

**Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association  
Annual Meeting  
May 24, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Del Wallis.

Board members present were Del Wallis - President, Jasper Morrison - Vice President, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Fred Coleman, Gene Reed, Robert Snell, Greg Brown, and Ron Hawke. Absent was Deena Hague - Secretary, excused.

There were a total of 66 Odd Fellow memberships represented, two more than necessary for a quorum and a total of 77 Homeowner memberships represented, 14 less than needed for a quorum, therefore a combined meeting was not officially held.

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Raul Morales. The invocation was offered by Richard Wheeler.

Welcome by Del Wallis.

Motion by Elsie Manning to accept the minutes of the 1997 meeting as printed without reading them. Second by Walter Keppel. Motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

**Correspondence** - None.

**Guests** - See Timber Report.

**Committee Reports -**

**Buildings** - Ron Hawke - This has been a good year for building improvements. The Lodge Hall has had many improvements, both inside and outside, some of which include window boxes, blinds, painting of all inside walls, restroom improvements, upper room cleaned out, outside walls, plaque on side of building, etc. Also, the corporation yard building, the shop, and the firehouse have all had improvements making them all more usable. The caretaker's cabin has had a fireplace insert placed in it, allowing the fireplace to be used for the main source of heat. Comment by Dorothy Goff that the park looks better than it has in years. Thanks were given to Randy and Mike and some volunteers who helped them with the many improvements.

**Water** - Morrison - Good and bad year. There were a lot of broken lines because of excessive rains and snows and shifting of the saturated ground. Repairs were kept on top of by Randy and Mike. Ball valves have been installed in many areas which allow quick access for repairs when needed instead of having to shut down whole system. Four inch and six inch lines have been installed in some areas as per fire code.

Water usage for last year totaled 4 million gallons. Well #6 is on line this week. It tested at 104 gallons per minute. We will be running it at 30 gallons per minute. We have plenty of water for our usage.

The 220,000 gallon water tank will be drained and inspected this year and any repairs made that are necessary. There will be a hatch added to the bottom so that we will be able to inspect for sediment in the future.

**Recreation** - Robert Snell - This job consists of planning six events per year. The March corned beef and cabbage dinner, the spaghetti dinner, the annual fish derby, the Labor Day barbeque, the Thanksgiving dinner, and the Christmas dinner. The Fishing Derby will be held June 13, 1998. There

will be awards for all the kids and some nice gifts and a hot dog barbeque afterward. It is always a lot of fun.

Dorothy Goff would like to have the sewing club of the past begin meeting again and asked permission to use the Lodge Hall for these meetings. Del Wallis unofficially approved the use of the Lodge Hall. He said he would bring it up at the next board meeting for official action by the board.

**Health and Safety** - Del Wallis (Hague absent) - Fire hazards will be addressed under the timber report. Outside toilets are being brought in down by the lake and here at the park. Earlier in the year, there were some problems with kids playing chicken with the snow plow, which was very dangerous. The Sheriff's Dept. was called, as was Child Protective Services. This was a real problem. The problem has been solved, as the children who were playing this game have moved out of the park. The question was brought up as to whether there has been any compliance problems with the ATV rules. Del stated that there were very few problems, and when those people were spoken to, they were cooperative. A question was brought up about the fire camp and whether there had been any settlement with that issue. Del stated that we had received a settlement of approximately \$15,000. He also stated that if we ever had a camp here again, there would be a very specific contract drawn up ahead of time, and that this may prove prohibitive.

**Equipment** - Greg Brown - This has been a good year for equipment. Routine maintenance and repair have been done on a regular basis. All equipment is still serviceable, so we are not looking at replacing any equipment. There may be some repairs needed on the blade on the grader.

**Roads** - Gene Reed - The first phase of the road work voted on in last years meeting was sent out to bid. Three bids were received. TC Striping's bid was approximately \$15,000 lower than anyone else and so this was chosen. This work was not done until August. There were some problems. The feathering done at crossroads was not done well and has been coming up. After many calls, they came out to repair some of this last week. Approximately \$15,000 was received from the Federal Government from the Fire Camp damages that went to the road reserve fund. This year Jordan Way East, Jordan Way West, and Moses up to and including the cul-de-sac will be done as well as Miriam to Esther and Deborah at Rebecca where water repairs caused damage to the road. Also, the entrance from Highway 108 will be widened and straightened out. Only two bids were received this year, one from TC Striping and one from Reed. TC Striping was 56,847, and Reeds was 57,730. Because of problems from last year, and Reeds bid including more work, Reed was chosen. This work should start the second week in June. Money for this will come from the Road Reserve Fund, and some may have to be borrowed from other Reserve Funds and/or the General Fund. This will show up on the monthly statement as to when and how much is borrowed and when it is paid back. You may be able to get your driveway done cheaper while Reed is here because his equipment will already be here. You will need to contact him yourself if you desire to have that done. We checked into oiling the new road that was done last year. Reed suggested that it needed a summer to be driven on and heated up before this should be done so it needs to wait until next year.

**Treasurer** - Richard Bonner - Everyone should have received the proposed budget in the mail with your proxies and notice of annual meeting. The reserve funds showed up on the budget for the first time this year. These will be on the budget when you receive it in the future also. A contingency fund has been added to this budget, in case there is not enough to pay the month's bills. This sometimes happens in June when we are waiting for the new year's assessments to come in. This will also be on the budget in future years. There was a mistake on the amount shown in the Timber Reserve Fund. It read \$43,917 and it should have been \$125,281.

The budget and assessment are proposed to remain the same as last year's, as shown on the proposed budget.

Motion by Walter Keppel to accept the budget as proposed. Second by Elsie Manning. The quorum of Odd Fellows and all the Homeowners that were present voted unanimously to accept the budget as proposed. This will be voted on officially in the next board meeting as there was not a quorum of Homeowners.

