

Sierra Recreation Association

JANUARY 2004

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Patrick's Dinner
Sat. March 20th 6 P.M.
Boiled Corned Beef Dinner
(You fill in with salads & desserts)
Please R.S.V.P. to Roger Townsend
209-529-8315 or 586-9522

Calendar of Meetings

BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m. Sat. Feb. 21, 2004**Sierra Park Lodge #376**Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.2nd meeting of the month includes spouses at a potluck.February 18th 6:30 P.M.

Foods of the Orient

Call: 586-0551 or 586-6664 if planning to attend

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 17, 2004

Attendance:

President, Fred Coleman Present Vice-President, Robert Snell Unexcused Secretary, Norrine Coyle Present
 Treasurer, Richard Bonner Present Members, Ed Smith Neil Selman & Roger Townsend Present
 Members, Sean Kasper and Greg Brown Excused

President Fred Coleman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation by Richard Bonner

By motion (Selman/Smith, unan.) the minutes of December 13, 2003, were approved as mailed.

Members before the Board: none.

Correspondence: 1. Report on the Audited Financial Statements by E. Clay Maddox, CPA; 2 Letter from the State Board of Equalization concerning water rights fees; 3 Postcard from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board with the web site on which to check the list of dischargers of MTBE; 4 Letter from American Tree Farm System congratulating the Park on its tree certification; 5 Thank you from the Calif. Rural Water Assoc. for answering a water survey; 5 Letter from the Dept. of Health Systems stating that we do not have a licensed water distribution operator and have until December 30, 2004 to get someone licensed; 6 Newsletter from the State Compensation Insurance Fund. 7 Two Grant deeds: From Roy and Natalie Frisk to E. Lynn & Connie Yturiaga, and From Philip and Susan Sugerma to James and Lois Schulke.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water – Selman: A total of 972,900 gallons of water were used during the past month. We had a contaminated water sample. The location was resampled and came back clean. P.G. & E. will not consider engineering to move poles without an advance \$1,500 deposit. Neil will get bids from a private contractor after the snow is gone. He is also looking into cost of a used diesel generator on a trailer. It would be for the pumps to keep the water tanks filled in case of an extended power outage.

Finance – Bonner: Bills for the month were \$20,841.63, including \$5000 for the audit. By motion (Smith/Selman, unan.) bills were approved for payment.

Buildings – Smith: The work on the office is almost finished. Ed will make a survey of work to be done on Park buildings.

Roads – Coleman: Someone with Blue Pine Construction lost control of a backhoe and tore up part of Deborah. A bid to repair is \$1400. The company will be billed for the damages.

Timber – Coleman: He will talk to Will Dorrell, the Park's Forester, regarding burning slash from the last timber work.

Health & Safety – Kasper: The toboggan hill is solid ice and dangerous. People need to be careful driving or walking behind park equipment. Be sure driver knows you are there and they will let you by. Don't push the snow from your property out on the road, especially after the plowing is done. The chunks of snow stay on the road and become ice and dangerous.

Equipment – Coleman; Maintenance work has been done on the snowplow.

Recreation – Townsend; We received \$100 from the Lodge for the fishing derby, and \$434 was collected from the raffles at the Holiday dinner. The St. Patrick's dinner will be on March 20th.

Old Business: The Park's insurance company is going to hire Roger Brown, who is the Park's attorney, to represent the company in court concerning the Boy Scout Camp.

Mike Van Gundy talked to the main helicopter pilot at Columbia about using water in our lake for fire fighting purposes. He was unable to get information we needed regarding a grant to help dredge the lake.

There is a problem with a new driveway being put in near Ruth and Rebekah. The caretakers are to look into the construction plans to avoid danger of water running across the road and creating a dangerous ice situation.

By motion (Kasper/Selman, unan.) it was agreed to contract to have a tub grinder brought in to grind needles this summer.

The ground up materials will be sold. Dumping schedules and dates will be made and residents notified. This method of disposal will avoid smoke and allow more time and a more specific date to complete cleaning of lots and property. Grinding of the needles will be co-ordinated with other communities in the area to save expenses.

New Business: There was a pickup parked on Wheeler Rd. during heavy snow and left for a couple of days. A tow truck was called to remove it but the owner came in at that time to get it. They were charged with a tow truck call out.

