

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., held Saturday, August 4, 1973 at 2:00 P.M. at Silverthorne Hall of the Northfield Schools.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Theodore Denise.

Dr. Charles Crain opened the meeting with prayer.

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

At this time the president read the names of the new owners of cottages on the Ridge: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Dumeer the David Wood Cottage; Dr. and Mrs. Eric Gardner the Semmler cottage; Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas White the Keith cottage; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Snyder the Trasher cottage; Mr. & Mrs. John Papparazzi the Mancini cottage; Mrs. Merrill Keith the Brown cottage; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sprague the Leiman cottage; Mr. and Mrs. David Powell the Fensom cottage and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crain the Carson cottage.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the President: Mr. Denise gave a report on some of the highlights of the year of both the Ridge and the Town. He expressed a welcome to new members and suggested that each one do their part in making them feel welcome on the Ridge. The Tercentenary celebration of the town was a success and the Ridge had an article in the town history "Rivertown Review" written by Mr. Loomis. The Northfield Inn has been leased to a Food Corporation and thus far is doing well under the new management. This year was the biggest turnover of ownership of cottages and it is important that we inform those we know who are in sympathy with the ideals of the Ridge to purchase cottages that may be available. We again would stress the importance of keeping the brush cut back from the side of the road on our property. Thanks was expressed to all who have worked to make things run smoothly on the Ridge. No work has been done on the review of our by-laws but this will be done in the coming year. The Discretionary Fund is still on our books for contributions - this is used for the little extra things not included in our budget.

Report of the Clerk: Miss Lauber reported that a new list of names and addresses of Ridge members will be made and requested that any change in names of cottages etc. should be submitted promptly. Annual meeting notices in the future will be addressed to Northfield instead of home addresses as heretofore.

Report of Ridge Representative: Mr. Edward M. Powell reported that Mr. Scott and the State Police made a number of visits on the Ridge during the winter checking properties also Mr. Harris and some of the members of the town snowmobile club. He suggested that nothing of value be left in the cottages over the winter. There are to be no outside fires on the Ridge. Members were reminded to renew their forwarding address at the post office as this is not kept after two years.

Auditing Committee: Mr. John Hann reported that the committee had gone over the books of the treasurer and found them in good order.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Frank Williams reported a balance on hand of \$2,456.92 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1973.

(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 Berger reported that the committee had made an inspection of the roads and found them to be in good condition and not in need of major repair. Mr. Walker removed the rock and other material on the 7th ridge to reduce the hazard to cars and trucks. Gardiner Hudson was hired to clean the roads of leaves which was done in April. The roads that need repairs are Heath Lane, Glen Road and Willow Lane Exit. When re-oiling is indicated, East Lane and Pine Road will be next for such maintenance. Our expenditure for the year was \$224.50. Residents are urged to take care of their responsibility to cut growth back from the edge of the roads along their properties for the safety of all.

Insect Control: Dr. Charles Grain reported that due to the death of Mr. Hinckley, the Stewart Nursery was hired for two sprayings, one in June and the other in the middle of July, at a cost of \$100. per spraying. A third spraying this year is not advisable due to the ineffectiveness of sprays being used.

Sanitation: Miss Jeannette Townsend reported that only one collection per week was possible due to a great inconvenience on the part of Gardiner Hudson in that he would have to send a special truck on a second day and he would have to charge an additional \$25. per pick up. If this was done it would double the cost of collecting our garbage.

Road Signs & Directory: Mr. John Hann, 3rd, reported that the signs had been taken down in the fall and replaced in the spring. Rev. Page is in the process of making name changes on the signs.

Historical Committee: Mrs. George Loos reported that the committee has a first draft of the History of Rustic Ridge 1901-1976 on hand which was written by Mr. Earl Loomis. It is planned to have approximate costs of reproduction for consideration by the Board of Directors by 1974. The Board could then make a recommendation to the Annual Meeting at the 1974 or 1975 meeting.

Necrology Committee: Miss Jane Swanson reported that we were happy to report that their were no deaths among our members during the past year.

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 to adopt the Budget for 1973-74 as recommended and presented by the Board of Directors. (copy attached to these minutes)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the taxes of the Active Members be \$23.00 per cottage for the year 1973-74.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. David Powell presented the following slate of Officers and Directors -

- President - Mr. Theodore Denise
- Vice President- Mr. David Powell
- Treasurer - Mr. Frank Williams
- Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber
- Asst. Clerk - Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.
- Directors - Mrs. Hoyt Chapin (Term Expires 1974)
- Rev. Kenneth Page " " 1974
- Mrs. Norman Stanhope " " 1975
- Mr. George Thomas " " 1975
- Mr. C.J. Broadhead " " 1976
- Mr. David Harned " " 1976

VOTED that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast.

The Nominating Committee then presented the slate of committees for the next year. (List of committees attached to these minutes)

VOTED that list of committees be referred to Board of Directors for ratification and approval.

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

Dr. Charles Crain closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Lauber

Clerk