

Sierra Recreation Association

November 1998



THE LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD

There is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it: "Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross ... two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember ... that it was upon a dogwood tree I was crucified and this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of my death upon the cross."

Courtesy of some nice folks
from Tennessee

Our Beautiful Park

I never cease to be amazed at the wonder of God's creation. The colors of fall have been spectacular again this year. I hope all have been able to enjoy the beautiful show". Along with the beautiful color has come cooler temperatures. Some mornings we wake up to mid-twenties readings on the thermometers. Be prepared. It is hoped that all have winterized their cabins.

Welcome to the Park

Welcome to the Roth family who bought the Durkee property on Abraham. We hope you love it here as much as we do!



Sierra Park Lodge #376

The Lodge will meet at 5:00 p.m. December 12 prior to the Christmas dinner. All Odd Fellows are invited to attend.

Happy Holidays!!!

Since this newsletter will probably arrive at most of your homes after Thanksgiving, we wish to take this opportunity to wish all a HAPPY Holiday season. May the Peace and Joy of the season be with you all.

It looks like we will be enjoying a white Christmas again this year. We have already had a little dusting of snow at least twice this season and urge all who come up to enjoy the winter wonderland to come prepared. Bring your chains and prepare for some cold weather.

Thanksgiving Dinner

A good time was had by all. As always, we were reminded of how many good cooks we have in the park. The food was delicious - from the turkey and roast beef that was provided by the Park to all the wonderful side dishes provided by the people in attendance.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November, 1998

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Invocation by Richard Bonner. All

nine Board members were present and Randy Tolbert - Park Manager.

MINUTES - Motion by Hawke, second by Morrison, to approve the minutes of the October meeting as mailed. Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - Canales - Concerns about his neighbor and a road next to his property. Discussion by Board. Problem to be turned over Park attorney Larry Haun. Mr. Canales considers road over park property near West Jordan Way to be the front of his property and that part that faces Esther to be the back of his property.

Pat Topel from Clearwater Revival - consulted with us concerning water quality. He has a class three water license. Possibility that he could be a consultant to Randy. Pat gave a presentation on our water system and his services. Recommendations to Board concerning proper use and maintenance of our water system. He would work with Randy to establish records and what needs to be done to keep our system current. Pat and Randy are to get together and present the Board with a plan at the January 1999 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE 1) Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - concerning our request to remove trees on Jordan Way West. (2) Time to register for State Excise Tax exemption for red diesel from W.H. Breshears. (3) Received Grant Deed for sale of Durkee property. (4) Received Grant deed for sale of Greff property. (5) Letter from Gerald & Maureen O'Rourke commenting on how nice the park looks and the helpfulness of Mike & wife. (6) World Savings - notice of maturing CD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage was 225,000 gallons this month. This included refilling water supply on repaired tank. Water was checked and is doing fine. Pipes were insulated. Well #2 was rewired to meet safety code. Other repairs and work on water system by Randy and Mike.

ROADS - Reed - Nothing new at this time. Ditches have been cleared, snow stakes have been painted and reflector tape will be applied to stakes.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Floors in the Hall were cleaned and waxed.

TIMBER - Coleman - Talked to Craig Tolme, Forester about request for 5-10-15 year projection on timber compartments. Expensive- he will get back to me about cost in December. Will report back to Board. Road (Forest Service) going out behind our property which we will use during logging operation has been repaired in a number of places and brush was cleared. This should save us money when it comes time to log. Six trees on Jordan West, income \$200 to park.. Work was done on road to

water tank per Craig's request.

RECREATION - Snell - We had a nice turnout for the Thanksgiving Dinner. There were about 65 people in attendance. The Christmas Dinner will be Dec. 12 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

As usual the food was excellent.

