



November 2000

Park Notes

The Holiday dinner will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. in the hall. The Park provides the turkeys, stuffing, and mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls, cranberry sauce, and drinks. Everyone attending is asked to bring a salad or dessert. If anyone would like to volunteer to roast a turkey, please call Bob at 209-523-4600 or 586-9343, or Norrine at 209-522-6025 or 586-3683.

Reminder again! No Motorized recreational vehicles are to be operated on Park property. This includes snowmobiles. Trailer them to the cul de sac and up the road to the Forest Service's gravel road. Don't kill the baby trees that have been planted in the areas where the older trees have been cut!

Please do not let your children go sledding down the roads or otherwise play in the roads. On the icy roads, there is no way a car or the snowplow can stop in time to prevent hitting them.

Another reminder! PINE NEEDLES, CONES, AND BRANCHES UP TO 6" IN DIAMETER are ALL we can burn in our burn area. During this winter, if you have something you wish to take to the burn area, contact Randy or Mike first so they can check to be sure the materials fit the Calif. Forest Service rules. Again, NO BUILDING MATERIALS OF ANY KIND, even if it once was a tree, can be burned in our burn area. The Fire Dept. comes and inspects every time the caretakers are ready to burn. If there is anything there they don't approve, they'll shut down our burn area permanently.

Be sure to winterize your cabin, it's been very cold and pipes will break. It's also a good idea to carry chains, the roadways have lots of ice.

CARETAKERS PHONE NUMBER: 586-3098

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Board Meeting	Sunday, Dec.10, 2000
Holiday Dinner	Saturday, Dec. 09, 2000
St. Patricks Day Dinner	Saturday, Mar.17, 2001
Annual Meeting	Sunday, May 27, 2001
Fish Derby	Saturday, June 16, 2001

SIERRA PARK LODGE #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The second Saturday is Business meeting. The fourth Saturday is our pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

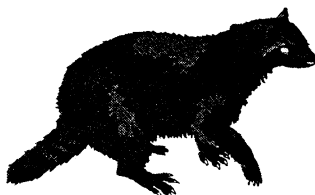
Middle age is when you're faced with two temptations, and you choose the one that gets you home by nine o'clock.

When picking out a pet, keep in mind that to a dog, you're family; to a cat, you're staff,

Why don't cannibals eat comedians? Because they taste funny.

One night Mike's parents overheard this prayer: "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test. If I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take.

Every Thanksgiving the newspapers are full of diagrams showing how to carve a turkey. The trouble is that the birds we get never have dotted lines on them.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 12, 2000

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Present were President Dell Wallis, Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, members Fred Coleman, Deena Hague and Ed Smith. Absent and excused were Greg Brown and Raul Morales.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

Minutes - By motion (Smith/Coleman, unan) the October minutes were approved as corrected to read under Equipment that Randy was directed to get whatever materials he needs to get the equipment ready for winter.

Members before the Board - Gordon Greene asked if Deborah could be made a one-way street. The Roads and Health & Safety chairs will look into it and report back at the next meeting.

Correspondence - A letter was received from Fidelity National Title Company asking for information in connection with the sale of James and Evelyn Hennings' property on Rebekah, and a form to be completed and returned to W. H. Breshears concerning the Park's exemption from paying State excise tax on diesel fuel.

Committee Reports

Water - Morales: Randy reported that water usage during the past month was 442,500 gallons.

Roads - Snell: All of the paving is done for this year. The fog sealing didn't get done, but because of the cold, wet weather, this will have to wait until later.

Buildings - Smith: Ed reported that he and Richard Bonner had taken care of the clean-up that needed to be done in the recreation hall because of the bats.

Equipment - Brown: Randy reported that various repairs have been made on the equipment.

Timber - Coleman: It was brought to the Board's attention that motorized equipment is going into the back country areas that have been logged and replanted. The Park rules state that all recreational vehicles must be licensed and trailered to the cul de sac and up to the Forest Service's gravel road outside of Park property. By motion (Coleman/Bonner, unan) the President was authorized to ask the Park's attorney to take the necessary legal action to stop the use of unauthorized vehicles on park property.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: The holiday dinner will be held on Saturday, December 9. If anyone would like to volunteer to cook a turkey, the committee would appreciate it.

