

April 19, 1955

The Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association met at the home of A. L. Escobar in Manteca. Members present were: Harwell, Nichols, Kearns, Hosmer, Hodgson, Escobar and Gibson. Bianchi entered later.

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Vice Pres. Hodgson. The minutes of March 28th read and approved as corrected.

Motion by Kearns and seconded by Hosmer that the following bills be paid. Motion carried.

Clarence R. Johnson - \$15.47; West Coast Publishing House - \$9.79; Hobby Print Shop - \$20.80; P. G. & E. - \$99.60; Flora's Letter Shop - \$4.21; Lee Brothers - \$3.43; Arthur Garrett - \$66.00; Employers Quarterly Federal Tax Return - \$4.00; State of Calif. Quarterly Return - \$3.70;

Communications read and acted upon:

Letter from Myron Funk with regards to water service for his property. Motion by Kearns and seconded by Hosmer and carried that Mr. Funk be granted an additional water service for the house that burned in the event he builds or sells the property. Secretary to write Mr. Funk.

Letter from Tuolumne County Assessor about the frame building on Parcel 31-044-7. Secretary to write the assessor that the building is on Parcel 31-044-9, the building belonging to Mr. C. A. Turner.

Note read from Hosmer with regards to discussion with Mr. Van Hook as they want to know what is on our books against the Ray Reeves lot, they hope to purchase the lot. The secretary obtained this information from the Treasurer and is to write to Mr. & Mrs. Van Hook.

Letter from L. C. Boydstun about the \$100 check for Mr. Ball. Treasurer to cancel the check and reissue another.

Letter read from Sequoia Area Girl Scout Council, Redwood City, that was received by J. R. Hodgson. The Secretary is to answer and indicate that we have property for sale and that an attractive offer could be made.

A very nice letter was read from Mrs. Ameret Methven about their outings in the park this winter. A letter from Anthony Frias was read asking to have all the large timbers removed from his lot. J. R. Hodgson to note.

Letter from E. A. Becker asking for the name of the building inspector and stating the date for payments on his contract was the first of each month which is before his pay day. Secretary to advise Mr. Becker that the 10th of the month would be acceptable in place of the first and would be so noted on the contract.

Note from Mrs. Gillette asking for a statement. Note from Mrs. Grothmann about a check she could not use. The Secretary had mailed her the wrong one. The matter was straightened out by the Secretary.

Note from Robert G. Smith says he purchased the Roy Reedy cabin and asked to have Lot 89, Block 14 turned over to Donald R. Smith and Gerald O. Smith. Secretary to make up contract on this lot as \$60.00 has been made as a down payment.

Secretary read his letter to Mr. Morrow asking that their check be made to the association and not to the secretary as a personal check.

Letter from Arch L. Taylor with regards to Surety Bond on our Treasurer.

Letter from Mr. Ackley with copy of the State of California ruling declaring we are income tax exempt. Also letter from Mr. Ackley with regards to the Harold Lilly matter. He also enclosed a list of delinquent water accounts for revision and attached a copy of the type of letter sent to each member on the list.

The delinquent list was read and revised. The secretary was instructed to forward the revised list to Mr. Ackley.

Resignation of the Secretary was read to be effective May 2, 1955 as he has accepted a Fulbright teaching fellowship in Burma for one year. Motion made by Nichols and seconded by Kearns that the resignation be accepted. Motion amended to accept the secretary's resignation as secretary and grant a 12 months leave as a board member effective June 1955 to June 1956. Amendment and motion carried.

Considerable discussion with regards to the secretary job followed. Motion made by Hodgson and seconded by Nichols that the President and Vice President be instructed to obtain a secretary's assistant other than a member of the board. Motion carried. Secretary work and bookkeeping to be done by paid personnel.

Nominations were opened for a secretary. Kearns was nominated by Hodgson. Motion by Nichols and seconded by Hodgson that nominations be closed. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded that the vote be taken by acclamation. Motion carried. Kearns elected secretary.

Bianchi reported that Amos K. Hoffman wants to purchase the Graham lot and is willing to pay \$250.00 for it. Motion by Kearns and seconded by Nichols that Lot 25, Block 23 for which the deed was returned to us by Mr. Graham be processed by Mr. Ackley for quit title and we accept the \$250.00 from Mr. Amos K. Hoffman for the lot. Motion carried. Bianchi to see Mr. Ackley with regards to this matter.

Secretary read the contract sales agreements and reviewed them as to delinquency. No positive action taken. The treasurer was asked to see the bank with regards to taking over our contracts.

Finance Committee discussed the possibility of placing certain of our properties for sale. Said they would give a detailed report later.

Bianchi read a letter to be mailed to all branches of the order on the program for Oakdale on July 2nd and Sierra Park on July 3rd, listing tentative program, etc. Large program expected.

Gibson reported that the picture postcard deal with Gerald Smith was too high as Smith is out of business. There is a possibility that Smith will start up in business and he could do them more reasonable.

Kearns reports Bob Smith would like to print advertising to be used at Grand Lodge as his part for the Sierra Park. Kearns and Bianchi to meet with Bob Smith to work up some advertising and make special arrangements if there are additional costs above Bob Smith's offer.

Kearns to look into the matter of acquiring silverware for the barbeque.

Bianchi asked the Barbeque committee and board to add salad to the menu. It was agreed the price was to be \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children age 6 to 12.

Motion by Kearns and seconded by Gibson that Hodgson is to make arrangements for hauling the new redwood tanks to the park. Motion carried.

Hodgson reports he is working on the new International truck and has a party looking over our road bed with regards to oiling and its costs.

Hodgson reports that the pipe is across Rebekah Street and the galvanized tank placed. This water supply is to furnish the water for the grass seed.

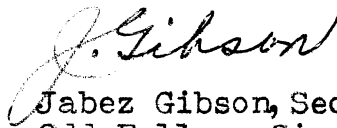
Motion by Kearns and seconded by Nichols that Hodgson hire Arthur Garrett to do the necessary work at the park during the summer. Motion carried. This is not to be interpreted as full time employment for Mr. Garrett.

Motion by Kearns and seconded by Hosmer that Garrett use association gas and oil in his pickup when working for the association on association business. Motion carried.

Fred Harwell was appointed to replace Gibson as chairman of the Planning Committee and to select his own committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M. "What late birds!"

Respectfully submitted,



Jabez Gibson, Secretary
Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation
Association

P.S. Cake and coffee served by Tony Escobar -- he was learning to operate the coffee pot and practising on us.