



SIERRA PARK NEWSLETTER

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Recreation	Linda Clark
Roads	Paul Emery
Health & Safety	Nelson Fialho
Timber	Charles Varvayanis
Water	Ron Hawke

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was with regret that the Board accepted a letter of resignation from our secretary Linda Clark. Linda found herself with many other demanding commitments and felt she could not continue her work with the Board. Mike Rainwater has stepped forward to work with the Board. He will be the secretary for the rest of the year. Thank you, so much Mike for helping us out. This position is very important and time consuming. Again, Thank You, Linda for a job well done. You will be missed.

The Board has not heard yet from the bank regarding the sale of Camp Cedarbrook.

Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200 and the Board are sharing the cost of cleaning and painting the Lodge. Rebekah Dogwood Lodge is also purchasing new tables for the Lodge and they will inventory and organize the kitchen to determine what supplies or utensils are needed. Thank you, Rebekah Lodge for your great support of the Park.

A committee of four members was appointed by the Board last year to review the License Agreement and the Water Use Agreement that expire in October 2011. These two documents establish the connection between the OFSRA and the OSHA. The committee members are: Charles Varvayanis, Fred Coleman, Yvonne Peter and Gloria Harvey. A presentation was made to the Board of the revised documents for their review. The scope of the documents has not changed but an effort has been made to simplify the language. These documents will be presented at the next annual meeting for a vote. More information will be forthcoming for your review.

Mark Higgins has been busy. Snow removal went well, there were some equipment problems but with a local repairman available they were quickly addressed and the equipment was on the road again. Thank you, Mark for a job well done.

May the New Year bring many blessings to each and everyone.
~Gloria Harvey

WATER REPORT

Remember, homeowners are strongly encouraged to turn off their water supply valves and drain their cabins whenever they are going to be away during the cold winter!

So far, the pipes in the well houses have not dropped below 45 degrees F even while the interior of the well houses has dropped to 31 degrees F. There were no water leaks this month. Water usage for the month of December was 758,400 gallons.

~Ron Hawke, Water Director

SAFETY AT THE LAKE

BE AWARE: The lake is being drained - it is still a slow process. Please use extreme caution at this time as the water will be very cold and there is the possibility that a very thin ice coating may develop as the temperature drops to freezing and below. Please be aware and be safe.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19 - 8:30 AM

REBEKAH'S CORNER

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge #200 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Boardroom. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

SNOW SEASON REMINDER

**REMEMBER:
NO PARKING
IS ALLOWED
ON ROADWAYS
DURING SNOW
REMOVAL.
VEHICLES WILL BE
TOWED AT OWNERS'
EXPENSE**

*WOOD CUTTING AT THE
OLD CAMPGROUND CONTINUES
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY JUNE 18TH
Watch the Newsletter
for more information



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DOGWOOD REBEKAH LODGE #200 NOTE

As mentioned by President Harvey, Dogwood Rebekah Lodge is replacing the tables in the Park Lodge Hall. The old tables are available for a suggested donation of \$25 for the long ones and \$15 for the shorter ones. Please contact Yvonne Peter at 209-586-5950 if you are interested.

The Rebekahs would like to thank everyone who has donated to their annual bake sales which has made it possible for the Rebekahs to pursue the projects for improvement of our Park.

SECRETARY'S NOTE

It has been a distinct pleasure to serve as secretary, Recreation Director and editor of your newsletter and I am sorry to have to leave the Board. I know Mike Rainwater will do a terrific job in the future. I look forward to seeing many of you enjoying your beautiful Park.

~Linda Clark

ANNUAL KIDS FISHING DERBY

Just a quick reminder that the Derby will be coming up before we know it on the **Saturday** before Father's Day, **June 18th**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Bring your children and grandchildren for a fabulous day ! There will be the usual categories for winners and the famous lunch of hot dogs, chili, chips, cold drink and dessert.



