

RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2002
Charlotte Martin, President, Presiding

The meeting was opened with a welcome from the President and prayer by Edgar Moore, followed by the reading of the Annual Meeting Notice by the Clerk, Marilyn Williams.

It was **Moved, Seconded and Passed** to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the August 4, 2001 minutes as they had been distributed by mail.

The Northfield Fire Chief, Skip Dunnell, was introduced to talk to us about fire safety on Rustic Ridge, a constant concern for our members. He mentioned checking the condition of our chimneys, heating devices and outdoor grills as well as access to the house. In-house fire extinguishers are extremely important and they are being made available to members at a wholesale rate of \$32 each. At the moment, they can be picked up at Quinns store in town, but the pick up place may change. The money will be collected by the treasurer.

Chief Dunnell was heartily thanked by the membership.

Reports and Activities

The President reported a busy July with two Board Meetings to coordinate the work of the Association. She mentioned the possibility of new members but will give us information when that is final.

The auditor's report, given by Ed Burdick, stated that the books had been audited and all is well.

Lucia Powell, Treasurer, reported on our financial status. Bills have been paid and dues have been received with only one cottage in arrears.

Road Maintenance has been an exciting report for the last few years as Alan Abel and Elber Stearns have been an active duo, putting together work groups to clean our culverts, prepare roads for repair and arranging for Trap Rock repairs and upgrades. All roads have received some attention with West Lane scheduled for special attention in 2003.

Road Signs and Directories have been lovingly and faithfully removed in the fall, updated and replaced each spring by Lucy Livingston and family.

Necrology, Elaine Harned reported and explained the procedure for giving books to Dickinson Library in memory of loved ones. While the committee buys the books in memory of those who died recently, if family or friends wish to give books in memory of Ridge people not so recently deceased, they can do so at their own expense. Contact Elaine for details.

Gardens: Praise for the Thomas and Powell families for the many hours spent on the gardens on North Lane which we all get to enjoy. If you can offer some help, please contact them to see what is needed.

Security- Bob Huber was thanked for his watchful eye during the winter as he patrols on foot or snowmobile (when possible).

Ridge Representative, Ken Hoff filled us in on some Town happenings and was thanked for his efforts on our behalf.

Trash Collection, Warren Snyder reported that our present arrangements may not hold up as the Jordans are not sure they want to continue as our collectors. More to come!

OLD BUSINESS

Tree trimming along the Ridge roads took place within budget. However, the Board strongly encourages cottage owners to take responsibility for trees abutting their property. There was a glitch in Brush Removal which will be addressed. It is usually done off-season and brush piles must be near to and accessible from the road.

Charitable Contribution As required of all Incorporated Organizations in the state, we choose recipients for our contributions. In 2001 it was done after the Annual Meeting and our money went to the Historical Society and the Firemen's fund. This past year (2002) our donation went to Dickinson Memorial Library and the Northfield "Out of School Time Program".

Seasonal Use Covenant, Bob Caruthers reported on the number signed and urges others to talk to him and get the information needed to add to the number filed.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers and Board members. Bob Caruthers, Vice President and Chair of Nominating Committee. Those elected were: Charlotte Martin, Pres., Bob Caruthers, Vice Pres., Lucia Powell, Treas., Marilyn Williams, Clerk, all one year terms. George Thomas, '05; Carol Zigenhagen, '05; Ted Denise, '03. Continuing members: Jeff Broadhead, '03; Leslie Krichko, '04; and Janet Abel, '04.

Budget for 2002-3, Lucia Powell, Treasurer

She reported that the the dues remains at \$75 per cottage with requests for extra monies to be contributed to the Reserve Fund to be used for general purposes and emergencies.

It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to institute a one time Special Road Repair Assessment of \$50 for each cottage.

Announcements about keeping dogs from running loose, and the picnic were presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn A. Williams, Clerk