

Rustic Ridge Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 5, 2017, 3:00 P.M.

Boeve Cottage - 14 Linden Avenue

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Martha Schoonover, President, started the meeting at 3:17 PM. She welcomed the group, mentioning that the cottage was now 100 years old. In attendance, Martha Schoonover, Margie Conner, Lucy Livingston, Carol Ziegenhagen, Bob Ziegenhagen, Barbara Walker, Tim Powell, Alex White, Jeannie Bubriski, Leesa Campbell.
2. **Minutes** from June 19, 2017 and July 27, 2017 were reviewed and approved as amended.
3. **Roads Report** – It was agreed that we would delay much of the cutting and sweeping until next year, seeing that the summer season is almost over. Activity this fall would be limited to cutting on the sides of Meadows, clipping overhanging branches (Ed Shearer), culvert cleanouts, dig-out of the Spring swale and possibly repairs on the north end of East Lane. The Board agreed to authorize repair of the area near the mailboxes.

There was discussion regarding traffic on West Lane. It is currently a two way road but the Board suggested West Lane residents might want to poll their members to determine whether they wanted this revised to one way. Willows will remain one way only.

4. **Charitable Donation** . The Board agreed that we did not want to donate to the same group in consecutive years so as not to set precedents or raise expectations. We further agreed to keep donations local rather than sending funds to other countries and cities. Finally, we agreed to give 10% of total member dues plus associate dues in future years. In 2017-18, we only budgeted 10% of member dues, and we agreed to hold to that sum for 2017-18.

The Board voted to donate equally in 2017-18 to Loaves & Fishes and Northfield EMS.

5. **Rangers and other Activities** - Catherine Broadhead could not attend the meeting but her notes show the ranger program continues to be very successful. Catherine does not want to run the programs next year without help so she has asked the Board to find either assistance or someone to replace her. Martha will check with Julie and Abby Hawkins to see if they are interested. Barbara Walker and Jeanne Bubriski agreed to repeat the Cottage Crawl but will encourage people to visit the cottages in a more random schedule throughout the day next year.
6. **Campus Coordination** - Tim and Doug will be asked to form a committee to coordinate with the Moody Center, the C.S. Lewis Foundation and Thomas Aquinas College.

7. **Security Volunteer** - The Board discussed pros and cons of increasing fees to the security volunteer and in the end, we agreed to stay at the current level.
8. **Herbicides** - Board agreed to communicate early and clearly to the membership about possible use of herbicides in the future.
9. **Associate Membership** - The Board agreed to invite Julie Wiggins to be an Associate Member of the Rustic Ridge Association.
10. **Picnic Location** - Given the clearing weather we agreed to hold tonight's picnic at the pool. Bob will send an email to the membership to communicate that.
11. **Adjourned** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.