

SIERRA PARK

January 22, 2002

From The Prez

I hope your holidays were happy and you are looking forward to a healthy and prosperous new year. As we embark on the second half of our fiscal year, it is time again to review where we are according "to plan" and make any necessary adjustments. We have had a few unexpected expenses (shop heater replacement, fuel tank repairs, etc), but our financial health is good. For the time being, our plan is to adjust our budget items to meet our needs and still stay within budget. The physical plant/infrastructure is in good shape. All maintenance is current and we no longer have to concern ourselves with known deficiencies. Our paving/overlay program is on schedule and we are already planning for next year.

After a long dry summer, we had heavier than normal snow fall in December only to be followed by heavy rains that washed most of it away and dry cold days the first two weeks of January. A special thank you to all of you this past year in recognizing and supporting our need to prohibit access to our back country and getting the area around your cabins clear of brush and pine needles well in advance of the time line we have grown accustomed to. From what I can tell in talking with our state and federal forestry friends, this time line is going to be more common and we need to prepare ourselves for early clean-up and more restrictive access to the back country. We will never know if our actions prevented a forest fire, but it seemed to make good sense and your cooperation was much appreciated. We are fortunate to have a beautiful forest to walk, hike and enjoy.

Like any large organization, rumors are easy to get started and pick-up a life of their own. To "nip them in the bud", you may have noticed in our minutes the Board is beginning to look out into the future and pick some areas, e.g. water distribution, thinning projects, etc. that could use some study, analysis and planning. Anything of consequence will be brought before you for discussion at the annual meeting. If you have some recommendations for study, drop the Board a note and we will consider all suggestions. May I be quick to add suggestions with viable answers are particularly welcomed.



Del Wallis

Board of Directors Meeting, January 19, 2002

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 Fred Coleman, Raul Morales and Ed Smith. Absent were Member Deena Hague, excused and Member Greg Brown, unexcused. The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

By motion (Smith/Coleman, unan.) the minutes of the December meeting were approved. The phone number for the Park Manager is 586-3098.

Members before the Board: Jim Shoemaker commented about moving the the burn area to the east ridge and about a trailer parked on Park property. Ann Coleman mentioned trash in the parking lot and at the bottom of toboggan hill dumped by people renting the Scout camp during the holidays, lots of trash around the disabled veterans property, and about the great number of cigarette butts along the edge of the roads, all of which she picks up on her walks. She mentioned that the cigarette butts will be a fire danger if people keep dropping them in the dry weather.

Correspondence: Notice that P.G. & E. is planning to "Exit Chapter 11" ; an e-mail from Matt & Caroline Ward asking if each property owner can claim a share of the Park's real estate tax as a deduction (The Board does not believe so but check with your accountant.); letters from the Park's attorney concerning the Eddy's property; letter from C.P.A. Eric Carlson regarding the new minimum wage and requirement for employees to file new 2002 W-4 forms; letter from Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding "Fire Safe Councils" and a grant for Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties; and a letter from Dept. of Health Services regarding available drafts of plans concerning safe drinking water.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: We used 1,037,500 gallons of water the past month. There were leaks in 2 cabins. A subcommittee is looking into improving the water system to take the water directly to the tanks.

Roads - Snell: There will be about \$60,000 available for doing road work in the Park this summer.

Buildings - Smith: There was further discussion about insulating the garage doors. Randy will call Barton Overhead Doors for more information. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) it was agreed that, if Randy and two Board members agree it should be done, based on information from Barton, we will proceed with insulating the doors.

Timber - Coleman: Work will be done on the lake to get rid of tules and will spray the star thistles in meadow again.

Health & Safety - Hague: There were break-ins in 6 cabins during the holidays. Because of people driving their vehicles up to one of the gates that close off old roads out of the Park, Randy is going to put some big rocks further up the road. A renter was caught driving around in the meadow, doing a lot of damage that had to be fixed. A bill was sent to the rental agency for \$195 for the damages. The bill has been paid. Back-up lights will be replaced on the gate. Higher fines will be assessed by the Forest Service if pine needles are not raked.