EXERCISE CLASSES & YOGA

The exercise classes are every *Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.* for about *half an hour to 45 minutes.* On *Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.* Claire Velayas is leading *an hour of yoga exercise.* During the winter months the schedule may change. Check the Bulletin Board at the Lodge.



SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, ETC.

Your Board welcomes your suggestions, comments, etc. So, please do let us know what you think.

RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please contact the Board via phone or e-mail.



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OTHER AREA HAPPENINGS

AIR AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Safe, expedient and life saving care is now available in Tuolumne, Calaveras and Amador counties through membership in "PHI Cares". This program provides medical transport to the nearest treatment center out of the county that meets your needs.

The flight crew includes highly trained pilots, registered emergency nurses and flight paramedics. Membership plans are as low as \$50.00 per year for a family with medical insurance. Membership does not include ground ambulance transport.

Membership application forms and brochures are available at the Mi-Wuk/Sugar Pine Fire Station in Sugar Pine on Highway 108.

HELP OUR FIRST RESPONDERS - BECOME AN AUXILIARY MEMBER

The Mi-Wuk/Sugar Pine Fire Protection District firefighters are most always the **first responders to any 911 call from our Park**. The Mi-Wuk/Sugar Pine Fire Protection District Auxiliary is a volunteer organization with it's primary purpose being to support the fire station and the firefighters. The District in one of Tuolumne County's "Special Districts" and receives limited funding from Tuolumne County. In order to help the District, the Auxiliary has a number of fund raising activities for raising money to help with a variety of things, such as partial payment of the station's utilities, purchase of needed uniforms, general housekeeping supplies, purchase of special equipment as needed. Some of the fund raising events include a monthly pot-luck dinner, monthly games (Bridge, Hand & Foot, Bunco and Dominoes.) In addition, there is an annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast and an annual Spaghetti Dinner.

The Auxiliary is having a membership drive and would like to encourage all Sierra Park residents to join. There is also a special Propane Program for members through JS West Propane. General membership is \$15.00 per year for a primary family member and \$10.00 per year for each additional family member. Please contact Ellen Heald, Auxiliary President at 209-586-3293 for more information and an application.

LITTLE LIBRARY IN THE WOODS

The Little Library in the Woods - also known as the Mi Wuk Community Center is open as a lending library on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Some of the regular monthly activities are: Third Wednesday Evan Royce, Third District County Supervisor has his satellite office from 1:30 to 3:00 PM; Third Thursday "Greeting Cards for Grownups" - a class open to the public given by Blythe Klipple. For more information about other events at the Little Library, please contact **High Country Friends, PO Box 91, Mi Wuk, CA 95346** or email: hcf91@cerfnet.org



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER



**ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING
January 15, 2011**

INTERIM MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 AM by President Harvey. Board members present: Barrett, Clark, Emery, Fialho, Harvey, Hawke, Peter, Varvayanis, and Velayas. .

INVOCATION: Given by Ron Hawke

HOMEOWNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Homeowner, Mike Rainwater; Caretaker, Mark Higgins

CORRESPONDENCE: **President Harvey** reported receiving correspondence from: Paul Emery requesting use of the Lodge on Christmas Day 2011; a thank you from Tom and Daylene Guidice for the road sign on Rebekah and for spelling the name correctly; a thank you from the Carpenter family for all the good work being done by the Board and especially how well the caretaker is doing his job; brochures and membership applications from PHI Cares, an air ambulance service.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS of December 14, 2010: **Emery** moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, **Peter** seconded, motion carried.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

WATER-HAWKE: Homeowners are strongly encouraged to turn off their water supply valves and drain their cabins whenever they are going to be away during the cold winter months. The pipes to the well houses have not yet dropped below 45 degrees F, even while the interior of the well housed has dropped to 31 degrees F. There were no water leaks during the month. The water usage for the month of December was 758,400 gallons. An annual membership renewal invoice for California Rural Water Association has been received in the amount of \$356.00. This organization represents small water companies and provides opportunities for free training for members.

ROADS-EMERY: Noted that crack sealing will have to be done again and that this is an annual procedure. He will be getting bids for this work.

BUILDINGS-BARRETT: Deferred to Peter. Peter reported that the permit for the installation of the wood burning stove for the caretaker's cabin has been received and the stove will be installed next week.

EQUIPMENT-PETER: There were several issues with the snow plow truck and the Case backhoe during the month that required repairs. Equipment is now running fine.

TIMBER - VARVAYANIS: No report

HEALTH AND SAFETY-FIALHO: No report

GATE-VARVAYANIS: There was an issue at the gate that involved some mischief from young people blocking the entrance with a snow block wall. The sheriff was called. There was no damage to any Park property. After discussion, it was determined that no further action should be taken at this time. There are defects with the surveillance system. The cameras need to be adjusted. After discussion, it was determined that members of the Board will get together to do the adjustments. The magnetic locks need to be replaced. The cost will be approximately \$2000.00 including hardware and shipping costs. This is within the budget for the gate. Varvayanis will order locks and parts. He will get bids for installation.

FINANCE-VELAYAS: Preparation for the 2011/2012 Budget is in process for the March deadline. Work is also in progress regarding policies and procedures for delinquent accounts. Bills presented for payment are \$12,146.10. **Hawke** moved to approve payment, **Barrett** seconded. Motion carried. Discussion regarding the repayment of funds to the Timber Fund, the Water Reserve Fund and to the Road Reserve Fund. These items will be addressed in the Budgeting Process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER LICENSE – VARVAYANIS: **Director Varvayanis** reported that the committee has been working for 9 months on the License Agreement and the Water Use Agreement... The present agreements expire in October 2011. The revisions need to be brought before the general membership at the annual meeting in May 2011. He stated the changes to the Water Use Agreement are mostly for clarity and to clear ambiguities. The duration of the agreement changed from 25 years to 10 years. The committee needs approval from the Board to allow the attorney to review further for corrections to verbiage and to reformat as they tie into the rules and regulations of the associations. There are some fees and fines associated with the agreements and need to be voted on by the memberships. A schedule of those fees and fines needs to be established. The CC&Rs need to be addressed. A legal description is needed to describe the actual physical boundaries of the property that the agreements encompass. For the effectiveness of these license agreements, two separate Boards of Directors need to be re-established. It is possible that an amendment to the by-laws may be needed for clarity of the relationship of the two corporations. After discussion, it was

determined that the committee should continue with their revisions, clarify who should sign the two documents and contact the attorney for further guidance with regard to the revisions to the agreements, a possible change to the by-laws, and the re-establishment of two Boards of Directors for the two associations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Raft - Emery** reported that he and Peter will be working on getting the raft ready for this summer.
- 2. Lights – President Harvey** reported that an assessment of the lights in the Park will be made to determine if some may be put on sensors and others on timers. An electrician will be contacted to do this assessment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Acceptance of the resignation of Director Clark. Fialho** moved to accept, **Peter** seconded. Motion carried.
- 2. Appointment of interim Board Member.** As there were no runners up at the annual meeting in May 2010, President Harvey stated that Mike Rainwater applied for the vacancy. After discussion, **Hawke** moved, **Peter** seconded that Mike Rainwater be appointed to the vacant position of Secretary to serve the balance of the year. Motion carried.
- 3. Proposal from Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200 – President Harvey** read a request from the Rebekahs to have the Lodge Hall cleaned and painted. They are requesting the OFSRA pay 50% of the cost. They received three bids for the job. Aloha Painting has given them the lowest bid of \$3200 to do the work. The rafters and ceiling will be thoroughly cleaned. The bathrooms, Board room and Hall will be repainted, including the doors. After discussion, **Hawke** moved to accept their proposal, **Emery** seconded. Motion carried. In addition, the Rebekahs want to clean up the kitchen area and replace worn out equipment. They would also like to buy new, light weight tables for the Lodge Hall at their expense. **Hawke** moved to accept the Rebekahs offer. **Peter** seconded. Motion carried. **Velayas** moved that the Rebekahs be given permission to dispose of the old tables as they see fit. **Hawke** seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:37 AM
EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:38 AM
ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:13 AM
OPEN REGULAR SESSION 11:14 AM

PRESIDENT HARVEY ANNOUNCED no action was taken during the executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director Hawke moved that caretaker Higgins be allowed to attend a Davidson class on March 7th and 8th, **Varvayanis** seconded. Motion carried.

President Harvey announced she has contacted the Cover family to prune the apple trees so that better yields will be possible in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

NEXT MEETING FERUARY 19, 2011

Linda Clark, Secretary

3:38 PM
01/18/11
Accrual Basis

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

CHECK REGISTER

As of January 18, 2011

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount	Balance
						14,950.98
Paycheck	12/31/2010	1621	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	void	0.00	14,950.98
Paycheck	12/31/2010	1622	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	payroll	-1,347.24	13,603.74
Check	01/03/2011	1649	MARK HIGGINS	728 · Employee Benefits	-267.00	13,336.74
Paycheck	01/05/2011	1651	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	payroll-shorted on O.T. & holiday	-15.13	13,321.61
Check	01/05/2011	1652	R. A. Ramet Construction	772 · Maintain Buildings	-1,300.00	12,021.61
Check	01/05/2011	1653	R. A. Ramet Construction	772 · Maintain Buildings	-1,300.00	10,721.61
Paycheck	01/14/2011	1654	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	payroll	-1,993.77	8,727.84
Liability Check	01/18/2011	eftps	Oak Valley Bank	payroll taxes	-1,524.65	7,203.19
Liability Check	01/18/2011	1650	EDD	payroll taxes	-210.26	6,992.93
Check	01/18/2011	1655	AT&T	telephone	-91.06	6,901.87
Check	01/18/2011	1656	Auto Discount Repair	773 · Maintain Equipment	-2,484.04	4,417.83
Check	01/18/2011	1657	AquaLab	794 · Water Testing & Fees	-240.00	4,177.83
Check	01/18/2011	1658	California Rural Water Assn.	775 · Maintain Water Systems	-356.00	3,821.83
Check	01/18/2011	1659	Capital Insurance Group	744 · Insurance	-419.00	3,402.83
Check	01/18/2011	1660	Carlson, Haff & Associates	756 · Accounting Services	-999.12	2,403.71
Check	01/18/2011	1661	Ron Hawke	775 · Maintain Water Systems	-50.00	2,353.71
Check	01/18/2011	1662	J. S. West	792 · Utilities	-999.84	1,353.87
Check	01/18/2011	1663	Krawchuk, Paul	794 · Water Testing & Fees	-280.00	1,073.87
Check	01/18/2011	1664	Modesto Welding Products	773 · Maintain Equipment	-91.37	982.50
Check	01/18/2011	1665	Peter, Friedhelm	Christmas party food; welding hood; toilet cleaner; permit for wood stove	-333.06	649.44
Check	01/18/2011	1666	PG&E	utilties	-1,193.26	-543.82
Check	01/18/2011	1667	Roger A. Brown	755 · Professional Services	-416.00	-959.82
Check	01/18/2011	1668	Sierra Instant Printing	758 · Member Communications	-298.08	-1,257.90
Check	01/18/2011	1669	Twain Harte Lbr & Hdwe	gen. park maint., maint. bldg., maint. equip., health & safety; late fee	-1,458.78	-2,716.68
Check	01/18/2011	1670	Velayas, Shaun	770 · Recreation	-137.48	-2,854.16
Check	01/18/2011	1671	W.H. Breshears, Inc.	735 · Fuel	-1,631.38	-4,485.54
Check	01/18/2011	1672	Waste Mgmt of Cal Sierra Corp.	736 · Garbage	-501.42	-4,986.96
Check	01/18/2011	1673	Zaks	773 · Maintain Equipment	-229.98	-5,216.94
Check	01/18/2011	1095	Odd Fellows Sierra Rec. Assn.	133 · Oak Valley Comm Bank M.M.	20,000.00	14,783.06
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