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Rustic Ridge Association Board Meeting
Lucy Livingston's cottage: 6 Mountain Road
August 2, 2014, 2:00PM

Participating: Lucy Livingston, Doug Denise, Joanna Faraby Walker, Mary Snyder, Martha Schoonover, Alan Abel, Bob and Carol Ziegenhagen, Leslie Krichko, Bill Young, Catherine Broadhead, Roy Martin

Not participating: Julie Hawkens

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Lucy passed around copies of the July 31, 2014 minutes for review
 - a. The minutes were approved.
3. Road Improvement Priorities - Alan Abel
 - a. The high priorities for the past year have pretty much been taken care of. The \$470 that's left over won't pay for much.
 - b. There was a discussion about whether or not people should be able to do work on the road in front of their property.
 - i. It seems like it's OK with everyone as long as the proper materials are used.
 - ii. It would be good to check with Alan before starting a road project of your own.
 - c. There is a real problem on the south end of Wood Way. The road is deteriorating. That needs to be our first priority.
 - d. Another priority is widening Cliff Road across from the Snyder's cottage. The shoulder of the road has washed away, and when it rains (or snow melts) there is a stream running alongside the road.
 - e. Carol wanted to know if Steve Wiggins is going to be able to complete the work in a timely fashion this year.
 - i. Alan says that's the big question. Steve is so busy, and he doesn't want to push so hard that he damages their working relationship.
 - f. Carol says that she is going to write a note of appreciation to Steve asking him to itemize his bills instead of just putting a total amount. This will help her in terms of accounting.
4. Yearly Contributions for 2014-15
 - a. The board voted to give:
 - i. \$350 to the Food Pantry
 - ii. \$350 to the Dickinson Library
5. Committees
 - a. Youth Activities Committee
 - i. Catherine needs more help planning Youth Activities next summer.
 - ii. Bob thinks one thing that would be very helpful is more ways to communicate what's happening on a daily basis (i.e. a listserv).
 - iii. Carol suggested that we form a Communications Committee
 1. The following board members volunteered to be on the Communications Committee: Bob, Carol, Catherine and Roy.
 - b. Common Land Study Committee
 - i. Wendy Lavalley and Heather Powell have agreed to be on the committee.
 - ii. Already on the committee: Margie Connor, Esty Collet, and Doug Denise.
 - c. Social Events
 - i. Bill Young suggested having activities during Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, and Columbus Day weekend, in addition to our traditional July 4th and

first weekend of August activities, in order to include more people in social activities.

- ii. Bill is going to join the Social Committee.
 - iii. Joanna thinks we should have a Rustic Ridge book club.
 - d. Membership
 - i. Doug suggested forming a Membership Outreach Committee, but he's not sure it's a good idea. For example, he thinks it would be great to go knock on the doors of people who don't receive our emails.
 - 1. Lucy has talked personally with all the full time residents, but there should be more inclusion.
 - ii. Another idea is to bring in more family members who aren't currently members (i.e. 20-30 year olds).
 - e. Ridge Finances
 - i. Lucy asked if we still need a Finance Committee now that the dues have been reviewed and raised.
 - 1. Roy thinks there are still a few things to be resolved and that the committee should still exist.
 - ii. Bill wants to know our goals for the Reserve Fund is (how much it should be and what it's earmarked for).
 - f. Fire Safety Committee
 - i. We just need a few basics (i.e. where do you get fire extinguishers recharged?)
 - 1. Joanna said that she will research this.
6. New Business
- a. Trees
 - i. Bill brought up the issue of dangerous trees, and how to encourage homeowners to take down dangerous trees on their property.
 - 1. The board previously considered having Doug write a letter to homeowners asking them to take dangerous trees down.
 - 2. Mary said if someone's tree falls onto your property it's your responsibility to pick it up UNLESS you've mentioned it to them in the past (and can prove this).
 - ii. Joanna asked about hemlock disease
 - 1. Lucy suggested asking Mike Maury, who does tree work for NMH for his advice.