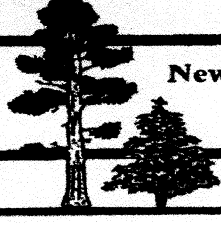


# Sierra Recreation Association



## 2003 Annual Meeting

MAY 25, 2003 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT, DEL WALLIS at 9:05 a.m. when advised of a quorum by attendance greeters, Glenda Bonner and Clare Smith. 91 homeowners were counted and of these 71 were IOOF members in good standing. The count of 71 included the proxies sent in prior to the meeting.

All Board Members were in attendance except Norrine Coyle. She was excused due to family health problems. Tom Clark led salute to the Flag. Richard Bonner led prayer.

Motion by Elsie Manning/Doris Kilgore-Williams to accept the minutes of previous Annual meeting as mailed, approved unanimously.

No Correspondence

Announcements: Del requested that comments be kept short and allow all who wish to participate to do so and will return to anyone who had addition input on subjects.

Announced that Randy Tolbert had tendered his resignation as he is moving to Oregon about June 15<sup>th</sup>. His resignation was accepted with regrets and appreciation for his work. Neil Selman is in charge of a committee to find a replacement for his position. A want ad was put in the Union Democrat for 3 days beginning May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Board Members introduced themselves and then each gave an overview of the year.

**WATER:** Neil Selman reviewed the Condor report for extending the water lines to the holding tanks. The estimated cost is 120 – 150 thousand dollars. The report leaves some questions as to how well its implementation will resolve long term needs. We need to consider 6-inch lines vs. 4-inch pipes. As our water is in good condition now more information will be developed and the Board will make recommendations when all aspects are considered. The \$25/per year assessment for this study is ended at this time.

He discussed the limited number of water leaks and advised one area of leakage will be repaired soon by a licensed engineer/contractor as it is beyond Mike and Randy's abilities. The leak is blocked off and is not causing any problems.

Failure to properly winterize cabins is an on-going problem. Leaving water running in cabins is a big water waster and in 1 case a break in a cabin's pipes allowed water to percolate down and run into the meadow. Due to stormy weather this leak was not discovered right away.

Question was asked as to the cost of providing water in the Park. Considering salaries, electricity, water testing and maintenance projects on the waterlines, the cost per lot is approximately \$8.00 per month. This is well below any other water companies rates.

**EQUIPMENT:** Greg Brown announced our equipment is in good shape. No significant repairs are anticipated, just regular maintenance.

**ROADS:** Robert Snell advised that George Reed would begin working July 16<sup>th</sup>. The bid amount for work this year is \$57,760. If anyone wants George Reed to do work on his or her lot the person to contact is Kelvin Yee Ph. 989-5202. The repairs that will be done will increase longevity and most deterioration. Work areas are 3 separate sections of Deborah, Old Jordan and extension off of Deborah and lower Abraham will have straight asphalt overlays without petro. Other roads will be sealed with oil. **On July 16<sup>th</sup> the work should be a 4 – 6 hour process and the gate will be closed.** G. Reed is working to keep costs down, as we are flexible for delivery of the materials.

**Buildings:** Ed Smith reviewed items as reported in regular Board minutes. Primarily, insurance settlement and repair from the Corp yard fire, the bat problem in the Hall resolved and new dual pane windows placed in the south side of the hall. Fencing with 2 gates will be constructed soon around the Corp yard area for security. He also thanked the volunteers who have been working to keep the hall clean. Fred and Ann Coleman replanted the flowerbeds with some assistance from Doris Selman and Gloria Harvey. The IOOF Lodge will pay the expense for the plants and new soil.

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** Deena Hague thanked Ann Coleman for the wonderful job she has done to keep the park clean of trash. She showed a large plastic bag filled with cigarette butts that were gathered over the last 9 months. Ann picked them up from the bar ditches and roadsides. This is an **extreme fire hazard. Please ask family, friends, guests and workers to dispose of trash and cigarettes properly.** Reminders for Safety factors are reported in monthly Board meeting and must be given constant consideration. Follow the leash law, ID your house with reflective house numbers near the roadway, do not leave garbage or household items outside the dumpster.

