

Sierra Recreation Association

November 1999

From The Prez

Our fiscal year is half over and winter is upon us. Since it has been six months since we met at the annual meeting, it seems like a good time to review the "state of the Park." First, we are financially solvent, staying within budget, no long- or short-term debt, and improving the park's reserves. The assessment to property owners has remained the same for several years now - welcome news when everything else seems to creep higher. This may sound ho-hum to some, but our park (corporation) is among a select few who are fortunate to be in such good financial health. Check around with like organizations - it is an eye opener.

Our water system is in good shape. The tanks have been recoated and the most troublesome valves have been repaired or replaced. Our roads are continuing to be improved. We have repaved some roads, sealed our main road (Wheeler Road) into the park and we are busy planning next year's road improvements, i.e., road overlays, sealing, etc..

The park equipment is in good repair. We have sold our pickup. It was in need of some major repairs (front-end work, four wheel drive replacement, etc., etc.) So we sold it for parts. It has been replaced with a heavier one ton pickup, a 1985 model with 37,000 original miles. This pickup should last the park for several years. The rest of the equipment (tractors, trucks, snow plow, etc.) Are all current on their maintenance schedules.

All of our buildings are in good shape. The recreation hall has undergone some recent remodeling which will winterize the bathrooms and office/meeting room more effectively.

The timber harvests, with a bias towards improving the health of this valuable resource, are on schedule. In conjunction with the harvests, we are surveying some of our boundaries that apparently have no recorded monuments placed, etc. It seems hard to believe after some fifty years this has never been done, but a preliminary review of the available recorded documents, by us and two surveyors, indicate it hasn't.

Plans for the immediate future include bringing the park policies/rules current, maintaining the park during the winter months, and planning for next year. The latter is where we need your help. As your park board of directors, we may think everything is on track and running well, but if we are not meeting your expectations, or you have suggestions on how to improve the park, we need to hear from you. It is your park, so don't hesitate to write to the board or attend one of our monthly meetings.

In the meantime... Happy Holidays to all!

Calendar of Events

Holiday Dinner.....Saturday, December 11, 1999
 St Patrick's Day Dinner.....Saturday, March 11, 2000
 Annual Meeting.....Sunday, May 28, 2000
 Fish Derby.....Saturday June 17, 2000

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. There is a potluck held the fourth Saturday before the Lodge meeting, to which all are welcome.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 14, 1999

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Those present were President Del Wallis, Vice President Jim Morrison, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, members Greg Brown, Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, Ron Hawke and Bob Snell.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

MINUTES - By motion (Hawke/Hague, unan.), minutes of the October 10, 1999, meeting were approved as corrected. Under "Finance," the October minutes should have read, "it was reported that \$7,240 from the assessment for the reserve would go into the water fund."

CORRESPONDENCE - "Notice of Entry of Judgment" from Tuolumne County Superior Court on the Douglas and Jeannie Eddy assessment which will be recorded; a change of address endorsement from the workers' compensation insurance company; notice of a "Know Your Community" meeting in Sonora; form from Corporate Compliance Center; certificate from Ross Porter regarding coating of four water tanks; two refund checks from Fireman's Fund of \$232.95 and 233.17 as required by Prop. 103; three letters from various agencies concerning meetings regarding safe water and water treatment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage was 727,300 gallons. There was a pipe break at Deborah and Jordan which was repaired.

ROADS - Snell - Road work has been completed. The contractor did a good job. Culverts were cleaned.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Double-paned windows have been installed in the Board Room.

TIMBER - Coleman - Piles left after lumbering will be burned as soon as there is a significant rain. A notice will be placed on the marquee when the burning is started. President Del said he had talked to a second surveyor about doing a survey to be sure we don't cut lumber on someone else's property. By motion (Coleman/Bonner, unan.) It was agreed to hire Ratzlaff & Associates for approximately \$10,000 to survey the northwest section of the park, parallel to Hwy. 108 and around part of the youth camp. This area has never been surveyed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - The builder on Abraham has been asked to move lumber away from the roadway so the snow plow can get through when necessary.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - Got parts for the snow plow installed; two new batteries were purchased for the tractor. Richard Deignan on David sold his cabin and wanted to sell his pickup that would suit the park's needs.

This pickup is about 10 years newer with less mileage than the one previously being considered. That truck still has not passed smog requirements. Mr. Deignan asked \$8,000 plus the park's old pickup which he will sell for parts or salvage. The caretaker will have this pickup checked out to be sure it has no problems before we actually purchase it. By motion (Hawke/Hague, unan.) The purchase was approved if the mechanic says it has no problems.

RECREATION - Coyle/Snell - The holiday dinner will be held on Saturday, December 11, at the lodge hall. The park provides the turkeys, stuffing, mashed potatoes, rolls, cranberry sauce, and drinks. Everyone attending is asked to bring a salad or dessert.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills for the month total \$40,895.37. After some discussion, by motion (Coleman/Hawke, unan.), it was agreed to take those whose assessments have still not been paid to small claims court.

Those with outstanding assessments are Robert Gellatly, Gerald & Donna Giordano, Jason & Diane Goins, Rebecca Ann Hoffner, Thomas & Brenda Ralston, Denise Williams, and Beverly Woodland.

CARETAKER'S REPORT - There was a discussion about installing transfer boxes on the wells so that the generator could be connected if necessary. The cost would be about \$1,000. By motion (Morrison/Hague, unan.) It was agreed to proceed. There was a brief discussion of the need for various signs. A 911 switch has been installed at the gate for the Fire Department. A copy of the Caretaker's report is attached to the original minutes.

NEW BUSINESS - There was a brief discussion of the draft of park rules that the secretary had sent to each of the Board Members. President Del appointed Directors Brown, Hague, and Hawke to review and refine the draft for consideration by the full board.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be December 12, 1999, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary



Checks Disbursed for November 1999

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
11/11	9309	Ron Sanders Chipping	Timber clean-up	1897.00
11/14	1310	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage (two months)	1857.40
11/14	9311	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	Rent	143.36
11/14	9312	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Fix Flat	6.00
11/14	9313	AT&T	Telephone	14.04
11/14	9314	Pacific Bell	Telephone	53.69
11/14	9315	Midstate Rentals	Maintenance of Equipment	112.50
11/14	9316	Mother Lode Equipment	Maintenance of Equipment	172.46
11/14	9317	Porter/Cal Western	Revamp Water Tanks on David	19,664.63
11/14	9318	Angels Pest Control	Spraying Buildings	110.00
11/14	9319	Twain Harte Saw & Mower	Supplies, Shop	20.70
11/14	9320	AquaLab	Water Testing	75.00
11/14	9321	Zaks	Supplies, Shop	117.94
11/14	9322	J.S. West & Symons	Propane	37.84
11/14	9323	PG&E	Utilities	617.12
11/14	9324	Village Mail & Print Shop	Members Communication	53.09
11/14	9325	US Bank	Payroll taxes	902.98
11/14	9326	Employment Development Department	Payroll taxes	59.67
11/14	9327	Postmaster	Stamps	33.00
11/14	9328	US Bank	Payroll Deduction	175.00
11/14	9329	Frank D. Hodges	Property Taxes	1557.80
11/14	9330	Sierra Resource Management	Timber Expense	1323.03
11/14	9331	US Bank	Fed. Income Tax, Timber Sale	5400.00
11/14	9332	Franchise Tax Board	State Income Tax, Timber Sale	2200.00
11/14	9333	Twain Harte Lumber	Building, Water, Shop	182.49
11/14	9334	Lawrence Haun	Professional services	650.00
11/14	9335	Eric A. Carlson Accountancy	Professional services	325.00
11/14	9336	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	800.70
11/14	9337	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	497.66
11/14	9338	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	800.69
11/14	9339	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	497.66
11/14	9340	Fred Coleman	Mileage	56.50
11/14	9341	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50
11/14	9342	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
11/14	9343	Norrine Coyle	Mileage	36.00
11/14	9344	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
11/14	9345	Gregory Brown	Mileage	67.50
11/14	9346	Randall J. Tolbert	Petty Cash	36.92

Net from Budget	12,875.74
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* 17,000 of this from Timber Interest

** Timber expense - from Timber Reserve

27,820.03

Total	40,895.37
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