Fish and Game wants to come in to the lake and take a few fish out.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - Reminder - there should be no hunting in the Park. It is only a short distance to Forest Service property for hunting. Garbage - There have been too many things thrown in the dumpster that do not belong - toilet, chair, mattress, boxes, etc. Cardboard should be put in the recycling area. Only household garbage in the bin.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - Warranty work is being done on the back-hoe. '48 Dodge from the Hawke estate is being released to Three Links Camp.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills this month were \$ 8,483.67. Motion by Hawke, second by Hague to pay all bills. Motion carried and so ordered.

OLD BUSINESS - The sign that was replaced at the gate has been relocated in the area by the flag pole. Rails were put around it and a new bench was erected. Proposed that we remove the chain links from the gate and install a Three links that were made and donated by Maynard Wallin. Motion by Snell, second by Hague that we do so. Motion carried and so ordered. Motion by Brown, second by Hawke to take Canales issue to our attorney, Larry Haun for resolution as to easement and encroachment. Motion carried. Claims will be filed in small claims court for the following people who have money still owing on assessments and late charges:

Calistro, Gregory - Late charges
Clark, Tom & Linda - Late charges
Cox, Norman - Late charges
Eddy, Douglas - Assessment and Late Charges
Gellatly, Robert - Assessment and Late Charges
Kuykendall, Palma - Assessment and Late Charges
Lorenz, Gary & Sharon - Late Charge
Ogden, Jon - Assessment and Late Charges

All court costs will be added to homeowners bills.

Morrison to check on surge protector for computer. Presentation was given to Planning Commission about five acres. Proposal was denied on a 4-2 split. Development is being slowed by County. They had 75 pages of requirements for the five acres. Our next step is to appeal to the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 8, 1998. Material for gates for back roads - we can obtain panels already assembled at a cost of \$35 per panel. Motion by Coleman, second by Hawke to purchase 10 for a total cost of \$350. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Front of property on Sarah Circle is losing retaining wall and property is sliding. Motion made by Coleman to grant an incentive bonus of \$1000.00 for Randy Tolbert and \$700.00 for Mike Caropreso for the 1998 year for a job well done. Second by Hague. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 11:05 by President, Del Wallis. The next meeting will be held on December 13, 1998.



Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the work in the apple orchard, for the clean-up work on the trees that were taken out on Jordan Way West and for the work around the Odd Fellows Sign and flag pole.

Checks disbursed for November 1998

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
10/24	8917	Employment Development	Payroll Taxes	199.13
11/09	8918	VOID		
11/09	8919	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain Water	330.17
11/15	8920	Village Mail & Print Stop	Print Newsletter	53.09
11/15	8921	Zaks	Shop Supplies	49.59
11/15	8922	W.H. Breshears	Gas and Diesel	406.45
11/15	8923	Angels Pest Control	Spray Buildings	100.00
11/15	8924	J.S West & Symons	Propane & repairs	120.50
11/15	8925	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Tires	205.19
11/15	8926	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	Health & Safety	127.46
11/15	8927	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Deliver Sand	144.00
11/15	8928	AquaLab	Water testing	190.00
11/15	8929	Laurence Haun	Professional services	45.00
11/15	8930	Eric A. Carlson Accountancy	Accounting services	250.00
11/15	8931	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	864.20
11/15	8932	General Plumbing Supply	Maintain Water	444.34
11/15	8933	General Supply	Light Bulbs and Shop supplies	106.07
11/15	8934	AT&T	Telephone	10.79
11/15	8935	Pacific Bell	Telephone	57.36
11/15	8936	PG&E	Electricity	633.97
11/15	8937	USBank	Employee retirement	175.00
11/15	8938	USBank	Payroll tax deposit	862.71
11/15	8939	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
11/15	8940	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.08
11/15	8941	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
11/15	8942	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.06
11/15	8943	George Reed,Inc.	Road Sand	260.30
11/15	8944	Robert Snell	Mileage & Supplies	86.61
11/15	8945	Fred Coleman	Mileage	56.50
11/15	8946	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
11/15	8947	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
11/15	8948	Gregory Brown	Mileage	67.50
11/15	8949	Randy Tolbert	Petty cash reimbursement	60.80
		Total bills		\$8,483.67