

Sierra Recreation Association

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One Board vacancy was filled today by Clark Kellogg. He has a lot of experience in business and serving on boards. He is relatively new to the park but is willing to learn and help. The second potential board member was unable to attend but is still interested in serving. Are you the third member we need?

Weather: Some snow and some sunshine. The roads can be *very* icy so drive carefully. Charles has had a couple of requests to put in a web cam here so you can see what the weather is doing. If someone wants to buy it and donate it he said he would put it up but the best bet is to check road conditions by phone with Caltrans or use the web site or link on the above web page.

PARKING: When we get lots of snow or you have too many cars to fit on your property, Please, use the Lake parking lot. **Remember the rules for parking are to keep the roads clear for the plow and emergency vehicles**, not to make it difficult for you. It is okay to park as close off the road as possible while you load and unload but not for all the time you are here.

Calendar: Next **Board Meeting: February 18, 2006 8:30a.m.**
 I.O.O.F. Lodge meetings: 6:00 p.m.
 Rebekah Lodge meetings: 1st meeting 12 noon / 2nd mtg. 5:30 p.m.
 Potluck to follow at 6:30 p.m.
 Lodge meetings on 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, if you have any questions for Lodge, call 586-5580, Doris or Bill Williams

PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

A subcommittee will be reviewing the current rules as it was found some were accidentally omitted on a previous revision. If you have any comments on the rules, write or e-mail your thoughts before February 9th. If you want to attend the meeting, request the specific date and you will be notified of time and place. Approval of up-dates will be at the February Board meeting.

Wanted Homeowners Support—As requested before consider volunteering as a resource person to help in different areas of running the park, (insurance, legal, finance, construction, electrical, heating, water, etc.) Call & leave a message at 209-586-3098 or e-mail. Address above.

Requests for Gate cards or remotes- Call message phone or e-mail and someone will make arrangements with you to get them. That someone is probably Doris.

GARBAGE: Unfortunately, every month brings a need to complain or rag on a few homeowners who break rules. This month is “garbage.” Abuse of dumping large household items seemed to have been reduced, but lately someone has been enjoying fixing up “ye olde homes & cabins” and just dumping large items for everyone else to pay the expense of disposal. The old carpets and chairs and construction materials not only fill the dumpster quickly but the weight adds additional charges to the bill. Whoever has abused this service apparently knows they are doing wrong because it seems to be done in the dark. If you have contractors doing work, you are responsible for their dumping. This past month we had two large “dumpings” that cost the park between \$200 & \$300. Please, report abusers. **NEW CALIFORNIA “UNIVERSAL WASTE RULE”** goes into effect **Feb. 8, 2006**. The law is meant to keep harmful materials out of the ground & to promote recycling. The rules prohibit putting certain items in the trash, or leaving them on the curb for garbage haulers to remove. The new law prohibits haulers from picking up appliances with mercury-containing electrical switches or pilot light sensors, E.I. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, space heaters, furnaces, boiler, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, trash compactors, ovens, stoves and microwave ovens. Contact Tuolumne County to question which items will be accepted at their Industrial Drive dump. Some items might be accepted free of charge, others may not. Residents can drop off items at one of the county’s four household hazardous waste events, for free. **Other items on the DO NOT DUMP** list are aerosol cans, fluorescent tube lamps and sodium vapor lamps that contain mercury vapor. Household **batteries** also must be kept out of the trash. Prohibited electronic devices includes anything with a circuit board, like cell phones, VCRs, computer monitors, printers, video game consoles, telephones, radios and TVs. Tuolumne County residents wishing to dispose of “universal waste” items will be required to sort them and bring them to the Cal Sierra Transfer Station at 19309 Industrial Dr. off Hwy 108 near Standard. That station is open seven days a week, except Christmas & New Year’s, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. To reach the Transfer Station call 536-1719. For more info in Tuolumne County, call Solid Waste Division at 533-5588 or visit the county web site at www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov. Since this is statewide law, contact your primary home city or county for their disposal locations & services. This law is to protect & save our environment, please obey it.

Present: President Roger Townsend, Treasurer Doris Selman

Members: Mike Van Gundy, Charles Varvayanis, Charles Aston & Ed Smith

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Townsend at 8:30 a.m.

Members before the board: Bob Cloak, water information. Doris & Bill Williams to discuss badges for fishing derby. Clark Kellogg potential board member.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as mailed. (Motion Smith/Van Gundy)

Correspondence: (1) Revised Board of Directors Insurance Policy. (2) The Zenith Ins. Company sent information on reporting accidents to avoid penalties. (3) Letter from Dept. of Forestry regarding thinning and firebreak project. (4) 2006 W-4's from Carlson to be renewed by employees. (5) Letters and settlement check for \$60.83 from class action suit involving AON insurance. (6) Notice of Sale of property from Robert Holmes. (7) Insurance policy and bill to add new generator to policy. (8) Via e-mail—Compliments on the park, Thanks for the boards work, request for gate cards and information, and a request to spend money on tennis courts for adults.

Committee Reports:

WATER – Roger—Water usage was 1,035,600 gals. Bob Cloak advised of a citation for missing a test. This was an every 3-year test for copper and lead. It has been completed and we are in compliance. Better scheduling is planned between the park operator and AquaLab. Changes in our licensed operators caused this problem. The state is requiring more tests and has added more regulations.

ROADS – An inspection cover was changed over a culvert on Rebekah. The new street sign was placed for Isaac. This will make it clear where to exit the park into the forest for recreation.

BUILDINGS – Heater in Recreation Hall has been going with no heat for a few days. (Mike C. relit pilot light today) Refrigerator in hall is making a lot of noise and may need to be replaced.

