

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., held Saturday, August 3, 1974 at 2:00 P.M. at the Music Hall of Northfield Schools.

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

Dr. Francis L. Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

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

At this time the president welcomed the new owners of cottages on the Ridge: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young (Strohbeck cottage) and Mrs. Edith Lucas (Florczyk cottage)

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the President: Mr. Denise reported that Mrs. John Schmadeke gave a generous gift of \$500. for printing the Ridge History. He also announced another means of entertainment available to Ridge members which is a boat ride down the Connecticut river. He expressed thanks to everyone for their cooperation and special thanks to the officers and directors and committee members.

Report of the Clerk: Miss Lauber reported that all correspondence, as voted by the Board of Directors, was taken care of. President's letter was mimeographed and mailed to all members. A new Ridge Directory was mimeographed and is being distributed at this meeting. We request that members go over the list and report all changes to the clerk today. Extra copies of the Ridge Rules are available and it is suggested that they be placed in cottages as reminders, we especially bring your attention to rule number 5 re: quiet after 11:00 p.m. in consideration of other members. Some of our members have been disturbed at 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning.

Report of Ridge Representative: In the absence of Ted Powell Mr. Denise stated that during the past winter a number of break-ins had occurred. The Board increased surveillance by asking Bob Huber, who is interested in skimobiling, and has checked our properties during the winter. You are reminded to be very careful with fires and abide by the rules of not burning outside cottages. The town worked on North Lane removing a large dead tree and patching other areas. The Selectmen were given a Resolution by the Board of Directors requesting that no permits be granted for permanent Home Trailers on the Ridge.

Auditing Committee: Mr. John Hann reported that the books of the treasurer were examined and were found to be correct in every respect.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Frank Williams reported a balance on hand of \$2,995.81.
(copy of report attached to these minutes)

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

Road Committee: Mr. George Marston read a report from Mr. Berger stating that patching was done on Heath Lane, Cliff road, East Lane, Mountain road, Woodway, West Lane and Willow Lane extension. A ditch was cleared on Willow Lane. A stake was provided near the Cooper cottage to warn of a drop-off near a water main connection. To assist in better drainage a larger and longer culvert was installed on West Lane and road was re-surfaced. All was done at a cost of \$520.69 by Mr. William c. Walker, Jr. Road and culvert cleaning was done by Gardner Hudson at a cost of \$175.00.

Insect Control: Dr. Charles Crain reported that 2 sprayings were done, one in June and one in July by the Stewart Nursery, at a cost of \$120 per spraying. Insecticide 7 was used.

Sanitation: In the absence of Miss Jeannette Townsend, Chmn, Mr. Denise stated that Gardner Hudson was hired to collect our garbage once a week from June through October 15th at a cost of \$336.00. He also stated that Mr. Pelzel, of the Northfield Schools, had been contacted regarding the collection of garbage on the Ridge and Mr. Pelzel said the Schools could not do this.

Road Signs and Directory: In the absence of Mr. Hohn Hann, 3rd, Chmn, Mr. Denise stated that signs were taken down in the fall and replaced in the spring. Any changes in these signs should be reported to the new committee.

Historical Committee: Mrs. Esther Loos, Chmn. reported that the History of the Ridge is now in manuscript form.

The committee states the following: (1) To submit the text to the Association President for Board approval, July 1975. Cost estimates will also be submitted. (2) Update text to January 31, 1976. (3) Submit historical file to the Board at the Annual Meeting, 1976. (4) Committee to terminate at that time.

Committee understands the Boards responsibilities in connection with the publication of the History as follows: (1) It will recommend approval of publication at the Annual Meeting in 1975. (2) It will then be responsible for the publication, publicity and sale of the book in 1976, the 75th Anniversary of the Ridge.

Necrology Committee: Miss Jane Swanson, Chmn., reported the deaths of four members - Mrs. Lillian F. Page, January 22, 1974; Miss Alta Hale, February 18, 1974; Mrs. Pearl Washburn, January 15, 1974 and Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, June 4, 1974. Following a moment of silent prayer Mr. Gordon Poole led in prayer audibly.

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

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Budget for 1974-75 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 1974-75.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Anna Ray, Chmn. presented the following slate of Officers and Directors

President	- Mr. David Powell		
Vice Pres.	- Mr. John Hann, Jr.		
Treasurer	- Mr. Frank Williams		
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber		
Asst. Clerk	- Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr.		
Directors	- Mrs. Norman Stanhope (Term Expires 1975)		
	Mr. George Thomas	"	"
	Mr. C. J. Broadhead	"	" 1976
	Mr. David Harned	"	" 1976
	Miss Beatrice Cheek	"	" 1977
	Mr. Arthur R. Paker, Jr.	"	" 1977

VOTED that nominations be closed and that slate of officers and directors be accepted as presented.

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

VOTED to accept the slate of committees as presented.

Question was raised as to the placing of permanent signs on the roads as road signs are missing.

VOTED to refer to the Board of Directors the matter of erection of name signs on our roads.

The following things pertaining to the Ridge were brought to our attention:

- (1) The "One Way" sign at the entrance to the Willow Road is broken and people are using it as an entrance.
- (2) Crown of the road on North Lane and Cliff Road is in need of repair.
- (3) It was suggested that those property owners in tax arrears be invited to meet with the Board of Directors in an effort to point out the many advantages of being an Active member of the Association.

At this time Mr. Denise yielded the chair to Mr. David Powell the new president.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to welcome Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Baker and Miss Claire and Mr. Tom Costello as Associate Members.

Mr. Denise mentioned the fact that the Board had appointed a committee to review the By-laws but due to unfortunate circumstances this was not done. He recommended that the Board of Directors appoint a committee to investigate changes in our By-laws, these to be drawn up and approved by the Board and then included in the president's letter or the call of the annual meeting next year to be voted upon.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Historical Committee include a page in the Ridge History in memory of Mrs. Bessie (Brainard) Schmadeke.

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

Dr. Francis L. Jones closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Lauber
Clerk

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