

Rustic Ridge Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 5:00 P.M. EST

Zoom Teleconference

Attendance – Jeannie Bubriski, Leesa Campbell, Margie Conner, Doug Denise, Linda Glover, Lindsey Lack, Phil Livingston, Pamela Read, Bob Ziegenhagen, Carolee Ziegenhagen

President Leesa Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 PM, eastern time

Minutes – Minutes from the August 2020 and November 2020 meetings were approved without correction.

Old Business Follow-up.

- **Storage Documents** – Bob reported that he has backed up historic Ridge files on Google Drive in the RusticRidgeBoard.com account. Board members with files they wish to preserve should send them in either digital or physical format to Bob or they can access the Google Drive site themselves.
- **Review Membership** – Carol Ziegenhagen and Doug Denise will meet this summer to recommend ways to reconnect with lapsed dues-payers.
- **Auditor** – Leesa reports that Bill Young has agreed to serve as Ridge Auditor this year. He is in contact with Treasurer Doug Denise.
- **Garnet Rock Report** - Phil Livingston clarified the spaghetti of trails leading to Garnet rock and expressed hope that Dick Young's directional signs will not be removed by the State this next year as they did recently. Dick will put up new signs next summer.
- **Rustic Ridge Documentary** - Carol reported that Jim Ault's participation is delayed until the epidemic is behind us. In the interim, Linda Glover offered a number of excellent ideas for getting material for the documentary in advance of the actual shooting. Carol will firm up and begin actioning their plans over the coming months.
- **Highland Avenue Development** – Margie updated the Board on recent developments concerning the Moody Center's proposed development on Highland Avenue. Extensive public pushback has led the Moody Center to withdraw its application and to dialog with community representatives via the newly formed Campus Center Coordinating Committee. It appears that the Moody Center's long-term plans are not firm at the moment and are not congruent with the Town's long-term plans.

The Moody center confirmed that at least one of the tennis courts should be available if we raise the money to recondition it.

Treasurer's Report (See attachment) - Doug Denise summarized the Ridge financial status. We currently have a bank balance of \$33,198 with revenues of \$9,314 and expenses of \$4,428 year to date. We have received payments from 42 of our 65 Member cottages as of Feb 21. In

addition, we received 16 Associate member dues and reserve donations from 18 Members and 6 Associates.

East Northfield Water Company

Margie and Pamela Read reported that the Water Company has begun to implement its severe rate increases but its long-term plans are not clear at this moment. Jeff Shander, Pamula Read's husband, is very active in trying to influence events and keep the Board informed. The Ridge President will warn members of the upcoming rate increases in the next newsletter.

Nominating Committee – Margie agreed to have the Nominating Committee recommend a slate for the 2021-2022 board.

Social Committee - Jean Bubriski reported that her committee has a variety of plans in the works. Members, however, are unsure whether the epidemic will allow them to go ahead. The Board agreed that we will continue to plan for appropriate events and remain flexible as we see where the epidemic goes from here.

The Meeting was closed at 6:10 PM

The Treasurer's Report is attached.

Bob Ziegenhagen Clerk

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Treasurer's Report

(Current as of 2.21.21)

1. Greenfield Cooperative Bank Balance is \$33,198.30

2. Total Revenue to date \$9,314.92

3. Total Expenses to date are \$4,428.99

Community Contribution \$1,000, Five Acre Property \$36.60, Flower Garden \$25,
Miscellaneous \$8.47, Road Maintenance \$2,615, Signs \$20.18, Social \$23.74,
Trash Collection \$700.

4. Dues payments and contributions received for FY20-21 to date:

Active Members/cottages 42 paid of 65 cottages for total of \$6,445.80.

Associate Members/Associate Member Families 16 of 55 for total of \$634.16

Active Member reserve fund contributions: 18 members for a total of \$1,790.00

Associate Member reserve fund contributions: 6 members for a total of \$444.92

Total reserve fund contributions = \$2,234.92

Total member dues and reserve fund contributions at 2.17.21 = \$9,314.92

5. Comparing Payments at this time of year FY20-21, FY19-20, FY18-19:

Active Members/cottages 42 (FY20-21), 30 (FY19-20), 44 (FY18-19)

Associate Members 16 (FY20-21), 8 (FY19-20), 21 (FY18-19)

Reserve contributions \$2,234.92 (FY20-21), \$1,170 (FY19-20), \$1,670 (FY18-19)

Total revenue \$9,314.92 (FY20-21), \$5,990 (FY19-20), \$9,110 (FY18-19)

Note: Total Revenue ahead of last year and similar to two years ago for this time of year.

6. PayPal Account Established to Facilitate Member Payments

A Rustic Ridge Association PayPal account has been established. To date, six Members have used PayPal for dues/contributions. PayPal fees (absorbed by Association) are usually 2.9% + \$.30 per transaction.

Total amount of fees so far is \$15.12. Note: One member's payment incurred no fees. Another paid extra so net amount same as payment by check. A third Member reported their attempt to use PayPal was not successful. Treasurer investigation of possible ongoing glitches is underway.

7. Other Items:

Federal Annual 990 Tax Return for FY19-20 filed Oct 19, 2020.

Massachusetts Annual Report filed Dec 7, 2020.

Dropbox backup of RRA financial records updated 2.21.21.