Caretakers have been plowing snow and taking care of fallen trees. There have been complaints of how the snow equipment is being used. Ed Smith said his grandson, Matt, would be willing to come in and train our caretakers on the operation of the road grader. Two park residents are qualified to drive the snowplow and could be hired on a part-time basis to help cut overtime expense. This will be considered.

Fred shared some examples of "Stupid" defined that has occurred in the Park recently. 1. Someone who lies down in the road when the snow plow is coming through -- twice. 2. The resident who threatened violence to employees because he didn't get the road plowed when he thought it should be. (There had been a pickup left in the road when the owner couldn't get up the hill) 3. People allowing children to slide down and across roads when snowplowing is in progress. 4. The group (from out of the park) that blocked Wheeler Rd. at Hwy. 108 and was sliding down Wheeler. 5. Snowboarders and sledgers on roads.

Remember that the snowplow can not stop quickly and neither can cars.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be on February 21, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary

How to Stay Young (George Carlin)

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay them.
 2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
 3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
 4. Enjoy the simple things.
 5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
 6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
 7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
 8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
 9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
 10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
- AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

CHECKS DISBURSED Thru 1/19 2004				
DATE	NUMBER	NAME	MEMO/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
12/26/2003	314	Michael W. Caropreso	payroll	836.74
12/26/2003	315	Gary A. Scarborough	payroll	885.94
12/28/2003	11002	PG&E	Utilities	584.69
1/9/2004	316	Michael W. Caropreso	payroll	1,228.78
1/9/2004	317	Gary A. Scarborough	payroll	990.84
1/9/2004	11003	State Compensation	Insurance	674.27
1/9/2004	11004	USBank - Taxes	Taxes - payroll	1,236.07
1/9/2004	11005	Employment Develop	Taxes - payroll	122.85
1/9/2004	11006	PG&E	Utilities	65.95
1/19/2004	11007	State Board of Equal	Permits/fees pond	100.00
1/19/2004	11008	State Board of Equal	Permits/fees stream	100.00
1/19/2004	11009	Caldwell Insurance	Insurance	2,579.00
1/19/2004	11010	SBC	Telephone	67.52
1/19/2004	11011	George Reed, Inc	Road sand	254.72
1/19/2004	11012	Duane St. Clair Trkg	Delivery chg. Sand	153.00
1/19/2004	11013	Valley Door & Equip	Gate expense/ cards	214.50
1/19/2004	11014	SnoQuip	Maintain Equipment/ chains	481.07
1/19/2004	11015	Eric A Carlson	Accounting	760.00
1/19/2004	11016	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	71.68
1/19/2004	11017	J.S. West Propane	Maintain Buildings/	574.24
1/19/2004	11018	Waste Management	Garbage	1,111.29
1/19/2004	11019	General Plumbing	Maintain Water System	27.30
1/19/2004	11020	AquaLab	Water Testing	168.00
1/19/2004	11021	Twain Harte Lumber	Shop & Bldg	284.34
1/19/2004	11022	Zaks	Maintain Equipment	8.52
1/19/2004	11023	Roger A Brown	Prof. Services	618.80
1/19/2004	11024	J.S. West Propane	Propane	543.18
1/19/2004	11025	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deductions	100.00
1/19/2004	11026	Michael W. Caropreso	Empl. Benefits - medical	179.51
1/19/2004	11027	Richard Bonner	Auto Mileage	24.09
1/19/2004	11028	Michael W. Caropreso	petty cash	64.52
1/19/2004	11029	PG&E	Utilities	625.10
1/19/2004	11030	E. Clay Maddox	Acctg/Audit 1998 thru 5/03	5,000.00
1/19/2004	11031	Roger Townsend	Auto Mileage	52.56
1/19/2004	11032	Norraine Coyle	Auto Mileage	52.56
			TOTAL	20,841.63

The following came from an anonymous mother in Austin, TX. (Via the Internet) More will follow in the coming months. **Things I've learned from my Children**

1. **The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.**
2. **It will, however, make cats dizzy.**
3. **Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.**
4. **A 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.**
5. **When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh," it's already too late.**

Grandchildren are the reward that you get for not killing your teenagers! They will in turn torture your children!!! Now I know why they say, "patience is a virtue".



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