

Sierra Recreation Association

JANUARY 2001

PARK NOTES

Continue to think "safety." Don't throw cigarette butts in the bar ditches or anywhere around our Park, even if you think they are out. Most of the year, we have an extreme fire danger and one cigarette just might not be completely out before you drop it. In fact, please don't litter our beautiful park with any kind of trash. There has been a noticeable amount of litter around lately.

A few people are having problems getting through the gate properly. Please don't push the button on your opener until you can actually see the gate. It will open if you push the button instant you turn off the highway, but will be closing by the time you actually get there. If you are following a car that has gone through the gate, there may not be time for you to go through before the gate starts to close. Push the button on your opener when you get there so you're sure the gate will stay open until you get through. If you think this takes too much time, just take a second look around at the beautiful trees and say a little prayer of "Thanks" that you are fortunate enough to be able to come here, but don't pray too long, or the gate will start to shut again, and you'll need to push the button again. The gate works if we'll let it.

If you get a new phone or change phone numbers on you cabin phone please let us know, so we can keep our records up to date. Remember your code won't work if we don't have your phone number in the system. Call Richard Bonner at 586-7727.



CARETAKER'S PHONE NUMBER: 586-3098

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Board Meeting	Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001
Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner	Saturday, Mar. 10, 2001
Annual Meeting	Sunday, May 27, 2001
Fish Derby	Saturday, June 16, 2001



SIERRA PARK LODGE # 376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The second Saturday is Business meeting. The fourth Saturday is our pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart," the man frantically yelled in the phone. "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No, you idiot!" the man shouted. "This is her husband!"

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you.

It takes 2,000 nuts to assemble an automobile. It takes one nut to tear it up.

Resolutions: A yearly urge I truly try  
To annually smother  
Is making New Year's vows that go  
In one year -- and out the other!

Growing old pearls of wisdom:  
Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it!  
I finally got my head together, and my body fell apart!  
After 50, its patch, patch, patch.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2001

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Present were President Del Wallis, Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Greg Brown, Deena Hague, Raul Morales and Ed Smith. Absent and excused was Fred Coleman.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

Minutes - By motion (Smith/Morales, unan.) minutes of the December 10, 2000, meeting were approved as mailed.

Members before the Board - None

Correspondence received: Christmas cards from the Law Offices of Lawrence A. Haun and from Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware; letter from Eric A. Carlson, Accountant, concerning new minimum wage requirements; information from P.G. & E. concerning rate increases and an opinion questionnaire; a grant deed from Oliver and Carol Goldsmith to Allen and Grace Towles for a lot on Jordan Way; a letter from the County's Community Development Department concerning our rescinding a Tentative Subdivision Map; a notice from the State Department of Health Services regarding a public hearing about "Intended use plan for drinking water State Revolving Fund 2001 funding; and a copy for a letter from Jay D. King to the Sam R. Hasbany Estate regarding a hazardous dead tree on their property.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: Water usage during the past month was 547,700 gallons. There were no water breaks or leaks.

Roads - Snell: Rebecca has a spot that needs to be fixed when weather permits. Bids will be obtained in the next few months for road work in the park during the coming summer.

Buildings - Smith: Needed supplies had been purchased for the kitchen.

Timber: - Coleman: Will Dorrell said the tules and pond weeds were sprayed last week. They will burn the tules when the weather is a little drier. There was a discussion about the next timber harvest. Work is planned to thin the small trees and clear brush for fire prevention purposes. Depending on the weather, the thinning might start in May.

Health & Safety - Hague: In front of the Disabled Veterans of America property on David, a Volkswagen is parked partly on the road and is in danger of being hit by the snow plow. If the VW is not moved very soon, we will take legal action to have the vehicle towed with the owner being charged for the cost. There are a lot of cigarette butts in the bar ditches. If people continue to do this in dry weather, it could be a real fire hazard. It was noted that there is a lot of other trash in the bar ditches also.

Equipment - Brown: Randy reported that there is a worn part on the snow plow which is wearing out the chain on the plow. By direction of the Board, Randy will see about getting it fixed.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: Bob Snell will continue checking on getting bass for the lake. It was mentioned that the holiday dinner was a great success. The next function will be the St. Patrick's dinner on March 17.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month amounted to \$8,189.98. One assessment is still unpaid. The property owner has been given until February 1 to pay, after which court action will be taken to collect. By motion, (Morales/Smith, unan.) the bills were approved for payment.

Old Business - Greg Brown will look at an insurance proposal that has been received to see if it might be better than our present insurance.

New Business - A list of conditions and restrictions concerning access across Park property to private property was discussed. By motion (Hague/Morales, unan.) it was approved and will be sent to all property owners with the next newsletter.

President Wallis said we have received a verbal claim from Mr. Overacker concerning damage to his car which he says was caused by faulty design of the gate. President Wallis and Caretaker Randy reviewed the design and operation of the gate and it is working as designed and is operating correctly. By motion (Snell/Hague, unan., Wallis abstaining) the claim was denied.

Because of a possible lack of a quorum, the meeting on February 11 will be only to pay the bills and take care of anything else that is needed immediately. All other items will be held over until the March meeting.

