

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., held Saturday, August 16, 1975 at 2:00 P.M. at the Music Hall of Northfield Schools.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. David Powell.

Rev. Alexander Babos opened the meeting with prayer.

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

At this time the president welcomed the new owners of cottages on the Ridge: Mrs. Edith Lucas (Florczak cottage) Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young, Mr. and Mrs. James Broadhead (Mosse Cottage).

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Report of the President: Mr. Powell stated that contacts had been made with many of the members of the association during the past year. Considerable time was spent by the Board of Directors in reviewing our present by-laws. The result of our review thus far will be presented to you for further consideration. He expressed thanks to the officers and directors for all the time given and also to committee members.

Report of the Clerk: Miss Lauber reported that all necessary correspondence was taken care of during the year. Get well greetings were sent on behalf of the Association to Rev. Thomas Kidd, Miss Virginia MacLeaod and Miss Frances Pierson. Expressions of sympathy were sent to the families of Rev. Kidd, Mr. Robert Moore and Rev. John Moore. Name and address changes were given to the treasurer and sign committee. The President's letter and annual meeting notices were mailed out. There are several cottages for sale and at this time resolutions adopted at a previous meeting were read.

Report of Ridge Representative: Mr. Edward M. Powell reported that the Ridge was checked after bad storms. Reminded members to check septic tank covers and replace same where needed. Everyone should have fire prevention items, such as hoses, etc. All members should remove brush from edge of road at least 3 feet. The police should be notified immediately of any disturbances or riotous parties, after 11:00 p.m., prompt action will be taken by the police.

Auditing Committee: Rev. Warren Snyder reported that the accounts of the Treasurer were examined and were found in order.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Frank Williams reported a balance on hand of \$2,852.01.  
(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. George Marston reported that two signs were obtained and installed on Ledge Way. (Please, No Trucks, Caution. Caution) Mr. William Walker, Jr. was hired to do all road work including the cleaning of the entrances to the culverts in the fall and spring as necessary to keep them open. A wooden culvert on East Lane was replaced with a steel one. A similar culvert was installed on Rev. Babos' driveway, at his expense. The oiling and stoning of East Lane and a section of Heath Lane was done in June due to adverse weather conditions. Some patching was done on Ledge Way. We appreciate the work done by the town on North Lane and Woodruff Way. Two signs, sound horn, were erected at the bad corner on North Lane and patching and grading were done on both roads. Through the generosity of Mr. Arthur Parker a traffic mirror was erected on North Lane. This will be removed before November and replaced in the spring. This is very helpful.



Insect Control: Mrs. Lucy Hann reported that two sprayings were done this year by Stewart's Nursery on May 30th and July 3rd. The chemical 'sevin' was used and special attention given to strategic areas. The cost per spraying was \$160.00 making total expenditure for 1975 of \$320.00.

Sanitation: Mrs. Bernice Rubyor reported that an agreement was made and signed with Mr. Gardiner R. Hudson to collect refuse on the Ridge on a weekly basis from May 27 to October 13, 1975 for \$350.00 to be paid in two installments - one on August 1st and the other October 1st - each payment in the amount of \$175.00. A list of collections was placed at each cottage.

Road Signs and Directory: In the absence of Mr. John Hann, 3rd, Chmn., Mr. John Hann, Jr. reported that the signs were taken down in the fall and replaced in the spring. All name sign changes were made as well as new listing in the directory.

Necrology Committee: Due to the serious automobile accident of Miss Virginia MacLeod and Miss Frances Pierson, Miss Lauber reported the deaths of three of our members - Rev. Thomas Kidd, September 30, 1974; Mr. Robert Moore - May 25, 1975; Rev. John Moore - July 14, 1975. Following a moment of silent prayer Rev. George Washburn led in audible prayer.

Historical Committee: Mrs. Esther Loos, Chmn. reported that the story of Rustic Ridge which the Historical Committee has been working on for nearly ten years will be printed early in 1976 in anticipation of our 75th anniversary. The committee with the help of the Ridge and Northfield residents compiled the historical materials. Mr. Earl Loomis has woven the information into an historical account entitled "The Story of Rustic Ridge". It is now expected that the Minott Printing and binding Company of Greenfield will do the printing. Mr. Earl Loomis stated that an estimate of \$1305.00 for 600 copies, 48 pages, to be sold at \$1.50 each.

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

VOTED that the Budget figure of \$1600.00 for printing Ridge History be approved, 600 copies be printed at \$1.50 each, the final decision on text and pictures be the responsibility of the Historical Committee.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Budget for 1975-76 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 dues of the Active members be \$23.00 per cottage for the year 1975-76.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Arthur Parker, Chmn. presented the following slate of Officers and Directors -

President	- Mr. David Powell
Vice Pres.	- Mr. George Thomas
Treasurer	- Mr. Frank Williams
Clerk	- Miss Gertrude Lauber
Asst. Clerk	- Mr. Edward M. Powell
Directors	- Mr. C.J. Broadhead (Term Expires 1976)
	Mr. David Harned " " 1976
	Miss Beatrice Cheek " " 1977
	Mr. Arthur Parker, Jr. " " 1977
	Mrs. Marjorie Grain " " 1978
	Mr. John Hann, Jr. " " 1978

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 list of committees and refer to Board of Directors for ratification and approval.

The following motion was properly made and seconded - That we request the Board of Directors to distribute complete copies of our present by-laws, include a letter asking our members to submit to the Board of Directors suggestions of changes, these be considered and presented for adoption.

The following amendment was made and seconded - that copies of the present recommendations of our by-laws with an explanation of each recommendation be included.  
VOTED to accept the amendment.

VOTED to adopt the preceding motion with the amendment.

It was recommended that a special meeting of Ridge members be called for considering our by-laws.

Dr. Walter Chapin proposed the name of Miss Barbara Moore as an Associate member. This was so moved and voted.

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

Rev. Warren Snyder closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

*Gertrude Lauber*  
Clerk

*52 Present*