

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 30, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Fred Coleman.

Board Members Present: President Fred Coleman , Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Member Roger Townsend; absent and excused Greg Brown, Sean Kasper

There were 61 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and a total of 83 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 Richard Wheeler.

By motion (Elsie Manning/Bob Hintz, unan.) the minutes of last year's meeting were approved as mailed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements:** The President announced that Gary Scarborough was terminated on Thursday, May 27, 2004. He also mentioned that mountain lions and rattlesnakes have been seen in our area. The needle pick up is going well. Next Sunday will be the last day to put needles out for pick up. It costs \$2,000 to bring Grover's grinder up the hill. We will be sharing the costs with three other areas.

**Committee Reports:**

**Water** - Selman: The report was read by the Secretary. Water consumption for the year 11,737,700 gallons. The samples of our water have been clean and pure. The President said he had found several people who have water licenses as a back up. There was one water break on Abraham. There was a discussion about a generator to pump water in cases of emergencies. Richard Bonner said there is plenty of money in the Equipment Reserve to purchase a generator. We also need to put in a chlorinator. We must keep up our water system or the State will take it over .

**Equipment** - Brown: The President said there is no big issues on equipment. We are looking at 2 to 4 tires on the snow plow.

**Roads** - Snell: He said we have been trying to keep up the roads in the park using part of the timber funds. There will not be any work done on roads this year because of the lack of funds.

**Health & Safety** - Kasper: The President read Sean's report. He's asking people to slow down. The level of the lake is extremely low already this year. Samples of the water are being taking to be sure it is still safe. Dogs are not allowed in or near the lake because of the danger of contamination. Watch out for rattlesnakes.

**Recreation** - Townsend: Roger said thanked Darlene Helmer, Norrine Coyle, and Ruth Townsend for the cookies for the meeting. Reported on last year's fishing derby with 92 registered, 113 fish caught. There was about \$2,400 in donations. This year's fishing derby will be on June 19 at 8:30 with lunch at 12:00. We had the Christmas dinner and St. Patrick's dinner and both were successful. He thanked all who donated prizes for the fishing derby. He would appreciate more volunteers for this year's fishing derby. Mike Ford said he would donate two \$50 Kids Are Us gift certificates for prizes. (At a Board meeting after the annual meeting, Mike Rainwater said he would also donate two \$50 gift certificates from Kids Are Us.) Four fish will be specially marked. Kids catching those fish will receive the gift certificates

**Timber** - Coleman: The President reported on the timber plans to harvest approximately 210,000 board feet. Some trees are dangerous and will be taken out. In the last 10 years we have harvested 2.6 million board feet, and have increased the amount of our timber by over 800,000 board feet and have cleared over \$500,000. By motion, (Daryl Clark/Elsie Manning, unan.) the area from the bridge to the end of

Jordan will be taken out of the logging program. After a discussion about burning the meadow to get rid of the weeds, there was a motion (Bob Hintz/Dorothy Goff, carried) not to burn the meadow. There was a discussion about clearing the willows from the creek. It would cost \$6,200 to cut the willows to keep them from choking the creek plus some amount for the chemicals that would be used to keep the willows from growing back. By motion (Ron Hawke/Elsie Manning, carried) it was agreed that if the Board determines there is a problem, the Board is authorized to proceed with the cleaning and treatment of the willows. There was a discussion of getting the silt out of the lake to maintain the lake. Fred said that at the annual meeting in 2005, the group needs to vote on whether or not to continue the work in the forest. He mentioned that all burn permits have been canceled as of May 10. The Board needs to look into some way to clean out all of the bear clover in the Park. He thought the Board should consider giving gift certificates to Steven Wallace, Paul Wallace, Daryl Clark, Larry Vaughn, Arlen Santos, Mike Rainey, and our employees who fought the fire until the C.D.F. fire crew arrived. He said he has allowed people from the outside to bring slash in to help increase the number of tons of material resulting from the grinding process. A motion that we do not assess property owners for the grinding program died for lack of a second. By motion (Charles Aston/Elsie Manning, unan.) any money that is not used this year, or any profit from the sale of the grinding materials will be saved for the grinding process next year.

**Finance** - Bonner: Budget has been raised because of increases in various things -- gas, garbage, insurance and workers' comp., an increase for the employees, and the grinder. We had to borrow \$28,000 from the Timber Fund to pay for our insurance. This will be replaced when we get a refund from the insurance company. We had to pay \$6,000 for a six year audit. It may be necessary to hire someone to do the bookkeeping work. By motion (Bob Hintz/Daryl Clark, carried) the budget was approved.

**Buildings** - Smith: The report was read by the Secretary. The main work done was moving the office upstairs in the hall. The park phone and fax are located in the office. The last new window was installed in the hall. Also, Roger Townsend installed a new sink in the kitchen.

### **Old Business**

Out of the two law suits that were pending at the beginning of the 2003-04 fiscal year, one was settled out of court. Regarding the Boy Scout property, which is going to court, Roger Brown, the Park's attorney, will be handling the case. The Boy Scouts want to use Jordan Road, which the Park is maintaining and plowing. They do have other access to their property on a County road. To continue crossing the creek, they would have to build a bridge which would be on our property. The President has heard the Boy Scouts want to sell their property to someone who wants to set up a "Wayward Youth" camp. Court is scheduled for June 7. Also, we need to upgrade the water system with a direct line to the tank.

### **New Business**

An audit should be done because both the President and the Treasurer are going off the Board. Mike Rainey will take care of the gate. It was mentioned that the bylaws should be restructured so there is no difference in who can vote. By motion (Pat Monahan/Ron Hawke, unan.) it was requested that the Park rules be sent out once a year with the assessment bills. A question was asked about stacking some building materials and who will clean up after the building is done. The contractor is responsible. In a discussion it was mentioned that if we have only two employees, neither employee can be the "boss." There has to be at least three employees with one of the three being the "boss."

### **Election**

The three Board positions open this year are Richard Bonner, Fred Coleman and Norrine Coyle. The election board appointed was Barbara Adams, Cindy Kasper, and Elsie Manning. Dorothy Goff nominated Mike Rainwater; Daryl Clark nominated Ron Cloak; Ed Cole nominated Charles Aston; and Roger Townsend nominated Tom Clark. Pat Monahan asked that the votes be cumulated. (On his proxy, Ed Smith had also requested that votes be cumulated.)

Elections results were:

Mike Rainwater 44

Norrine Coyle

42

Bob Cloak	33
Charles Aston	32 and will complete the vacant 2-year term
Tom Clark	27 and will complete the vacant 1-year term

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary