

Sierra Recreation Association

December 1998

From the Prez

Happy Holidays And A Prosperous New Year To You All.

We are half way through the Fiscal year and a review of our expenses to date shows we are within budget. The unexpected \$20,000.00 tank repair has stretched our skills to manage the budget, but with a little luck we will not need to touch our reserves. We need to be prepared to discuss repair work required for some of the other storage tanks at our annual meeting. It seems they were never lined from the onset and we will need to address the issue sooner rather than later.

Our emphasis these past six months has been to bring our infrastructure (for the lack of a better word) up to snuff. The "Good Deals" we enjoyed and thought well of in the past needed to be addressed; (i.e. ungrounded electrical in the recreation hall and well houses, exposed 220 and 110 wire running underground, old wells that required appropriate capping, etc., etc.) are just a few of the areas we have addressed.



There remains a couple of areas we need to look at next year, things that can wait, but certainly need our attention.

Obviously I am biased, but the Park is prettier than ever, our maintenance program is current and we are looking/planning to make it better and nicer for everyone in the future. If you have questions or suggestions, please share them with the Board.

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Winter Is Truly Here

The calendar tells us that winter will arrive on the 21st. In truth it arrived a few weeks ago as far as temperatures go. We have had several early morning temperatures in the 20's. We do hope all have winterized their cabins. Frozen pipes are not fun to deal with at any time.

A Matter of Attitude

Good News

Roberto De Vincenzo, the great Argentine golfer, once won a tournament and, after receiving the check and smiling for the cameras, he went to the clubhouse and prepared to leave. Some time later, he walked alone to his car in the parking lot and was approached by a young woman. She congratulated him on his victory and then told him that her child was seriously ill and near death. She did not know how she could pay the doctor's bills and hospital expenses.

De Vincenzo was touched by her story, and he took out a pen and endorsed his winning check for payment to the woman. "Make some good days for the baby," he said as he pressed the check into her hand.

The next week he was having lunch in a country club when a Professional Golf Association official came to his table. "Some of the boys in the parking lot last week told me you met a young woman there after you won that tournament." De Vincenzo nodded. "Well," said the official, "I have news for you. She's a phony. She has no sick baby. She's not even married. She fleeced you, my friend."

"You mean there is no baby who is dying?" said De Vincenzo.

"That's right," said the official.

"That's the best news I've heard all week," De Vincenzo said.

*from The Best of Bits & Pieces
In Chicken Soup for the Soul.*

Request from Park Manager

We would appreciate it if you would not park in the Lodge Hall parking area during the winter. Cars parked there can block the way of the snow removal equipment.

If you do not have a place at your cabin to park off the road during the winter months, please use the parking lot by the lake.

The roads must be kept clear so our snow removal equipment can get through. We know you will want to honor this request so all may have the safest and best possible time while enjoying our area in its beautiful white winter coat.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 13, 1998

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Jim Morrison. The invocation was given by Richard Bonner. Present were V.P. Jim Morrison, Treas. Richard Bonner, Sec. Protem Deena Hague, Ron Hawke and Gene Reed. Absent were Del Wallace Robert Snell, Fred Colman and Greg Brown, excused.

MINUTES - Motioned to approve the minutes of the November meeting as printed. Motion carried.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - 1. Cathy Canales - Property line issue. 2. Jim Shoemaker - He is no longer able to run the recycle facilities. We would like to thank Jim for all of the work he has done for the community and express our appreciation for his efforts. The recycle area will be closed, please take your recyclables to CalSierra facilities on Industrial Dr. in East Sonora. 3. Mike Kagay - Request for use of Lodge Hall for January 1st.. Motion by Hague second by Reed to approve use. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - 1. Department of Health Services - Water quality report. 2. California Rural Water Agency. 3. Barry Roth family - appreciation of newsletter and the Park. 4.

County Board of Supervisors - Dec. 8 meeting. 5. Jeannie Eddy - re: late assessment.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT -

Letter sent to P.G. & E. - approval of cutting of marked trees that are under power lines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage was 122,800 gallons last month.

