



Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Newsletter



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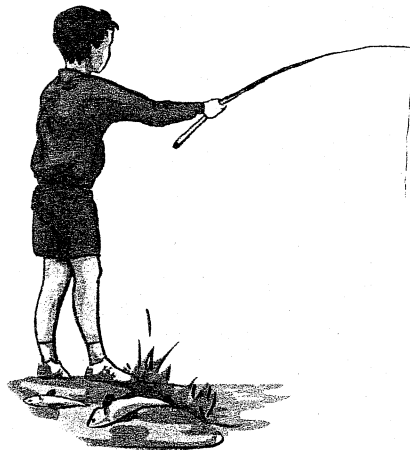
Board of Directors - 2012-2013:

<i>President:</i> Del Wallis	<i>Buildings:</i> Dick Barrett	<i>Health and Safety:</i> Larry Adams
<i>Vice President:</i> Ron Hawke	<i>Equipment:</i> Friedhelm Peter	<i>Gate:</i> Bill Ordwein
<i>Secretary:</i> Claire Veleyas	<i>Roads:</i> Larry Adams	<i>Water:</i> Ron Hawke
<i>Treasurer:</i> Bill Ordwein		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks for your vote of confidence in the Board by voting in favor of this years' assessment. Now the ball is in our court to prove we can manage your hard earned dollars effectively. Our goals are many, but certainly lowering the temperature in the park is foremost! Working together to build a better place to live and recreate is our number one goal. We have already begun some long over-due maintenance items. New sand is on the beach, ready for young and old alike to build sand castles and enjoy the lake. Mowing the park and weed eating to enhance the beauty of the area, as well as addressing potential fire dangers, is on-going. We are incorporating more extensive water evaluation practices (tracking water depths in our wells, recovery rates, etc.). There are other behind the scene practices in our everyday activities that I'll mention in future messages.

Our fish derby and picnic was an outstanding success. Many thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with this event; and a very special "Thank You" to Mike Ford and Linda Clark who Chaired the events. It's a lot of work and their outstanding effort made it come together. For now, let me encourage you to make your interests known. We have Board meetings every month and look forward to your input.
~Del Wallis



*Lake fishing is now
open to
fishermen and women
of ALL ages!*



**ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
May 27, 2012**

INTERIM MINUTES

The special meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors was assembled at 1:00 PM and called to order by Del Wallis. Present were Directors Larry Adams, Dick Barrett, Bob Cloak, Ronald Hawke, Sharon MacDougall, Bill Ordwein, Friedhelm Peter, Claire Velayas and Del Wallis. In addition Linda Clark was present for the purpose of taking minutes.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:

The first item of business was to select the officers for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. By acclamation, the following selections were made and confirmed: President: Del Wallis; Vice President Ron Hawke; Secretary Claire Velayas and Treasurer Bill Ordwein.

COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

The next order of business was to delegate the Committee/Department responsibilities. The selections were: Buildings, Dick Barrett; Equipment, Friedhelm Peter; Gate, Bill Ordwein; Health and Safety, Larry Adams; Recreation, Sharon MacDougall; Roads, Larry Adams; Timber, Del Wallis; Water, Ron Hawke. Director Cloak will be the back-up co-coordinator for the Gate and for Water. Secretary Velayas will also coordinate the Newsletter/Bulletin production.

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was decided that Mark will be directed to order sand for the beach at the lake this next week.

Director Barrett stated that work on the dry rot on the caretaker's cabin for \$640.00 will be scheduled along with the dry rot on the Lodge building for \$725.00. The problem of drainage and water diversion at the front of the Lodge building will be addressed at the next Board of Directors meeting in June.

Director Adams stated that road work will be scheduled for the fall.

