

**Rustic Ridge Association Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 3, 2013, 3pm**

In attendance: Janet Abel, Alan Abel, Doug Denise, Julie Hawkens (by phone), Lucy Livingston, Roy Martin, John Powell, Mary Snyder, Joanna Faraby Walker, Bob Ziegenhagen, Carol Ziegenhagen

1. Welcome/Review Agenda - Doug
2. Minutes of Most Recent Prior Board Meeting - Joanna
  - a. Joanna summarized verbally.
3. Emergency/Fire Preparedness
  - a. Alan wanted to make the distinctions between road improvements, maintenance, and repairs.
  - b. Bob said that the roads are in better shape than they have been in a long time, and it may be worth diverting money from the already-approved roads budget to make sure that the fire lane is passable.
  - c. Once Bob hears back from the Northfield Fire Department, he will report back to the board.
  - d. Doug suggested working on a larger plan for creating a fire plan for the Ridge, maybe having a drill, etc.
  - e. Catherine said that she tried to call the Northfield Fire Department to ask about where the closest water access point for insurance reasons. Never got a call back,
    - i. Bob said that there is only one hydrant down near Bob Huber's house. So, that's another issue. Could there be more hydrants installed? Or a fire pond built?
  - f. Alan is hesitant to give up all of his roads budget for the fire lane. Asked that the reserve fund be tapped into as well
  - g. Catherine suggested having a fundraiser where we sell fire extinguishers
  - h. Alan and Bob agreed to come up with recommendations by October 1 to be reviewed by the board.
4. Yearly Contributions
  - a. We make yearly contributions out of the goodness of our hearts, because it helps our tax-exempt status, and to elevate our standing in the local community.
  - b. We generally give 10% of our dues to charity. This year, that would have been \$660. Doug suggested rounding it up to \$700, and we all agreed.that was a good idea.
  - c. It was agreed that we would give \$350 to the Northfield Fire Department and \$350 to Northfield Emergency Management Services.



## 5. Subcommittees

- a. Common Land Study Group – Lucy, John Powell
- b. Finance Subcommittee – Carol, Lucy, Roy
- c. Fire Safety Subcommittee – Joanna, Mary Snyder, John Powell
- d. Ridge Direction Forward
  - i. Carol, via Lyndzi, said that it's really important that someone moves in to the campus in terms of the long-term survival of the Ridge. Thinks we should be using our connections to be making a more direct connection with the National Christian Foundation. Perhaps Kurt Nelson? He was invited to the Northfield Summit that was held in Alpharetta, GA.
  - ii. It was decided that Doug and Lucy, as President and Vice-President, would pursue this as a high priority.
  - iii. Bob and Carol are hosting Jim Ault ([www.jamesault.com](http://www.jamesault.com)) on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-1:30. Anyone is welcome to come.
- e. Work on these items should start immediately. The subcommittees will report back at the next board meeting.
- f. The board members should reach out to others in the membership to flesh out the committees.

## 6. Doug welcomed Catherine and Julie, our new board members. Said that they represent the new energy on the board.

- i. Catherine said that she really wants to work on getting youth more involved in life on the Ridge. Suggested a "Junior Ridge Member: program similar to a "Junior Ranger" program.
- ii. She also said that she would like to market the Ridge more...bumper stickers, T-shirts, etc.
- iii. It was moved that a Youth Involvement Subcommittee should be formed. Catherine and Julie will work together on this.

## 7. Five Acre Property Tax Abatement

- a. We are ready to file the form to request property tax abatement.
- b. We will be working on getting the assessed value decreased to a more realistic rate at the same time.

## 8. Security

- a. Steve Severence does not want to do it. So, we're back to Joe Chromey.

9. Ridge/Northfield Liaison

- a. Dave and Lucia Powell approached Doug after the annual meeting and said that they think it's a mistake to leave the Ridge Representative position unfilled.
- b. Doug took the liberty of asking Steve Tower if he would be willing to be the Ridge Representative, and he said yes. However, we aren't totally sure what he was agreeing to. We really need job descriptions for these positions.
- c. Maybe we should change the name to Liaison to make it more politically neutral, and also remove payment.

10. Next Board Meeting

- a. Tuesday, September 10 at 7pm