The Caretaker's report is attached to the original minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting for the purpose of paying the bills will be February 11, and the next full meeting will be March 11, 2001, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary




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**Checks disbursed for January 2001**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
12/30	9775	Acordia of California	Insurance - Workman's Comp.	240.00
01/15	9776	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	764.20
01/15	9777	J.S. West & Symons	Propane	417.51
01/15	9778	J.S. West & Symons	Supplies - Shop	34.30
01/15	9779	PG&E	Utilities	473.10
01/15	9780	AT&T	Telephone	18.89
01/15	9781	Pacific Bell	Telephone	48.94
01/15	9782	Village Mail & Postage	Member Comm.	121.18
01/15	9783	AquaLab	Water Tests	75.00
01/15	9784	USBank	Payroll Taxes	1,428.24
01/15	9785	Employment Development	Payroll Taxes	109.12
01/15	9786	Mother Lode Port.	Health & Safety	71.68
01/15	9787	Cedar Ridge Elect.	Shop Supplies	145.06
01/15	9788	Richard Bonner	Mileage and Return Postage	46.18
01/15	9789	Postmaster	Permit and Trust Fund	375.00
01/15	9790	USBank	Payroll Deduction - Employee Retire.	175.00
01/15	9791	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting	550.00
01/15	9792	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 01-15-01	837.47
01/15	9793	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 01-15-01	541.45
01/15	9794	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 01-31-01	837.48
01/15	9795	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 01-31-01	541.45
01/15	9796	Norraine Coyle	Mileage	46.00
01/15	9797	Edward Smith	Supplies Rec. Hall	75.55
01/15	9798	Robert Snell	Mileage	48.00
01/15	9799	Deena Hague	Mileage	48.00
01/15	9800	Gregory Brown	Mileage	86.40
01/15	9801	Randy Tolbert	Mileage	<u>34.78</u>
			Total Monthly Bills	8,189.98



## **Oddfellows Sierra Recreational Association**

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From the Prez.

Now that the holidays are behind us and we are in the last half of our fiscal year, it seems like a pretty good time to recap where we have been and where we are going for some of major areas of interest. Our water system is in good shape. The quality is well within standards, but we continue to see changes (government regulations) in what is required for a system our size. General maintenance and addressing water leaks, usage, etc. is a daily opportunity. There are no pressing changes that need to be worked, but we are keeping a cautious eye on what changes i.e. treatment and distribution requirements may some day be required.

Our six miles of roads continue to be maintained and overlay plans continue. The scheduled road overlays for next year is as aggressive as we have ever seen. It's a major expense and we will continue to manage our way through this work in progress project.

The lake area will see some changes. The tullies have been sprayed and when we burn them this spring, the lake should be much improved. The shade rest is scheduled for replacement. The old one is rotten and could use a dose of beautification.

We have an extensive inventory of equipment, e.g. trucks, tractors, grader, etc. that are in good shape, well maintained and ready for use when required.

Our timber harvest plans are on schedule for the May/June time frame. This has been a welcome source of income to shore-up our timber reserve fund and help pay for road improvements. Our forest is in good shape and we continue to grow at a faster rate than we harvest and improve the health of this valuable resource.

We will all see changes in the use of our burn area. The County Air Pollution Control District and California Dept. of Forestry are "helping" us come into compliance. Actually, they have been helpful and understanding, but the bottom line is we are no longer going to be accepting building materials of any kind in the burn pile. Only needles and small branches will be accepted. Burning schedules may also impact when we can burn. Suffice to say and be warned-rake your needles early (May if possible) if you plan to take them to the burn area, or you may find yourself having to take them down the hill for disposal.

Our books (the money part of Board's responsibilities) continue to be in good shape. In the past four years we have added to our labor force, brought work in house rather than contract it out and even though the budget for salaries has increased, the bottom line to the budget and the amount work completed has improved significantly. We have not had an increase in our operating budget for several years. Even though inflation figures have shown restraint these past four years, it has not been non-existent. With significant increases in garbage disposal, PG&E electricity cost, etc., it is only a matter of time before we have an assessment increase. Nothing has been decided by the Board, there is no indication we will need to ask for an increase this next year, but just because we have been able to manage ourselves through a number of improvements in the Park, a "reality check" doesn't hurt from time to time.

I have only high lighted a few areas that may interest you. If there are other areas of interest, please attend a board meeting or write to us. We will address them all-hopefully to your satisfaction. No guarantees of course, but this is your park and we welcome your input.

## CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ACCESS ACROSS PARK PROPERTY

The following conditions and restrictions apply for access across Park property to private property for the building of a road, drive, or other forms of access requiring construction:

1. Access must be from an improved (paved) road.
2. The road, drive, or access must remain within the property lines of the property being accessed.
3. All County codes must be met.
4. All permits required by the County must be obtained.
5. Proper culverts must be installed.
6. Removal of Park trees must be approved by the Board and only upon the submission of a County approved plan.
7. All plans and work must be approved by the Park Manager before commencement of any work.
8. The person seeking approval for the access must be the owner or legal agent of the owner.
9. All access through or across Park property is by permission of the Park before, during, or after any improvement to private property under these conditions and restrictions. The owners of the private property shall not acquire any prescriptive rights or easements over Park property, and the Park may deny permission to cross or occupy Park property at any time.
10. The Park may demand proof of insurance applicable to the construction of the improvement(s) and/or the improvement(s) themselves as a condition precedent to permission to use or cross Park property.

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