**Adjourned to Executive Session at 1:40 PM.
Resumed the regular meeting at 1:40 PM**

President Wallis announced there were no actions taken during the Executive Session.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be on **Father's Day, Sunday June 17, 2012 at 9:00 AM**

The July meeting of the Board of Directors will be on **Saturday July 21, 2012 at 9:00 AM**

There being no further business, President Wallis adjourned the meeting at 1:59 PM

Linda Clark, Acting Secretary
Odd Fellow Sierra Recreation Association

**ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

June 17, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President Wallis. Board members present: Adams, Barrett, Cloak, Peter, McDougall, Ordwein, Velayas and Wallis. Director Hawke excused.

INVOCATION: Given by Director Peter

HOMEOWNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Higgins, Charles Varvayanis, Mike VanGundy. Charles expressed questions and concerns regarding the exchange of gate openers.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Velayas reported the receipt of letters from the County regarding the lot line adjustment for Cedarbrook and an agreement to represent the Park in the sale of the cabin on the Cedarbrook lot from Coldwell Banker. A letter and a check in the amount of \$386.00 was received from Paul Emery; the Park would like to thank him for his donation.

E-mails were received from:

Kirk Knudsen expressing concern about the removals of the Movie Night signs from the gate. Park policy is that all signs on the gate be approved by the BOD prior to placement; the Movie Night signs had prior approval by the BOD and should not have been removed.

Gary Logan and Larry Giacomino expressed concern in separate e-mails regarding this year's assessment. The BOD believes the assessment to be legal and would like to remind residents that the assessment is due by June 1st and is delinquent on September 1st.

Randy Krassow asked about the needle dump. The needle dump will be open all year except during such times as the needle pile is being removed. The closure during such times is for safety reasons.

James Ennis regarding change of address for assessment billing and correspondence.

Charles Varvayanis regarding the small claims lawsuit which he has filed against OFSRA.

Doug Kelly regarding the merging of two of his three lots.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MAY 27, 2012: Director Adams moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Director Peter seconded and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

WATER-HAWKE: Director Hawke being absent, back-up coordinator Cloak gave the report. There were no line breaks since the previous meeting on May 27th. Well water levels are continuing to be monitored. Hydrants will be flushed soon to clean sediment out of the pipes and reduce turbidity. Usage for the month was 738,600 gallons.

BUILDINGS-BARRETT: Director Barrett proposed, after receiving several bids, that dry rot on the Lodge and the Caretaker's cabin be repaired by early to mid July. Director Peter motioned to approve the plan, and Director Velayas seconded. Motion was carried.

ROADS-ADAMS: Simonuchi will perform road work in September.

EQUIPMENT-PETER: Director Peter reported that all equipment is in good repair except the dump truck which was reported to be cost-prohibitive to repair and the generator, which only needs some fuel stabilizer added. Director Barrett made a motion to sell the dump truck for scrap; Director Cloak seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TIMBER-WALLIS: Director Wallis reported that there is nothing to report on timber.

GATE-ORDWEIN: Director Ordwein reported that Mark has ordered additional proximity cards and that the gate records need considerable attention. Director Ordwein wished to remind residents that Board approval is required to obtain any more than 6 gate openers per lot.

RECREATION-MACDOUGAL: Director MacDougal was delighted to report that the Fishing Derby and

Movie Night were great successes. Congratulations to all the kids who caught some fish. Any adults who would like to try their hands at catching some fat trout are reminded that the pond is open to adults. Recreation Director Sharon MacDougal would like to solicit ideas from everyone for some community-building events. If you've got some great ideas for a party or event, please submit them to the Park e-mail (ofsra-parkmgt@sierrapark.org). Let's have some fun and get to know all our neighbors! Director MacDougal would like to remind all homeowners that the dog park is used by many people; when your dog defecates, it is your responsibility to not only pick up the feces, but also to dispose of it in a responsible fashion by taking it to the dumpster.

FINANCE-ORDWEIN: Director Ordwein presented bills in the amount of \$12,874.86. Director Peter moved that the bills be paid. Director Cloak seconded. The motion carried. President Wallis reported that the accounting from the Fishing Derby should be received in July.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Director Adams had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: The BOD agreed that the Cedarbrook cabin on approximately 2 acres should be made available for sale exclusively to local property owners until July 15th. Offers will be accepted starting at \$269,000.00. After July 15th, the property will be listed on the MLS and available to the general public. Coldwell Banker will coordinate the sale.

