



Rustic Ridge Association, Inc.

**Rustic Ridge Association
Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2007**

- 1) **Attendance** - The meeting was held at 11 Linden Avenue from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Present were: Alan Abel, Elaine Harned, Lucia Powell, Mary Snyder and Bob Ziegenhagen.
- 2) **2007 Budget** – Lucia presented a summary of last fiscal year spending and a review of the budget for 2007.
 - a) Sue Ross asked that she not receive a fee for her work as Community Liason. We agreed to abide by her wishes but we are very thankful for her considerable assistance on many matters.
 - b) Steve Wiggins was unable to complete all the road work last year so Alan will ask him to finish it as soon as possible this month. Last year's unpaid funds are being held as a reserve until completion.
 - c) Alan Abel and Bob Ziegenhagen will meet with Steve Wiggins this weekend to make a longer term plan for road repair. As part of this plan, we need to build a meaningful reserve for emergencies and expensive future road work.
 - d) Lucia Powell will consider increasing Associate Annual dues to \$20 per family.
- 3) **Board Staffing for 2008** -
 - a) Alan Abel and Lucia Powell agreed to stay on the Board for 2008 in their roles as Roads and Treasurer respectively.
 - b) Lucia Powell will follow up with Charlotte Martin (Nominating Committee) to see if Katie Young would be willing to join the board to replace the exiting Dick Young. Elaine Harned is completing her one year "fill-in" and agreed to a regular three year stint beginning in 2008.
 - c) Bob Ziegenhagen was of two minds about staying on as President in 2008 but at the request of Board members present agreed as long as the non-present members were in agreement and there were no other interested candidates. Lucia will follow up with Charlotte Martin to confirm. They will also confirm Kurt Nelson's thinking.
 - d) In the absence of Sherrie Broadhead, Mary Snyder agreed to serve as secretary in 2008.

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4) Other

- a) Bob will look for information to update the Website on the passing of Rex Baker and the Whitneys.
- b) Bob will look into options for improving the grilling facilities at the Ridge Picnic.
- c) We discussed the possibility of a second and earlier "Brush Day" but our collector would not be available until later, when the summer mowing crush has subsided.
- d) We agreed to cut back on garbage collection after Labor day because so few people are remaining here after that date. We will now stop collection after the Saturday following Labor Day (Sept. 8th) – except that we will collect on the Saturday after Columbus day (Oct 13th) for people coming to close their cottages.
- e) Bob will talk to Northfield officials to get information on the refurbishing of 9 Pine Street
- f) Alan Able will schedule work days when the weather picture gets a little clearer. We will reconsider how to maintain Willows in the future given it's greater uncertainty and the dwindling supply of recruits.