Health & Safety - Hague: It was pointed out that the roads are not to be used for sledding or other play. The snowplow and cars cannot stop in time to avoid a child who is sledding on the road. The bear appears to be left the park for now, so the garbage bin gate will not be locked at 5:00 p.m. until further notice. There was a discussion about the need for a power pole saw for trimming trees. The way the pruning is being done now is unsafe. It was decided to purchase this piece of equipment. Mike pulled a muscle and was off work for a few days. There was a discussion about the burn area. We can burn only needles, branches up to 6 inches in diameter, and pine cones. There are no exceptions to this rule. The County's Air Pollution Control people have said we can finish burning this year. If anyone has anything they wish to take to the burn area during this winter, see Randy or Mike who will inspect the materials to be sure they conform to the California Dept. Of Forestry rules.

Finance - Bonner: Timber taxes and expenses are being paid out of the General Fund for the time being because the timber funds have been placed in some accounts which pay about 3% higher interest than was earned previously. Later in this fiscal year, funds amounting to approximately \$14,000 will be transferred back to the General Fund. The bills for the month total \$9,925.11 plus \$4,419 for Federal and State timber taxes. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan) the bills were approved for payment. Richard reported that one-half of one assessment has not been paid.

Old Business: By motion (Hague/Coleman, unan), Randy will be paid at the I.R.S. approved mileage rate for incidental mileage when he uses his personal truck for park business, beginning with the past two months. He will continue to keep a log of his mileage.

New Business: After reviewing the budget, it was determined that bonuses could be given to the two caretakers. By motion (Smith/Hague, unan), Randy is to get a bonus of \$1,000 and Mike a bonus of \$750.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norrine Coyle



Checks disbursed for November 2000

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10/23	9709	Mother Lode Port. Health & Safety	51.68
11/01	9710	The Radiator Doctor Maintain Equipment	508.58
11/01	9711	Twain Harte Lumber Maintenance	236.00
11/07	9712	Tuolumne County Taxes and Licenses	1,648.37
11/07	9713	J.S. West & Symon Propane	161.05
11/07	9714	Village Mail & Printing Member Communication	53.09
11/07	9715	Eric A. Carlson Accounting	455.00
11/07	9716	Randall J. Tolbert Payroll	838.69
11/07	9717	Michael W. Caropreso Payroll	542.22
11/07	9718	Randall J. Tolbert Payroll	838.68
11/07	9719	Michael W. Caropreso Payroll	542.22
11/07	9720	US Bank Payroll Deductions	175.00
11/07	9721	US Bank Payroll Taxes	972.36
11/07	9722	Employment Devel. Payroll Taxes	73.88
11/07	9723	Mother Lode Port. Health & Safety	71.68
11/07	9724	George Reed, Inc. Maintain Roads	254.22
11/07	9725	Modesto Welding Supplies Shop	31.15
11/07	9726	Angels Pest Control Maintain Buildings	110.00
11/07	9727	Doherty Tire of Sonora Maintain Equipment	119.00
11/07	9728	Zaks Maintain Equipment	164.98
11/07	9729	AquaLab Water Testing	75.00
11/07	9730	Cal Sierra Disposal Garbage	764.20
11/07	9731	Richard Bonner Office Supplies & Mileage	34.73
11/07	9732	Pacific Bell Phone	61.43
11/07	9733	AT&T Phone	18.74
11/07	9734	P.G.&E Electric	630.55
11/07	9735	Fred Coleman Mileage	72.32
11/07	9736	Norrine Coyle Mileage	46.00
11/07	9737	Deena Hague Mileage	48.00
11/07	9738	Robert Snell Mileage & Sign	65.50
11/07	9739	Michael W. Caropreso Insurance	11.25
11/07	9740	Randy J. Tolbert Reimburse Petty Cash & Mileage	<u>249.53</u>
		Total Monthly Bills	\$9,925.11
*11/07	9741	US Bank Timber Tax	3,685.00
11/07	9742	Franchise Tax Board Timber Tax	<u>734.00</u>
		Timber Expense	\$4,419.00



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