NEW BUSINESS: Three lot mergers were requested. A motion to approve said mergers was made by Director Adams and seconded by Director Barrett. The motion was carried, and the following lot mergers have been approved:

Arlin and Linda Santos provided all documentation and the fee required, so Lots 077 and 078 are now Lot 078A.

Doug and Susan Kelly provided all documentation and the fee required, so Lots 017 and 018 are now Lot 018A.

Neil and Doris Selman provided all documentation and the fee required, so Lots 064 and 065 are now Lot 065A.

SAFETY: Cal Fire requires all lots be cleared prior to fire season. All lots should be cleared before the middle of July. Our needle dump is open all year round, except when the pile is being removed. Safety dictates closure during needle pile removal.

ENTRY GATE: If you have a sign you'd like posted on the gate, please submit a request to the Board. We don't want our gate looking like a messy bulletin board! Also, remember to exchange your old Door King gate openers prior to the August 31st deadline. If you have any questions or issues about the gate, please contact Mark at 586-3098 or Bill at 586-1618.

LEGAL ACTIONS

SUPERIOR COURT

PLAINTIFF: Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, a California Corporation

DEFENDANTS: Odd Fellows Sierra Homeowner's Association, a California Non-Profit Corporation;
and Does 1 through 500, inclusive.

COMPLAINT For 1) Breach of Contract; 2) Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing;
3) Common Counts - Account Stated; 4) Declaratory Relief

DISPOSITION: Default prove-up meeting is set for July 2012

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

PLAINTIFFS: Charles P. Varvayanis and Patricia T. Jones

DEFENDANT: Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, Inc.

COMPLAINT: OFSRA fraudulently billed and collected assessments and late fees for two parcels that did not exist.

DISPOSITION: Pending

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PLANTIFFS: 1)Odd Fellows Sierra Homeowner's Association; 2)Fred Coleman, Ruth Dargitz, Steve Wallace and Larry Vaughn

DEFENDANT: Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, Inc.

COMPLAINT: Odd Fellows Homeowner's Association ("OFSHA") is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation whose Directors are democratically elected by owners of all 281 lots within the Odd Fellows Sierra Park. The water for all the lot owners is supplied by Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association ("OFSRA"). The water system is required to be regulated by the CPUC under California Public Utility Code 2701 and 2702, but is not. OFSRA consists only of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs; OFSRA provides no financial transparency concerning costs it incurs in providing water to lot owners.

DISPOSITION: Verified answer filed - Motion for a Stay - Pre-hearing conference is scheduled for June 28, 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Some concerns were voiced regarding construction of the Caretaker's cabin. These concerns will be investigated by Director Peter.

Painting of the pump houses will also be investigated by Director Peter.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 11:07am.

Adjourned Executive Session at 11:50am.

Resumed regular meeting at 11:50am.

President Wallis announced there were three actions taken during the Executive Session:

- 1) Mark will receive a \$1.00/hour raise, effective June 1, 2012, as well as \$40.00/month to offset his cellular phone bill since his cellular phone is his primary contact for Directors and residents contacting him.
- 2) During the Executive Session, President Wallis was served with a new Small Claims action from Charles P. Varvayanis and Patricia T. Jones, along with an amended Small Claims action for a prior claim. No action was required.
- 3) A contractor will meet with Director Ordwein to arrange for connectivity for generators to the Lodge, the Caretaker's cabin, and the Shop; for use during power outages. If these connections cost less than \$1,00.00/connection, work will proceed.

There being no further business, President Wallis adjourned the meeting at 11.55am.

