

Annual Meeting  
Rustic Ridge Association Inc.  
August 6, 1994 - 10:00 AM

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Warren Snyder.

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Burdick. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1993 annual meeting as everyone had received a copy of the minutes. The minutes were accepted as written and distributed.

Reports of Officers:

President Ed Burdick thanked Jonathan Heidenreich and Trish White, whose terms as directors were expiring, for their three years of service on the Board.

Treasurer Lucia Powell presented an analysis of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1994, and reported a closing balance of \$7,823.43. Auditor Warren Snyder confirmed that he had reviewed the financial records and that they were in order and the Treasurer's report was correct.

It was voted to accept the reports.

Reports of Committees:

Road Maintenance Committee: - Henry Longley reported that all roads were swept in June and that the wood chipper would be making its rounds on August 13. The members present gave a vote of thanks to Henry for his contribution to Rustic Ridge life.

Recycling Committee: - Donna and George Thomas reminded us to separate our recyclables with cans and plastic bottles in one bag and newspapers in another and to be sure to obtain "critter-proof" cans.

Surveillance Committee: - It was reported that it had been the "least eventful winter in memory" because of the deep snow. We were reminded to post our new cottage numbers on the entrance to our driveways and not on the house for easy identification by emergency personnel. It was suggested that updated membership lists, ridge maps and cottage numbers be supplied to all fire and police shifts.

Road Signs and Directory Committee: - Lucy Livingston reported that all renumbering has been done - many thanks for a great job! It was noted that a sign is needed at the intersection of North Lane and Woodruff Way.

Hospitality Committee: - Marilyn reported that welcoming information packets were being distributed to new members and that Dave Powell is currently revising the Rustic Ridge History for our 100th anniversary.

Memorial Committee: - Elaine Harned reported that during the year past, Esther Moody Loos, Frank Williams, Helen Hoyt Chapin, and Grace Marston had died. She asked that a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of them. It was suggested that in lieu of flowers to the departed members' families, a memorial book be purchased for the Dickinson Library.

It was voted to accept the committee reports.

Budget for 1994-95

The budget for 1994-95 was reviewed by the Treasurer and approved. It was voted to leave the dues at the current amount.

There were no additional suggestions for the annual community contribution. The Board will decide at the August Board meeting.

David and Merelice England reported on the status of their review of alternatives to the current strategy of depositing the Ridge Association reserves in a savings account. The goal of a new investment strategy would be to increase our return from 2% or 3% to 5% or 6%.

There was a discussion of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws (circulated to all members in April) which would expand the geographic area for active membership in the Ridge Association to include:

- The end of Woodruff Way to add the Martin and Maddaus cottages
- Linden Avenue south of Carleton Street, adding the Sorlinson, Moore, Foster, Ziegenhagen, Neuendorffer and Schoonover cottages

The Board recommends approval of the By-Law change with the stipulation that road maintenance on Linden Avenue will not be provided by the Association until the road is upgraded to a level approved by the Road Committee and the Board.

There was discussion about the association taking on another road, and the historical reasons for the request including the fact that many of these families are 5th generation residents and have strong emotional ties to the Ridge. It was established that we would not be taking on another road because of the by-law

provisions and that there would be no additional fiscal responsibility. It was noted that this proposal has been in the works for at least 20 years. The question was called and the by-law was approved unanimously.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by John Hahn. The Clerk was authorized to cast one ballot for those nominated by the committee. The nominees were voted by acclamation.

Ed Burdick was thanked for his years of service as President of the Association.

Members were reminded about the pool party this evening.

It was noted that updated Ridge directories are available thanks to David Berger and that any corrections should be given to Lucia Powell or the president.

There were concerns raised about the proposed Refuse Treatment Plant and what the Ridge Association's response would be. Jim Broadhead, John Voorhies and Trish White volunteered to form a task force to ascertain the approval and appellate processes and then report back to the Board of Directors. There was further discussion about effective communication between the Ridge Assoc. and the town, the role of NMH, and how other organizations in town are responding. In the event that counsel must be retained, it would take all of the resources of the Assoc. treasury and more. To that end, it was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to use all of the financial resources of the Rustic Ridge Association (if necessary) to respond to the recommendation(s) of the Task Force. The motion carried, with 3 dissenting. There were several questions raised about the consequences of spending all of the reserves on legal fees. General opinion held that the gravity of this project warranted this kind of financial commitment.

It was agreed that the task force would send out an update to the membership as soon as possible.

Finally, the question was asked if there were any cottages for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Conner  
Clerk