

The Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc, was held Saturday, August 5, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. at the Music Hall of the Northfield Schools.

Due to the absence of a President or Vice President, Mr. Theodore Denise was appointed by the Board of Directors to Chair the meeting.

Mr. Charles Crain opened the meeting with prayer.

The call of the call of the meeting was read by the clerk.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Report of Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the year had been an unusually busy one. Assisting the President by supplying necessary information as needed. Xeroxing and mailing necessary legal papers to Trish White. Supplying detailed information to Committee Chairmen as needed. Keeping in touch with the Vice President and carrying out her instructions. Notices of the Directors and Annual meetings were sent out. I wish to express thanks to those who have willingly cooperated in the immediate need of take over. Thanks also to all Committees and Ed Finch for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Ridge Representative - Mr. Ed Finch reported the Town of Northfield has increased the valuations of property and has also voted not to over ride proposition 2½. Many of the services during the year will be cut or curtailed. The State has also cut back funding to the Town. This may mean increase in taxes.

Carol Santos and I met with the chief of Police, Richard Taffner regarding policing of our roads during off season. The results were as before but with some suggestions - 1. Attempt to turn our roads over to the Town. 2. Close off roads during the off season, especially those not easily observed by year round residents. 3. Post more visible "Private Road or No Trespassing" signs at both ends of roads. 4. Provide our own 'police' or 'Security police' force which patrols at a regular basis. (This might entail hiring a protection agency) 5. Install in those "high risk" cottages a security alarm system tied in with the police department telephone. At the end of this interview, we concurred that no further action could or would be taken.

In February the Snyder cottage was broken into. The police and Mr. Snyder were notified. The culprits were almost caught in the act, but not apprehended.

Auditing Committee:- The Auditing Committee wishes to report that it inspected and reviewed the Books and records of the treasurer for the period August 1, 1988 to July 31, 1989. We found all information in a very orderly manner and correct. Lucia Powell, Arthur Parker Jr., Chmn.

Treasurers Report:- Mr. Warren Snyder reported a balance on hand of \$5,111.28.  
(Copy of this report attached to these minutes.)

VOTED that all officers reports be accepted as presented.

Road Committee:- Mr. Henry Longley reported that in August 1988, repairs were made to Cliff Road, Ledge Way, East Lane, Mountain Road and the corners of West Lane and The Willows, Sweeping the some roads was also done.

In November 1988, the culverts were cleared of debris. In April 1989, emergency repair was necessary to Cliff Road. Due to the lower than normal snow-fall for the winter, the roads heaved more. Cliff road was temporarily closed. This could be necessary again in the future.

In June 1989, the following roads were repaired- Cliff Rpad, Pine Road, East and West Lanes and Mountain Road.



Sanitation Committee:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that Mr. Charles Hewitt had been contracted to collect waste on the Ridge for a sum of \$600.00. The new Transfer Station Rules <sup>was</sup> mailed to all members which included the pick up schedule. These were included in the Presidents letter. No permits are being issued at the present. We ask your full cooperation by abiding by the rules.

Road Signs and Directory:- In the absence of committee members, Miss Lauber stated that the Directory had been taken down in the Fall and placed back in the Spring. All new owners names will appear on the sign board directory and individual signs.

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Bernice Rubyor reported three deaths this past year. Miss Lucille Johnson (ormer owner for many years) died August 15, 1988; Mrs. Dorothy Harris died at her home February 6, 1989 and Mr. John Maddaus, Associate Member died April 21, 1989. Sympathy cards were sent to each family from the Association.

VOTED to accept all commi ttee reports.

The Board of Directors presented the Budget to be recommended for 1989-90.

VOTED to adopt the Budget as presented and recommended by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors recommend that the Active Members Dues for 1989-90 be \$40.00 per cottage, the Associate Members' \$4.00 per person.

VOTED to approve the Members' Dues as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Nominating Committee:- Mr. Arthur Parker presented the following slate of

Officers and Directors:-

President	-	Mr. David Powell	
Vice Pres.	-	Miss Frances Pearson	
Treasurer	-	Mr. Warren Snyder	
Clerk	-	Miss Gertrude Lauber	
Directors	-	Dr. Lucy Hann Livingston	term expires 1990
		Mr. Arthur Parker, Jr.	" " 1990
		Mr. Henry Longley	" " 1991
		Mr. Charles Crain	" " 1991
		Mrs. Roberts Berger	" " 1992
		Mrs. Julie Harris Hawkens	" " 1992

VOTED to accept the report, nominations be closed and Clerk to cast one ballot.

The Nominating Committee recommends that those persons now serving on Committees continue their assignments temporarily to allow the Board time to review requirements. Road Committee - Mr. Henry Longley, Chmn, Mr. George Marston, Mr. William Whitney. Sanitation - Miss Gertrude Lauber; Road Signs & Directory - Mr. Robert Brown, Chmn., Mr. John Hann 3rd. Necrology - Mrs. Bernice Rubyor

VOTED that the list of Committees be referred to the Board for ratification and approval.

The Board of Directors recommend Miss Pauline Moor as Associate Member - this was so moved and carried.

Mr. Denise reported that due to the work of Mrs. Trish White - Tax Exemptions were received from the Federal and State Revenue Departments.

VOTED that a letter of thanks be sent to Trish.

Mr. Denise announced that the results of the insect spraying questionnaire were 23 in favor of sprayings - 22 not in favor. (Active member votes only)

Mr. Warren Snyder announced that the Community Contribution was given to to the Fire Department for protective equipment.

VOTED that the Board of Directors form a Hospitality Committee which will deliver a packet of information to new owners of cottages covered by our association including a welcoming letter, a copy of the By-Laws, minutes of the last Ridge meeting, a list of the officers and their phone numbers, rules of the Ridge, garbage collection information and such other information as might be appropriate at the time.

VOTED that a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting plus a list of the Officers and Committeessincluding the Nominating Committee be sent to the membership within a month after the Annual Meeting.

Reports were given by several members regarding a strange odor on the Ridge. After a lengthy discussion - it was recommended that the President take necessary action as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Gordon Poole closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bertrude Lauber*

Clerk