In case of emergency evacuation, the CDF will advise us where to go and will see that any gates are open. Review the map by the caretaker's cabin for the different routes that might be used for evacuation. Review the fire safety brochure that was sent with the last newsletter. The EPA and the CDF closed the Burn area early because of smoke. The Board and park manager will be working for permits for fall and next spring.

**RECREATION:** Bob Snell reported for Norrinne. The Holiday dinners were successful and all volunteers were thanked for their help. The Fishing Derby is planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. Fish have been ordered (approx. 300) and the cost is up because of delivery costs. The Lake has been cleaned of tulies and new sand spread at the beach and the playground.

**Question-** What happens to fish when the lake is drained? **Ans.** By the time the lake is drained most of the fish have been caught but any surviving fish go down stream with the water. **Request-** Consider building more shade at the lake. This will be taken into consideration with the budget. **Question-** Why did the proposed budget for recreation go so high this year? **Ans.** The recreation costs have gone over budget for a couple of years. The proposed budget is in line with the costs and actual expenses of the last few years. One item that increased was the sand and the delivery costs to keep the beach and playground clean and safe. The cost for fish for the derby is also increasing and with donations that cost is somewhat covered.

**TIMBER:** Fred Coleman reviewed last year's timber harvest. We had a total income of \$103,358 and a profit of \$92,951 before taxes from the harvest. (Regular planned plus PG&E cutting) We are taking less board feet of timber out than is growing in our forest. A total of 1,730 trees were planted on approximately five acres in three separate group openings. Doug fir & sugar pine are mixed in the areas along with a few redwoods. One area was replanted with sugar pine only, since that is what was there originally. This year we will cut fewer trees because the price of sugar pine is down and it would be more profitable to let them grow and sell them at a future time for a better price. Some will be cut for thinning and if diseased. We will cut mainly cedar and fir and also leave the oaks. The area to be logged will be in an island that they did not take in compartment five and in compartment six on both sides of the road going out of the park along Sugar Pine Creek. The total volume should be about 150 MBF.

He had the Environmentalist come in and evaluate our timber planning. They were very impressed with the work we are doing and the condition of our forest. They recommended thinning more for fire protection through the pre-commercial thinning and biomass operations. They also recommended (as does our forester) to cut back the thick young trees around the meadow's edge to avoid filling in the meadow over time.

**FINANCIAL:** Richard Bonner reviewed the new budget and explained the primary expenses that caused the increases. Those items were wages and insurance benefits and the cost of insurance for the Park. There were extra professional expenses for the sale of properties and litigation on Jordan Way and with the Boy Scouts. The cost of yearly assessments will increase from \$475 to \$500/per lot. Motion by L. Cowles/B. Hintz (unan.) to accept the new budget and assessments.

Del recommended that since he is retiring as president that a full audit of the books should be made. The expense would be about \$5000 per Eric Olsen CPA but since it has not been done for about 6 years, it should be completed at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The sale of 2 properties netted approximately \$332,000 and have been placed in bank accounts. One being available to pay the capital gains on the sales. These sales also put two more assessments on the income roll.

Del advised the conflict with the Boy Scout Camp over Park roads have developed into litigation. The suit is a complaint over access & easement. Any questions you have will need to be in writing and will be answered in writing after review by the attorney.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Charles & Patty Varvayanis are looking to rent a home in the Park as they will be tearing theirs down to build a new home.

**ELECTION of Board members:** Members running as previously announced, Ed Smith and Roger Townsend.

Recent notification of candidates, Sean Kasper & Mike Rainwater. Nominated from the floor, Chuck Aston.

Each candidate introduced himself and gave qualifications and reason for running.

Election results were as follows: Smith 80 votes Sean Kasper 65 votes Roger Townsend 25 votes

These 3 will serve a three-year term. Chuck Aston with 21 votes will be the first alternate for appointment if someone leaves the board. Mike Rainwater received 17 votes.

Elsie Manning commended Del for his work as President for the past 6 years. Also, Randy for a job well-done and best wishes for his family in their new endeavors.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deena Hague secretary