -

President	- Dr. Walter C. Chapin
Vice Pres.	- Mrs. Arthur R. Parker, Jr.
Treasurer	- Mr. Frank Williams
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber
Ass't. Clerk	- Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Directors	- Mrs. Frank Williams - (Term Expires 1972
	Mr. Fred Trasher " " 1972

Directors

- Miss Muriel Devin (Term Expires 1973)
Dr. Francis L. Jones " " 1973
Mrs. R. Hoyt Chapin " " 1974
Rev. Kenneth Page " " 1974

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the report of nominating committee be accepted, nominations be closed, and clerk to cast one ballot.

The Nominating Committee then presented the slate of committees for next year.

(List of committees attached to these minutes)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that list of committees be referred to Board of Directors for ratification and approval.

The following suggestions and announcements were made:ⓐ

Mrs. Williams announced that there would be a square dance at their cottage on Saturday, August 14th, at 7:30 P.M.

It was suggested that better spraying be done on the 7th Ridge.

Dr. Chapin announced our Annual Picnic at Mt. Grace State Park to take place after our meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting motion was made to adjourn.

Rev. Alexander Babos closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude K. Lauber
Clerk