TIMBER – Townsend, Nothing to report at this time but will check with our forester regarding grants and possible logging in the coming year. He will develop information for the annual meeting.

HEALTH & SAFETY- Chuck Aston – Someone has put old carpet in the dumpster. This is against the rules & costs everyone extra for the disposal. The backup beeper may not be working on a piece of equipment; this will be taken care of today. Homeowners and/or guests are parking in the road because they do not have space to park on their property due to snow. They refused to move to the parking lot as per the rules. This refusal will be discussed with them this afternoon.

EQUIPMENT – Van Gundy- He is working with Mike C. to get the schedule of equipment maintenance up-dated. Mike will take care of the “beeper” problem and also verify the blade on the plow is working properly.

RECREATION – Bill Williams was given information for the badges for the fish derby on June 17th so he can start making them soon. We approved his purchase of materials for 150 badges.

FINANCE – Selman – Motion to pay the bills was approved. (Aston/Smith) The total was \$8303.70 plus payroll expenditures. All appear on the ledger. We have one assessment owing from Kathy Leighton. She has not contacted anyone and is difficult to reach by phone.

OLD BUSINESS – Mike Van Gundy ask for permission to look into a method to help get pine needles out of the park and avoid potential fires from individual burn sights on lots. This will not be available for this year but perhaps something that can be pursued and discussed at the annual meeting.

Doris said she had received a couple of offers of “resource” help from the request in the newsletter. Ron Duncan is a general engineer/ contractor & excavator. His offer is appreciated, as are all others.

Charles asked for approval to rejoin the Calif. Rural Water Assoc. as it reduces the costs of classes for water license training. Motion was made and approved to join. (Selman/Smith)

NEW BUSINESS: Doris requested again to hold subcommittee meetings for each area of work in the park. She will begin with a review meeting to make a final recommendation on revising & approving the rules of the park at the February meeting.

Re: correspondence. Due to many high priorities there will be no consideration of tennis courts. Courts are available in Twain Harte. Re: Holmes letter of change of ownership of cabin, the new owners have been contacted to pay the \$100. Transfer fee as required in the rules.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. The regular meeting was resumed at 10:20 a.m.

It was announced that Clark Kellogg was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill a temporary vacancy until the annual meeting in May. He accepted the Building committee position.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Next meeting is on 2/18/2006 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Selman, Acting secretary

Date	Chk. #	Payee	Memo	Amount
1/6/06	11614	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 12/19/05 - 01/01/06	\$ 938.62
1/6/06	11615	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	50.00
1/9/06	11616	EDD	Payroll expense	98.58
1/9/06	11617	U.S. Bank	Payroll expense	950.82
1/20/06	11618	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	50.00
1/20/06	11619	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 01/02/06 - 01/15/06	1003.41
1/20/06	11620	Robert Cloak	Payroll Jan	91.55
1/23/06	11621	U. S. Treasury	Payroll expense	83.06
1/23/06	11622	EDD	Payroll expense	100.66
1/24/06	11623	A & A. Portables	Health & Safety	71.68
1/24/06	11624	Barry Dugan Electric	* Equip/genertr labr & parts instln	3255.96
1/24/06	11625	Glenn Caldwell	Insurance Essex Co. Equip.	245.68
1/24/06	11626	Joanne Caropreso	Employee spouse health benef.	181.00
1/24/06	11627	Eric A Carlson Acctg	Accounting	800.00
1/24/06	11628	General Plumbing	Maintenance water system	26.83
1/24/06	11629	J. S. West	Utilities/ propane	599.08
1/24/06	11630	Midstate Rental	Equipment Maintenance	222.97
1/24/06	11631	PG & E	Utilities/electricity	586.08
1/24/06	11632	SBC	Utilities/ telephone	59.72
1/24/06	11633	Signs Right Now	General Park Maintenance	37.53
1/24/06	11634	Twain Harte Lumber	Recreation/ Christmas décor	69.12
1/24/06	11635	Village Mail & Printing	Member comm. Print newsletter	72.93
1/24/06	11636	Waste Management	garbage	690.59
1/24/06	11637	W H Breashers	Fuel gas & diesel	747.97
1/24/06	11638	Zak's Auto Shack	Maintain Equipment	59.56
1/24/06	11639	Zenith Insurance	Workers Comp	577.00
			Total	\$11,670.40
			* funds from Timber fund per annual meeting vote.	
			Total Cost of Generator	\$30,085.96

SMILE TIME: Swimming Competition A blonde, a red head & a brunette were competing in the English Channel BreastStroke Race. The redhead won and the brunette came in second. However, there was no sign of the blonde for several more hours. Everyone was getting very concerned & worried. They were losing hope when the blonde finally arrived. The crowd was extremely happy and relieved to see her. They embraced the girl as she came ashore. After all of the excitement died down, she leaned over to the judge & whispered, "I hate to be a bad loser, but I think those other girls cheated and used their arms." ---

Everyone gets enough exercise: Jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, running down the boss, dodging responsibility and pressing their luck. How about changing our work out routine to something more beneficial.---

Notes from parents to teachers--- "Please excuse _____ for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot."
 "I no my datter don't read much but she ain't illiterate. I married her father a week before she was born." "Annie did not do her homework because I did not understand it." "Stan had to miss school. He had an attack of whooping cranes in his chest." Please excuse Jim Friday. He had loose vowels."

AXIOMS: 1. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film. 2. He who laughs last, thinks slowest. 3. A day without sunshine is like, well, night. 4. On the other hand, you have different fingers. 5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine. 6. Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse? 7. I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory. 8. When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty. 9. Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it. 10. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.



A fine frosty morning can
clear
both the senses and the soul.
Let your spirit soar in all
seasons.

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