ROADS - Reed - Roads were plowed and sanded after last snow falls.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Some minor repairs are needed - railings on Recreation Hall deck. The Hall was cleaned, floors waxed and decorating was done. An excellent job by the way and much appreciated.

TIMBER - Coleman (absent) - Loggers will be coming in to make bids for next years timber harvest.

RECREATION - Snell (absent) - We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Potluck. There were 42 people present. The two children that were present especially enjoyed the visit from Santa Claus.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - Please be very aware of speed warnings. Roads are very icy at times and we must all be vigilant and alert to potential hazards. Look out for snow plow. Please caution your children not to go

out on the lake. The water does not freeze thick enough to hold a person's weight.

EQUIPMENT - Brown (absent) - Chains are on equipment. Hydraulic line was replaced and general maintenance was done on the snow plow.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills for the month are a total of \$11,979.14. Motion by Hawke, second by Hague to pay bills. Motion carried. There remains three unpaid assessments and four unpaid late charges.

OLD BUSINESS - None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS - A motion was made by Bonner and second by Hawke to make arrangements with the Eddy Family in regards to their assessment. Motion carried. The family will be notified of the decision.

A motion was made by Hawke, second by Reed to install fencing around the dumpster site. Motion carried. This should help to control future costs. All homeowners are reminded that the dumpster is for wet garbage only. Please advise your guests and **Contractors - No Building Materials** in the dumpster. Fencing will be installed as soon as possible. Time and weather permitting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. Reminder: all board of Directors meetings to begin at 8:30 a.m. Next meeting January 10, 1998.

Respectfully submitted - Deena Hague, Acting Secretary.

Happy

New

Year!



Disbursements for November/December 1998

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11/17/98	8950	Michael Caropreso	Incentive bonus	542.81
11/17/98	8951	Randall J. Tolbert	Incentive bonus	814.86
11/19/98	8952	Cedar Ridge Electric	To bring electrical to code in well house.	1,421.00
12/07/98	8953	Frank D. Hodges, Tax Collector	Property taxes	1,541.90
12/07/98	8954	Twain Harte Lumber	Buildings, Roads, Shop	346.61
12/14/98	8955	Village Mail & Print Stop	Newsletter	53.09
12/14/98	8956	Zaks	Shop supplies	17.16
12/14/98	8957	J. S. West & Symons	Propane	347.80
12/14/98	8958	J.S. West & Symons	Road maintenance	30.56
12/14/98	8959	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	Health & Safety	63.73
12/14/98	8960	AquaLab	Water Tests	75.00
12/14/98	8961	Eric A. Carlson Accountancy	Accounting Services	250.00
12/14/98	8962	CalSierra Disposal	Garbage	764.20
12/14/98	8963	A.T. & T.	Long Distance Service	10.74
12/14/98	8964	Pacific Bell	Telephone	57.63
12/14/98	8965	P.G. & E.	Utilities	448.21
12/14/98	8966	USBank	Employee Retirement	175.00
12/14/98	8967	USBank	Payaroll Taxes	1,304.00
12/14/98	8968	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
12/14/98	8969	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	479.08
12/14/98	8970	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
12/14/98	8971	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	479.07
12/14/98	8972	Kathleen Commeau	Tape of Supervisors Meeting	32.18
12/14/98	8973	Robert Snell	Christmas Party Expense	61.68
12/14/98	8974	Postmaster	Trust Fund - Member Communication	225.00
12/14/98	8975	Richard Bonner	Office Supplies, Address Correction Fees	49.73
12/14/98	8976	Acordia of California	Workman's Comprehension Insurance	374.00
12/14/98	8977	Cedar Ridge Electric	Hook up 220 to Well #2	82.87
12/14/98	8978	Modesto Welding Supply	Shop Supplies	93.40
12/14/98	8979	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
12/14/98	8980	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
12/14/98	8981	Randy Tolbert	Petty cash reimbursement	219.03

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