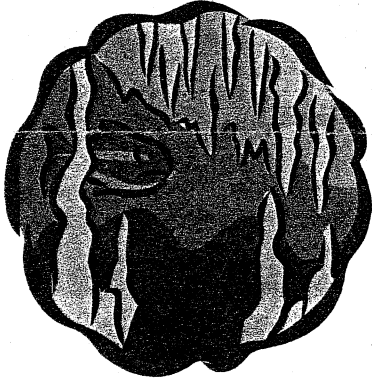
Claire Velayas, Secretary



Rebekah's Corner

The Rebekah's Bake Sale was a great success and we would like to Thank all who supported our efforts. The Rebekah's will have the snack shack open on July 4, 6, and 7 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please stop by and support the snack shack; remember, all proceeds will go towards refurbishing the Basketball Court. The Basketball Court is the biggest project our lodge has ever attempted. If you would like to make a Tax Deductible contribution for the Basketball Court, please make checks payable to: Dogwood Rebekah's Lodge #200, P. O. Box 119, Long Barn, California 95335

The Rebekah's are hosting a Pot Luck on the 21st of July at 4:00pm. Please come, bring a dish to share and whatever you would like to drink. We look forward to visiting with all our neighbors, children are welcome!



Annual Fish Derby

This years Fish Derby was once again a terrific event! Not as many fish were caught, but everyone had a really good time trying. A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Mike Ford for doing such a wonderful job handling the derby portion of the event. The Derby could not happen without you and your many helpers, Mike! The Rebekah's deserve a huge **THANK YOU** as well for taking care of the picnic portion. A few special Thank You's need to be mentioned as well: Friedhelm and Yvonne Peter, Michael and Susie Lechner, Bob Cloak, Sue Reynolds, Bill and Heidi Ordwein, James and Wanda Lenhardt, Gloria Harvey, Jesse and Marianne Worsham, Matt Peters, John Coate, John Bordes and all the Ford family. I apologize if I've missed anyone who volunteered. Also, a big Thank You to those who donated money and prizes. This annual event could not happen without all the wonderful folks who volunteer their time and make donations. **Thank You Everyone!** Mike will have a wrap-up report of the Derby results for the next newsletter.

~Linda Clark

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION,

Operating Budget

2012-2013
Proposed

Maintenance Income	\$372,736
Rental Income (Caretaker's Cabin)	6,900
Fish Donations	
Refunds	
Tax Refunds	
Recreation Income	
Unrealized gain/loss on investments	
Interest Income	
Miscellaneous Income	
Timber Income	**
Timber Interest	

Total Operating Income 379,636

Accounting	18,000
Bank Charges	50
Contingency	6,900
Employee Benefits	12,000
Equipment Rental	
EQUIPMENT RESERVES	2,000
Fish Derby Expense	2,800
Franchise Tax Expenses (CA)	800
Fuel	9,000
Garbage	14,000
Gate Expense	3,873
Health and Safety	4,000
Insurance General	17,000
Maintenance/Buildings	11,000
Maintenance Buildings/ Cedarbrook	
Maintenance/Equipment	15,000
Maintenance/General Park	25,000
Maintenance/Roads	35,000
Maintenance/Roads Cap Exp	
Maintenance/Water	8,000
Maintenance/Lake	9,000
Member Communications	4,500
Needle Expense	10,000
Office Expense (includes clerical)	1,500
Payroll/Labor	70,000
Permits and Fees	2,500
Permits and Fees Cedarbrook	
Professional Services - Legal	30,000
Professional Services - Consulting	25,000
Recreation	1,000
ROAD RESERVES	2,000
Supplies Shop	1,500
Supplies/Recreation Hall	100
Taxes and Licenses	1,500
Taxes/Payroll	7,000
Taxes/Property	3,300
Taxes/Property Cedarbrook	* *
Telephone	1,200
Timber Expense	** **
Unrealized Loss on Investment	
Utilities	14,000
Utilities Cedarbrook	* *
WATER RESERVES	3,113
Water Testing	8,000
Total Operating Budget Expenses	<u>383,436</u>
Less Cedarbrook expenses	* * (3,800)
Less Timber expenses	** ** -

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES

\$379,636 divided by 364 = 1024.00

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Have a Wonderful
Summer!