

Sierra Recreation Association

October 2005

The October 15th Board meeting ended with the surprise resignation of Mike Rainwater and Bob Cloak. We reluctantly accepted, as it was a very personal decision on their part. **THANK YOU, MIKE AND BOB FOR YOUR DEDICATED PERFORMANCE THIS PAST YEAR AND A HALF.** We are glad you are not moving and we will be seeing you around. Thanks again and Best Wishes.

NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

In Executive session following the resignations, Roger Townsend was elected President. Filling the board positions will be discussed at a special board meeting on Sat. October 22nd at 9a.m. **This newsletter is notification of openings on the board. If interested in serving, call Roger at 209-529-8315 or 209-586-9522.**

EMERGENCY GENERATOR

Update: The board is continuing to locate an appropriate generator for our water system as approved at the last annual meeting. Unfortunately, we will have an additional delay due to the hurricanes in the south. They have claimed and purchased all existing stock and new orders are backed up 4 to 8 months.

GOOD NEWS – GOOD TIMES

GOOD FOOD – GOOD NEIGHBORS

On Dec.17, 2005, 5:30 p.m. the great **Family Holiday Dinner** will be held in the Rec. Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your table service & a potluck dish such as veggies, fruit, salad or a dessert. The PARK PROVIDES: TURKEY, DRESSING, POTATOES & GRAVY AND CRANBERRY SAUCE.

This dinner also has a raffle to raise funds for the kid's fish derby. If you have donations for the raffle, call to arrange delivery to Tom Clark, 209-586-0257. Call Tom if you would like to help with the dinner in any way.

LAKE NEWS

We discussed an open fishing day for this year before we drain the lake. A date has not been set and we want to get this newsletter out immediately, so watch the sign by the Rec. Hall for the only date fishing will be allowed for all homeowners. (Fishing license required for everyone over 16 yr. of age.) While writing about the lake, we have been made aware of the erosion of the creek banks on the west side of the lake. This erosion is starting to cause damage to the levee at that end and it is in potential danger of collapsing. The creek is also getting deeper banks that could be a danger if someone fell into it. We are getting some information about resolving the problems but they aren't cheap—is anything anymore? The lake still needs to be dredged. This is a project the board has been trying to accomplish for 4 or 5 years. The cost of that has risen many times over the last estimate.

We had Patrick Adams give a presentation on his recommendation to take care of these problems. The cost \$84,000 total. No action will be taken at this time but if anyone has expertise in this area we would appreciate your input and help. Unfortunately, we cannot ignore the need to maintain the infrastructure of the great amenities in our park. If we do, we could eventually lose them.

Roads, Bar ditches & Culverts

The scheduled paving in the park was completed and the bar ditches have been cleaned. The roadways look so much better. The latest project, in preparing for winter, was completed by Mike C. with the help of Mike Rainey. They cleaned the culverts around the park. About a ½ dozen culverts are damaged & cannot be cleaned. The homeowners must repair them. *Letters will be sent to homeowners who must take action.*

RETURNING MAIL

Please help us stay current with mailing addresses for all correspondence. Return mail now costs .90 cents (plus the original postage) and is adding up this year. *When you move*, we need to know. You can leave a message on our phone 209-586-3098, send a change of address to P O Box 116, Long Barn, 95335, or send an e-mail to seldomd@sbcglobal.net as a temporary e-mail.

Present: President Michael Rainwater, Vice President Bob Cloak, and Treasurer Doris Selman
Members Charles Aston, Roger Townsend, Mike Van Gundy and Charles Varvayanis
Excused: Secretary Norinne Coyle and member Tom Clark

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rainwater at 8:45 a.m.

Members before the board: Serge Peluso, Doris Kilgore and Maynard Wallin.
Minutes of September meeting were approved as mailed. (Motion Townsend/Aston)
Correspondence: Letter from Roger Brown, atty., concerning BSA lawsuit. Still pending
Letters from Caldwell Insurance, policies and changes on policies.

Committee Reports:

WATER – Bob Cloak—Water usage was 805,000 gals. Ross Porter of Cal/Porter, inspected the interior of the water storage tanks. All 6 tanks are in good safe condition. May need some coating in 5 – 6 years. He has had a couple of complaints of taste of chlorine in water, but tests show very low safe levels.

ROADS – Charles Varvayanis - Roads in good shape, the cost of paving seemed more than what was expected. The contract will be reviewed. The bar ditches have been cleaned by an outside crew of 5 to 7 men. This allowed the work to be done in 6 ½ days. The cost was approximately \$4200. Mike C. is cleaning the culverts with the help of Mike Rainey.

BUILDINGS – Clark everything okay.

TIMBER – Townsend - Paper work for the state will be completed as required by the state.

HEALTH & SAFETY-Aston – 12 new speed signs for the park have been received. All say 20 MPH.

Mike C. and Mike Rainey are purging the fire hydrants as they clean the culverts. Culverts that can not be cleaned because they are damaged must be replaced or repaired by the homeowner. They will be notified by letter.

Discussed time to drain the lake and Charles will verify when the fire season might be declared closed. The lake can be used for fire safety until such time. After fire season and before we drain the lake, a special homeowners fish day will be scheduled and posted on the info sign by the rec hall.

EQUIPMENT – Van Gundy - Ordered seat covers and floor mats for the park pick-up. Also, located and purchased chains for the snow plow. He will have them shipped from Sacramento.

RECREATION – Clark Board confirmed the date for the Holiday dinner as December 17th.

One set of swings and the slide have been sold. We still have the merry-go-round and another set of swings.

FINANCE – Selman – 10 homeowners have not paid their assessment. A late fee of \$25.00 each month is being added to the original assessment. A list of the homeowners who have not paid their dues will be listed in next month's newsletter. They are subject to water being turned off and small claim court fees, plus liens on their property if not paid. Discussion of bill payment procedures determined the need for check writing ability at the park when the new computer is up and running. A method will be put in place.

Motion to pay bills (Varvayanis/Aston) unanimous. The total amount approved, \$47,157.93 included payroll already issued. The newsletter will print the check ledger as it has each month to insure the homeowners see the monthly expenses.

OLD BUSINESS – Generator purchase continues to be pursued. Mike Van Gundy will also help with this project. Since Katrina & Rita hit the Gulf Coast, generators are in short supply and new orders are delayed 4 to 8 months. Charles reported the new computer should be installed next week. He found a free laser printer that should give us good quality copies as long or longer than a new ink jet model.

NEW BUSINESS – Mike C. has asked for the door of the sand shed to be repaired or replaced before the snow season and if possible an opener installed. Roger and/or Tom will take care of the problem.

Patrick Adams was introduced and gave a presentation regarding the dredging and repair of creek bed to protect the north levee of the lake. Cost \$84,000. He was asked to make up a written presentation for us to consider at a later date.

Mike Rainwater handed two letters to Doris (officer in attendance). She read the brief resignations from Mike and Bob Cloak. The board accepted with regret and thanked them for their many hours contributing to the welfare of the park. This was a personal decision and not discussed.

Board adjourned to Executive session at 1:50 p. m.

Adjourned executive session and returned to regular meeting at 2:10p.m.

Having been elected President of the board in executive session, Roger Townsend presided over closing discussion and scheduled a special board meeting for Oct. 22, 2005 at 9 a.m. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be November 17, 2005 at 8:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Doris Selman, acting secretary

Account Ledger—Bills paid.

Date	Chk. #	Payee	Memo	Amount
9/26/05	11520	Zenith Insurance Co.	Workman's comp.	891.00
9/29/05	11521	Glenn S. Caldwell Ins	Liability Insurance	1655.20
9/30/05	11518	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 9/12 to 9/25	932.16
9/30/05	11519	State Farm Bank	Payroll savings deduction	50.00
10/7/05	11522	Gary Maris	Outside svcs. / labor for bar ditch	3000.00
10/10/05	11523	EDD	Payroll expense	215.39
10/10/05	11524	U.S. Bank	Payroll expense/taxes	1841.88
10/14/05	11525	Joanne Caropreso	Payroll	457.65
10/14/05	11526	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 9/26 to 10/9	932.16
10/14/05	11527	State Farm Bank	Payroll savings deduction	50.00
10/18/05	11528	Serge Peluso	Refund deposit on rec hall rental	250.00
10/18/05	11529	Doris Selman	Office Supplies	13.65
10/18/05	11530	SBC	Telephones	62.35
10/18/05	11531	J.S. West	Utilities/ propane	359.11
10/18/05	11532	Charles Aston	Safety/ speed limit signs	293.16
10/18/05	11533	P G & E	Utilities/ electricity	1061.94
10/18/05	11534	George Reed, Inc	Road paving	34451.82
10/18/05	11535	Zenith Insurance Co.	Workmans comp. 1 month	557.00
10/18/05	11536	Porter/Cal Western	Mntnce water/ inspect tanks	225.00
10/18/05	11537	AquaLab	Health & Safety/ water tests	149.00
10/18/05	11538	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain water/ pvc pipe	139.29
10/18/05	11539	Ambrosia's Chimney Cleaners	Maintain Bldgs	99.00
10/18/05	11540	Waste Management	Garbage service /3 pick ups	949.81
10/18/05	11541	Zaks	Maintain equip./ battery charger	76.14
10/18/05	11542	Eric Carlson Acctg.	Accounting Service	752.58
10/18/05	11543	General Plumbing Supplies	Maintain water / supplies	391.08
		Total includes previously approved bills paid prior to 10/15 meeting		49856.37

Message to *homeowners who have not paid their annual assessments*. Ten (10) of you at this time are costing the park time and money to pursue payment. You are billed \$25.00 each month for the delinquency. Please contact us regarding your failure to pay. You receive the benefits of the park and you owe this debt. We are all neighbors, let's all be good neighbors.

COMMUNICATIONS: A couple of months ago, Mike Rainwater asked for current phone numbers of all homeowners to be able to reach them if there is an emergency. The numbers will be kept private. We appreciate the response and we have many phone numbers previously provided to the park. At this time, we would ask for an *e-mail address* to enable us to immediately send information to more of you at a time. Calling would be very time consuming if we need to reach more than one or two people. Again, the e-mail addresses will be kept private and only used for appropriate park business. Send information to Doris Selman at seldomd@sbcglobal.net. This is just a temporary address for the next month. So, please respond soon.
We need a new newsletter editor or an assistant to help as Mike Rainwater has been doing the newsletter. Contact any board member if you wish to help with this job. Thank You!

Sierra Park Odd Fellows Lodge
Meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom.
Potluck dinners follow meeting on the third Wednesday.
 November potluck will be a spaghetti feed.
 Call Bill Williams for info: 209-586-5580

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge
Winter business meetings at 12 noon in Rec. Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month from Nov. thru March. Craft time starts at 11 a.m. Brown bag your lunch. Social meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30p.m. with a potluck at 6:30.
 Everyone welcome to join in Potluck.
 Info: Doris Kilgore-Williams 209-586-5580

Fall is definitely here and the weather is cooling. Very little rain and as yet no snow, but we need to all be prepared for winter. Protect your home by winterizing. Do not leave water running to avoid freezing pipes, it wastes water & power and can cause you to have your water turned off.(expensive to turn back on) Winterize properly and enjoy your home year round.

Very Important Newsletter !

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