**Timber** - Fred Coleman - Fred introduced Craig Tolmie, Licensed Forester and private consultant. He presented a history on the timber management here in the park for the past 18 years. In 1980 there was a 14-page timber management proposal drawn up to manage the timber from 1980 through 1995. This worked well until the drought and the bark beetle infestation. In 1995 there was a 101 page nonindustrial timber management proposal written up. He is working on advising us according to this plan. Last year, there was a hazard tree removal done on Jordan Way, which paid for itself as well as making a \$10,000 profit. Also, there was an area of harvest done behind Abraham which was harvested for forest health. This area netted the park approximately \$90,000. It was a total of 65 acres of which two acres were harvested by "group selection" (clear cut). This needs to be burned and replanted, which was not done last year because of weather problems. Within the area to be harvested this year, there will be a total of five acres in three areas which will also be done by "group selection."

Craig is also preparing a road plan for the harvest roads on the 420 acres of timber land managed by the park. This is to maintain the roads so that they will remain usable and will not have to be replaced by more roads. This will include gating off some of the roads during certain times of year to prevent damage to the roads. He is also preparing a Fuel Safety Reduction Plan for protection against wildfire coming into the park and against structures starting wildfires within the park and the surrounding forest land. This would include a ridge cut on the ridge above the river, and a perimeter cut for 100 feet behind houses around the perimeter of the subdivision. These are just proposals at this time. If the board decides they are valid proposals which could be in our best interest, they will bring it before a vote of the entire membership before anything can be approved. Many questions were asked of Mr. Tolmie which he answered.

Mr. Tolmie then introduced Sharon Torrence of the California Department of Forestry. She discussed the state-required 30-foot clearance around homes. Inspections were made last year and six citations were made. Inspections will be made this year also. We need to rake pine needles and clear ground fuel for 30 feet around our homes, limb up trees to keep ground fires from becoming canopy fires, clean roofs and gutters and have screen mesh on all our chimneys. Bear clover is highly flammable, but she does not suggest eliminating it. Cut it down to just a few inches with a weed trimmer and then rake all fuel that has fallen underneath it. It will grow back very quickly to be green ground cover, but will not be as tall. CDF is having a fire-safety seminary June 12 at Kautz Ironstone Vineyards. The seminar costs \$15.00 and includes lunch and a wine and cheese reception afterward. She stated that this will be very informative and encouraged anyone who wished to attend.

**Old Business** - Five acre split. We had hoped to be done with the split as of the second quarter of last year. The County Fire Marshall wanted an alternate route out of the park as a requisite to the split. We chose Long Barn road as the easiest, and most cost-effective route. We currently have this gated, which was not acceptable, so we were going to put in a one-way gate at a cost of approximately \$6,000-\$7,000 dollars. They wanted four turnouts on this road that would be 10 x 80 feet. This would have cost about \$10,000 to \$11,000, and cross some small areas of private property as well as Federal property. It turned out that the county had not abandoned this road, as they thought they did. The county wants us to maintain this road for them and the costs in the way they want it done will cost us about \$50,000. We have written a letter back to the county regarding what we are willing to do. We have not received an answer yet. If it remains too costly, or we are liable to maintain this road forever, we may have to chose

to not subdivide the land, but sell it all as one parcel, which would require none of this. The membership will be updated as the board is.

**New Business** - Notice to all members: The Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association has general liability and directors and officers insurance of \$3,000,000.00 We are insured to levels specified in Section 1365.9 of the California Civil Code. We did change insurance this year from Sonora Insurance Agency to Caldwell Insurance Agency.

Del Wallis would like to thank Congressman Doolittle for his help and the help of his aide John Martini, who were a great help in providing leadership during negotiations with the government while trying to receive reimbursement for damages done to the roads during the 1996 fire camp.

Del also thanked Ed Smith for his many years of service to the board as President.

Question was asked as to why the words Odd Fellows were taken of the new Sierra Park sign entering the park. Del said this was just a decision made by the board because it was cleaner looking and represented all of the homeowners. This will not make any difference in the way the Recreation Association and Homeowners Association are run.

Del also wanted the membership to know that he was going to put before the board to pay Glenda Bonner \$427.00 for her services in maintaining the database on the gate (without which you cannot enter) and for the many hours she puts in keeping the books for the park. As this was discussed, Raul Morales motioned that we vote to have this happen. Elsie Manning seconded. It was voted unanimously to have this happen.

**Election of Board Members** - Three seats were up for election, with all incumbents interested in running for reelection. These were the seats occupied by Richard Bonner, Fred Coleman and Jim Morrison. The meeting was opened for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming. Raul Morales stated that the current board was one of the best he had seen and made a motion that we reelect these three board members by acclamation. Elsie Manning seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of this. Richard Bonner, Fred Coleman, and Jim Morrison, were all reelected.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

### **Minutes of Executive Session - Election of Officers May 24, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Present, Del Wallis, Greg Brown, Robert Snell, Gene Reed, Fred Coleman, Jim Morrison, Richard Bonner, and Ron Hawke. Absent, Deena Hague.

President - Del Wallis nominated. Motion by Morrison, second by Brown, carried and so ordered.  
Vice President - Jim Morrison nominated. Motion by Hawke, second by Reed, carried and so ordered.  
Secretary - Fred Coleman nominated. Motion by Bonner, second by Brown, carried, and so ordered.  
Treasurer - Richard Bonner nominated. Motion by Coleman, second by Snell, carried, and so ordered.

Committees to remain the same for this next year:

Water - Morrison, Roads - Reed, Timber - Coleman, Recreation - Snell, Health & Safety - Hague,  
Finance - Bonner, Equipment - Brown, Buildings - Hawke.