# ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by President Mike Rainwater.

Board Members Present: President Mike Rainwater, Vice President Bob Cloak, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Roger Townsend, Members Charles Aston, Tom Clark, Robert Snell; absent and excused Mike Rainey.

There were 51 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and 20 homeowners making a total of 71 in attendance which exceeded the amount needed for a quorum.

The pledge to the flag was led by Tom Clark. The invocation was given by Doris Selman.

By motion (Ed Smith/Doris Kilgore Williams, unan.) the minutes of last year's meeting were approved as mailed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements:** The President introduced and thanked Glenda Bonner and Brian Adler for helping today.

He said that the final decision concerning the Boy Scouts was that the Boy Scouts have the right to use Wheeler Road and Jordan Way West.

Dan Meade and Kim Wach are planning another Bingo and Dessert night at the lodge hall on September 3. Last year they gave the net proceeds of \$400 to the Park for this year's fishing derby. The proceeds of this year's Bingo party will go toward the expenses of next year's fishing derby.

Doris Kilgore Williams said on the last Sunday in June a new Rebekah Lodge will be formed for the Park. The ceremony will be held in Sonora. She encouraged women to join. It was also mentioned that the Odd Fellows Lodge in the Park is accepting new members.

The Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control Dept. has told us we can no longer burn pine needles. We will dispose of the needles that have been collected but not burned using the \$7,000 collected this year.

The President recognized past Board members and those leaving or who have recently left the Board including Greg Brown, Robert Snell, Mike Rainey who was unable to attend, and Tom Clark who completed one year of a term that was vacant and is running for a full term. He also introduced Mike Caropreso who received a round of applause from the audience.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Water** - Cloak: We've had very few leaks, and had a good report from Aqua Labs. We need to have the tanks serviced this coming year. There are some dead ends on the lines that have been flushed. There is no need to put in larger lines. We don't have to put in a line for chlorination. No tests have been done on the water table, but it appears to be high. He has taken and passed the water distribution certification test.

**Roads** - Snell: Over the past few years, we have been paving the roads with the ones in the worst shape being done first. This year, Deborah to the far end of Rebekah will be paved and a hole on Sarah Circle will be patched. George Reed will be doing the work using Cal Trans' quality materials and at their price. If you want to have them pave your driveway while they are working in the Park, immediately start trying to get ahold Kelvin Yee at 209-984-5202, or try leaving a message on the web site of www.georgereed.com. The work will take about 4 days. There are some new signs up in the park for legal protection.

**Buildings** - Clark: There were no major leaks in the roof of the hall. The insurance on all buildings has been updated. There were no major problems.

**Timber** - Townsend: We had a project by the water tank and at Three Links Camp. We made \$56,854.87 with expenses of \$6,736.63. In the past, each Board has decided how much clean-up was to be done. We decided that more should be spent to do more clean-up on these two projects for fire protection. What some people think is a fire road is actually the old road to a quarry used many years ago to get sand for road work in the Park. The road is no longer used.

**Health & Safety** - Rainwater: People with ATV's must trailer them to the water tank and ride on fire trails from there. We don't want people on ATV's going around the gate so the gate was opened for this weekend. We have a new little "shed" on the lake which covers a metal rod that is in the bottom of the lake and could have injured someone. All dogs must be on a leash and kept a long ways from the lake. The lake water is very cold right now. The raft is not in the lake because the water is too cold for swimming but will be put in later.

**Equipment -** Rainwater: The compressor broke and had to be replaced. The snow plow tires were worn out and the drive shaft broke and all were replaced. The Park truck is broken down and a small four cylinder pickup will be purchased which will be more economical to operate.

**Recreation** - Aston: The Park held its annual Holiday and St. Patrick's Day dinners, and a pot luck was held on Labor Day. The fishing derby was held on the Saturday before Father's Day and will be again this year. Raffle prizes will be given and we will be selling tickets for the prizes. The Bingo party was fun and will be held again this Labor Day. Bill & Doris Williams have made badges for the fishing derby. There will be 12 fish tagged. Any children who catch those will get a gift certificate for Toys R Us.

**Finance** - Townsend: Assessments were all paid without having to take anyone to court. Property owners who have been Odd Fellows or Rebekahs for five years are supposed to get a certificate designating them as "A" status rather than "B" status. This hasn't been done in the past. During the coming year, we are going to try having the accounting firm that we have used for many years write the checks to pay our bills and send out the bills for and collect the assessments. Income for 2004-2005 was \$266,624.06 plus interest and miscellaneous income of \$50,251.99. Expenses totaled \$218,232.35.

### **Old Business**

The generator has been approved by the home owners and will be placed on Well No. 6. When the water in the tank gets down to a level of 16 feet, it will start the pump which will keep running until the level gets up to 21 feet. With a power outage, 16 feet of water would last about 3 1/2 days. At 21 feet, it would last about 5 days. In the winter when not as many people are at the Park, it might last 12 days. The generator will cost about \$20,000. A 50 kilowatt generator is required. Since 9-11-01, city and private agencies are under Federal regulations to guarantee that water and other essential services are provided in case of emergency. By motion (Greg Brown/Doris Williams, passed with 33 yes, 14 no, 1 blank) the money for the generator is to be taken from the Timber Fund.

### **New Business**

The President proposed that Timber fund interest be used to purchase new playground equipment with a special material to go under it to prevent injuries. Roger Townsend said that any money left over from the fishing derby could be added to the amount being spent for the equipment. The company that sells the material to go under the equipment will give the Park a liability insurance policy for \$10,000,000 if the company installs the equipment and the safety material. A motion to use accumulated interest in the Timber Fund (Pat Monahan/Daylene Guidice, yes 14, no 34) to purchase new safer playground equipment immediately failed to carry.

A motion (Doris Williams/Clare Smith) to approve the proposed assessment was withdrawn by the motion maker and the second.

A motion (Kim Wach/Pat Monahan) to increase the assessment to \$545 with the extra assessment amount to match the Timber Fund interest to purchase playground equipment was withdrawn by the motion maker and the second.

By motion (Fred Coleman/Tom Clark, passed) it was agreed to borrow up to \$30,000 from the Timber Fund to purchase the playground equipment and add \$20 to the proposed assessment each year until the amount borrowed is paid back.

By motion (Fred Coleman/Tom Clark, passed) the "A" members agreed to loan up to \$30,000 of Timber Fund money to purchase the playground equipment.

Kim Wach will chair a committee to make recommendations to the Board on what pieces of equipment can and should be purchased.

By motion (Fred Coleman/Ed Smith, passed) the assessment will be \$545, including the \$20 for playground equipment for 2005-06.

#### <u>Election</u>

The four Board positions open this year are Tom Clark who had announced that he is running for a new term, Mike Rainey, Robert Snell, and the remaining one year of Sean Kasper's term. The election board appointed was Clare Smith, Barbara Adams and Norrine Coyle. Nominated from the floor were Mike Van Gundy, Doris Selman, and Charles Varvayanis. Ed Smith asked that voters be allowed to cumulate their votes.

By motion (Fred Coleman/Bob Manning, passed) nominations were closed.

Elections results were:

Doris Selman 66 Mike VanGundy 48

Tom Clark 44 Charles Varvayanis 23

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary