

MINUTES

*Read & approved
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Board of Directors Meeting - Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assn - October 5, 1975

Meeting called to order by Pres Bell at 9:00 AM. All Board members in attendance.

CARETAKER'S REPORT:

Road work - water services - gutters cleaned.

Minutes for Sept read and approved as read.

Members before the Board - 7 members appearing. Mr & Mrs Tracy inquiring about dead trees in Park. Pres Bell reported Forest Service doesn't fall trees in our Park any longer - requires private contractor. This is each lot owner's personal responsibility. Mr. Tracy also requests a shut off valve on main water line. Also complains about dogs running in packs in Park and going in lake.

Ray Hawkes - inquiring about wood in Park. Wood can be used in Park but not hauled out of Park. Discussed draining of lake - many fish in lake now and requests lake not be drained. Will donate the food required to feed the fish during the winter. Bob Holmes request Assn change records on Lot 63 Blk 6 to reflect his new ownership - and needs a water valve.

Jerry Grover comment on lake and roads - inquiring about new corp stop valves.

Elwyn Wallis - New Lodge in process of being formed - 35 members - will be called Sierra Park Lodge - also compliment on progress of Park and work being done. Very dissatisfied with road work done by Burkhart Const - surface not properly prepared on most of work done - he even commented to workers and it made no difference to them. Confirmed by Jeff Harmer - Pat Jones & Tom Jones.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Melva Jorgensen regarding Lot 116 Block 15 - wishes to sell her lot. Lives at 4658 Central Ave, Fremont, Ca 04536.

Letter from W M Whorton re rock on road to raise road up - work has been done.

Letter from Title Co - DeLuca has sold his lot #56 Block #14 to Prutch.

Letter from Don McRitchie - purchased Lot 88 Block 20 from Carl Bartholomew.

Memo from State Health Dept - re bacteria report on water in District 8 is best in Area.

Letter from County Surveyors office re Lot 38 Block 9 - to be covered under old business.

Letter from Engard Coating Corp - re water tank coating and notice of Suppliers Lien to assure payment for supplies involved - standard form.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER - Bell - Water tank erected, should be finished and ready for cleaning and painting. We should be able to start water fill within the next month.

EQUIPMENT - Cole - Snow plow delivered to Park and ready for installation on truck - Ram on grader needs repair - All other equipment in good shape. Weight on rear wheels of loader should be 3000 lbs, has only 2030 lbs - will look into securing additional weights for rear wheels.

ROADS - Johnson - Harold Clements submitted bid for 130 patches on blacktop price of 35¢ per square ft, total \$1520.00 - on entrance road 150' X 16' section, will pave this area for \$865.00 includes preparation of bar ditch for proper drainage. Blasting required on entrance road to prepare proper drainage in area and backhoe would be an additional \$650.00. Motion by Stephenson we hire Clements to do above work - second by Johnson - 0 yes, 0 nos. Road on Abraham complete for this year. Report by Stephenson on slurry seal used by state and county in Tahoe - highly recommended by those that have used it on a solid base - Much discussion regarding slurry seal, all agree this is what we should do. Slurry sealing will be done next year.

RECREATION - Harmer - Pot luck well attended - plenty of food - next potluck 11/17/75. \$30.00 dep, BSA troop 119 - Galt Ca - sponsored by Silberstein - weekend of 1/17-18/76. \$30.00 dep, Galt Methodist Church - sponsored by Silberstein 3/20-21/76. \$45.00 dep YMCA Los Gatos - sponsored by Jeff Harmer - weekend of 1/30-31/76. \$55.00 dep BSA 154 Antioch - sponsored by Jeff Harmer - weekend of 2/28-29/76. Motion by Stephenson, second Walton, we accept reservations - 0 yes, 0 no. Motion carried. Harmer also reports on lake and fish now in lake - suggests we do not drain and post as a hazard - much discussion held. BOARD DECISION - LAKE WILL NOT BE DRAINED THIS YEAR. Walk bridge will have a barricade to stop snowmobiles from using bridge. Harmer also requests work on kitchen be started - Dean, Harmer & Wallis to draw up specs for improvements - a must before work is started.

REAL ESTATE - Bell - Re Lot 38 Block 0 - cannot be split by increasing or decreasing the size of Lot 38 Block 0 - Williams & Cook to be contacted and informed of this problem. Wallis motioned we refund \$500.00 deposit to Cook. Lot cannot be split, second by Cole. 0 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.
The Surveyor working for the Park will survey lots in Park \$60.00 per lot if enough people want their lots surveyed - a form letter authorizing work to be done must be signed by property owner.

BLDGs - Dean - discussed concreting half of equipment shed - Bell & Cole suggested we put rock in shed this year and draw up plans for new work benches etc and concrete half of the shed at that time. Concrete in shed will take about 8 yds and total cost approx \$400.00. Motion by Stephenson, second by Dean we concrete half of equipment shed. 2 yes, 7 no. Motion defeated.

HEALTH & SAFETY - Hildebrand - Lake will not be drained this year.

Report by Wallis & Cole on attorney working on By-laws and deed restrictions - further report should be forthcoming

Discussion regarding bill received from Burkhart Const Co - amounting to \$4135.00 - 400 feet of overlay \$2785.00, 2200 sq ft of patch work at 61¢ amounting to \$1350.00. Application has been discussed as reported by Elwyn Wallis - Contractor to be called regarding workmanship before bill is to be paid. Burkhart has guaranteed all work - Bell appointed Elwyn Wallis to be present during repair of patches.

FINANCE - Stephenson - Motion by DeW Wallis, second by Cole, we pay bills amounting to \$7871.60 - 0 yes, 0 no. Stephenson reported balance in ckg as of 9/30/75 \$7256.58 plus dep of \$7688.35 less checks of \$7871.60 leaves a balance in checking acct of \$7073.24 - balance in equip reserve savings \$6610.00 - bal in savings acct \$40246.71. Accounts receivable as of 10/5/75 \$6160.13

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing pending that hasn't been covered in the above minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Minutes read back and meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM

Respectfully submitted
Don Stephenson
Acting Recording Secretary
10/5/75

YOUR PARK NEWS

ODD FELLOW SIERRA PARK OCT, 75

SIERRA PARK LODGE NO. ? - SOON -

Our new Odd Fellows Lodge is about off the ground with 7 Charter members and about 30 Associate members ready to be chartered by the Grand Lodge. This may be your last chance to be in on the beginning. If you or anyone you know of wants to join, transfer, or be an associate member of this new Lodge get in touch with Elwyn Wallis c/o Sierra Rec Assn., P O Box 116, Long Barn, Ca 95335.

KNOW YOUR LOT CORNERS -

In the many years since this Park was laid out many lot corners have been lost due to many causes. A great many lot owners aren't sure of these points. Surveying is a very technical process and cannot be done haphazardly. Before a surveyor can survey lots he must have an original starting point and prove this point. It is impossible for him to survey one lot for a reasonable amount. If we have a majority of lot owners in one given block it can be done for a low \$60.00 (normally the cost would be in excess of \$300.00). Talk to your neighbors in the Park and get together and save some money and get it done. Protect your investment. A special letter is available from your association.

WINTER'S COMING TO THE PARK -

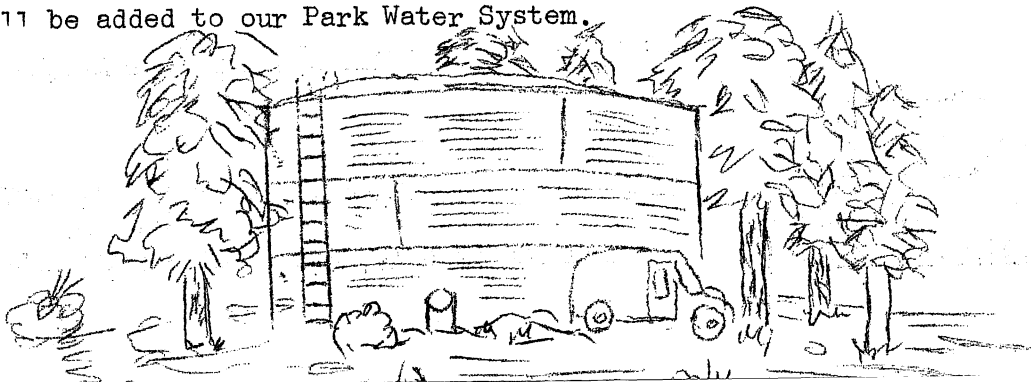
- 1 - Start turning off your water line at the box and draining your system, including your hot water tank - caution, be sure to turn off the power to the heater before draining and do not turn on 'til refilled or you'll burn out the water heater elements. Empty toilet tank and bowl. Fill toilet tank and bowl and all sink traps with a cup of antifreeze or alcohol. These precautions can prevent costly repairs. Our winter temp. sometimes dip very low.
- 2 - Keep your pets out of lake. During winter warn your children not to trust lake ice. The lake has springs under it and the ice never gets solid enough to support people. We don't want anybody to drown. Snowmobiles please stay clear of lake area and the foot bridge across the creek which will be barricaded to allow pedestrians only.
- 3 - Be sure to carry chains and be sure they fit your tires. Hot tempers and time might be saved by trying them on your wheels at home before you come. Mud - snow tires with studs are legal from Dec 1 to Mar 1 according to local Highway Patrol, but chains still must be carried.
- 4 - Remember to inform your guests of Park rules, especially that under snow conditions one way signs are to be observed. Park far enough off road so snow can be plowed off the roadway. Vehicles stranded in the Park due to no chains - dead batteries, etc. are not Assn. responsibility - Outside tow or road services must be called on.
- 5 - Garbage service is \$3.00 per month to dump in bins by Fire Station. You must sign up for this - see caretaker for complete information.

POT LUCK DINNERS

Pot Luck Dinners will be held through Dec. The next will be Sat., Nov. 1st at 6:30 PM in the Rec Hall. Bring your Pot and your own table service. Family, friends and guests are always welcome! Please come!

NEW WATER TANK ALMOST COMPLETE -

These past few weeks have been good for "sidewalk supers" here at the Park. Up the hill beyond the new cabins on Abraham a S.F. tank manufacturer is building a huge water tank to add to our water storage. First our Assn crew leveled the site, assembled a rock base with metal edge, and trenched pipe & wire up the hill to the site. Finally, a black van - truck crane - welding truck - huge semi with sections of steel and workers arrived and started work. To anyone watching this day by day work it becomes evident these boys know their business. It's up now, including the domed top. All that remains to be done is sand blasting, painting, and installing ladders and valves. Soon we'll be pumping water up the hill and a new huge storage will be added to our Park Water System.



AN HISTORICAL NOTE -

Here is another excerpt for the pleasure of the "history buffs" of our membership from "THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH".

"Whenever the prospectors made a rich strike, there were certain other enterprising men not far behind them. In no time at all a merchant would arrive and set up a crude store, ready to sell anything from shovels and shirts to tobacco and liniment. Another early arrival would be a saloonkeeper with his kegs of whiskey and rum. Soon a hotel would be thrown together, a professional gambler would arrive and set up his table, and very shortly, if the gold deposits held out, the camp would become a small city, bustling with business as it served miners who wanted a good many things and had the gold dust to pay for them.

A mining camp was not the place for a poor man. Every miner who ever kept a diary or wrote a letter home commented on the fantastically high prices. One man wrote that he had paid \$11 for a jar of pickles and two sweet potatoes, while for one needle and two spools of thread he had to spend \$7.50. The price of flour rose as high as \$800 a barrel, molasses and vinegar \$1 for a 1/2-pint bottle, onions up to \$2 each, eggs \$3 each. And though these prices seem high to us today, they were proportionately even higher in 1840 when a dollar bought much more than it does today.

There was good reason for high prices. Almost everything had to be shipped all the way around Cape Horn from the East to San Francisco, and then carried to the gold fields by boat, wagon, muleback, and sometimes even by human power. Then, of course, the merchants made sure there was a big profit for themselves. Much more money was made in California by the average merchant than was earned by most of the miners panning for gold. But sometimes the greed of a merchant would go too far even for the miners. An old record from Bidwell's Bar says that "Last week a meeting of miners was called to take into consideration the action of a merchant who had been selling Dr. Stover's California Salve for butter."

The hotels were the busiest places in town. Many of them also contained a bar-room and a gambling room. Dame Shirley's impressions of the Empire Hotel in Rich Bar, with its strange combination of crudity and elegance, however, was considerably better than the average; much more typical was a hotel in Sonora of which an account remains. Although the best in town, it was only a one-story structure, built mainly of saplings covered with canvas. The floors were dirt, and one undivided room served as dining room, parlor, and bedroom. There were tables and benches in the center, while along the walls were five-decker bunks built of crude posts and cross-pieces fastened with rawhide.

For bedding there was a small straw mattress two feet wide, a straw-stuffed pillow without any casing, and one blanket. "When we creep into one of these nests," a miner wrote, "it is optional with us whether we unboot and uncoat ourselves, but it would be looked upon as an act of ill-breeding to go to bed with one's hat on."

Although such a building was called a hotel, it was really a crude boarding-house whose tenants were miners from the nearby diggings. They paid outrageous prices for food and lodging."

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