Equipment - Brown: The backhoe was serviced.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner was set for Sat., March 16; the annual Fish Derby will be on Sat., June 15; because of the Fish Derby, the Board meeting for June will be on Sun., June 16.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month were \$9,837.12. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) the bills were approved for payment. Since only one of the Eddy's was served with the legal document, the hearing in court was delayed. The Sheriff's Office will serve the papers and the court date will be in February.

Old Business: The revised Rules and Regulations were approved. Copies will be sent to all property owners, and copies will be given to contractors and others working in the Park. There was a discussion about the need for people to get slash off of their lots and to the burn area as soon as possible after the snow melts.

New Business: During an executive session, there was a discussion about salaries. By motion (Smith/Morales, unan.) a raise of 3 1/2% was approved for Randy and Mike. The I.R.S. has changed the amount allowed for mileage to 36.5 cents per mile. The Board expressed appreciation to Mike and JoJo for the beautiful Christmas decorations in and around the recreation hall. Many people have made complimentary comments. The Board also expressed appreciation to Ann Coleman for the clean up of litter in the park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 16, 2002, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary

PARK NOTES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A BIG THANK YOU to Mike and JoJo for the beautiful Christmas decorations in and around the recreation hall. Lots of compliments have been heard by the Board members. Be sure to thank Mike and JoJo in person.

Board Meeting 8:30am Sat. Feb. 16, 2002
 Board Meeting 8:30am Sat. Mar. 16, 2002
 St. Patrick's Dinner 6:00pm Sat. Mar. 16, 2002
 Board Meeting 8:30am Sat. Apr. 20, 2002
 Annual Meeting 8:30am Sat. May 26, 2002
 Fishing Derby 8:30am Sat. Jun. 15, 2002
 Board Meeting 8:30am Sun. Jun. 16, 2002

CHECKS DISPERSEMENTS FOR January 2002

DATE	NUMBER	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
12/18	10175	Superior Court	Permits & fees	20.00
12/18	10176	Tuolumne County	Serve papers	30.00
01/14	10177	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	953.38
01/14	10178	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	665.74
01/14	10179	US Bank	Payroll-Taxes	1,733.85
01/14	10180	Employment Development	Taxes-Payroll	135.53
01/19	10181	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	953.38
01/19	10182	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	665.75
01/19	10183	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting	555.00
01/19	10184	PG&E	Utilities	616.14
01/19	10185	Pacific Bell	Phone	53.82
01/19	10186	AT&T	Phone	18.35
01/19	10187	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	764.20
01/19	10188	AquaLab	Water tests	104.00
01/19	10189	W.H. Breshears	Fuel	578.21
01/19	10190	Village Mail & Postage	Member communication	52.96
01/19	10191	Roger A. Brown	Professional Services	527.80
01/19	10192	George Reed, Inc.	Maintain Roads	321.41
01/19	10193	Mother Lode Portables	Health & Safety	71.65
01/19	10194	J.S. West Propane	Propane	180.60
01/19	10195	US Bank	Payroll deductions	175.00
01/19	10196	Richard Bonner	Mileage, return mail	48.28
01/19	10197	Postmaster	Mailing permit	250.00
01/19	10198	U.S. Treasury	Taxes-Payroll	8.00
01/19	10199	J.S. West	Shop supplies	27.37
01/19	10200	Fred Coleman	Mileage	13.80
01/19	10201	Norrine Coyle	Mileage	49.68
01/19	10202	Robert Snell	Mileage	51.75
01/19	10203	Del Wallis	Court Fees	30.00
01/19	10204	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Maintain Roads	153.00
01/19	10205	Randy Tolbert	Petty cash	28.47
			Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 9,837.12

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