

Sierra Recreation Association

December 2006

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Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner was held on December 16th 2006. The food and conversation was fabulous. It was truly wonderful mingling with our friends and neighbors.

There were about 70 persons in attendance. Several others indicated they had not come do to the snow. However, the snow did enhance the Christmas experience.

The raffle collected \$355.00 to raise funds for the Fishing Derby in June. Thank you to all that donated items for the raffle. There was a large selection and quantity of items making for an exciting and enjoyable raffle.

Many people contributed to the success of the Christmas Dinner:

Mike and Jojo Carapreso (our caretaker and his wife) decorated and prepared the lodge, a portion of this was donated time, and they also acquired and wrapped the children's Christmas gifts.

Tom and Linda Clark handled much of the logistics, acquired and prepared the turkeys and trimmings and cleaned up much of the kitchen afterwards.

Shawn and Carol Velayas and Mr. and Mrs., Valentine donated turkeys.

Ron Hawke and Dave helped carve the turkeys.

Nancy Hawke, Clark and Carol Kellogg and John and Mary Wallace helped with the cleanup.

Fire!

A fire erupted on the side of a cabin located on Rebecca Road. The fire department was called and extinguished the fire.

It appears as if the homeowner or guest emptied a barbecue over the edge the deck prior to departing the park. The ashes apparently included an ember which smoldered until the next day igniting the surrounding construction debris and vegetation.

Please: Carefully stir and inspect your ashes before disposal, add water if any uncertainty exists, and use care while selecting a disposal site.

Park Calendar

Board meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 AM.

Board Meetings: January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th

St. Patrick's Dinner: March 17th

Annual Meeting: May 27th

Fish Derby: June 17th



Odd Fellows Lodge 376

Brothers:

After 30 years of existence, our lodge has fallen into a state of distress.

On Saturday, March 17th 2007 at 5:00 P.M. (one hour prior to the St. Patrick's Corn Beef Dinner) there will be a special meeting to discuss the direction of our lodge. Please consider attending this meeting even if you infrequently or never attend regular meetings. Your opinions and guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Additional information will be posted on the website starting in February at:
www.varvayanis.com/sp/lodge376/announcements.htm.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Charles Varvayanis at charles@varvayanis.com or (209) 586-3782.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 16, 2006

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:25 A.M. by President Charles Varvayanis. The invocation was offered by Al Orth. Those present were President Charles Varvayanis, Vice President Mike Ford, Secretary Mike Rainwater, Treasurer Doris Selman, Members, Alan Orth, Clark Kellogg, and Tom Clark. Absent was Steve Wallace, excused.

Members before the board: Maynard Wallin made mention of the Web site and its pictures.

Minutes: Motion by Clark and seconded by Orth that the minutes be approved as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: 1) Letter from Mark Knapp concerning a change in his plans for drainage, 2) Several Christmas cards, 3) Letter from Eric Carlson concerning Christmas bonus and dates of his office will be open, 4) Letter from Caldwell Insurance re: auto insurance, 5) Papers and notification regarding water system classes and updates, and 6) Letter from Tom Clark asking to reserve the picnic area for family event.

Committee Reports

Water – Rainwater: Water usage was 1,221,000 gals. Park had to chlorinate the system after connecting the Esther connection. This was done the first week of December. If possible, the chlorination of the system will be done at night using the chlorinator that is installed at Well 6. Mr. Ford and Mr. Rainwater will attempt to isolate one small water tank from the system and inspect it for any damages.

Roads – Wallace: No report.

Buildings – Kellogg: Board received two bids for the replacement of the heater in the Lodge. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Orth to spend no more than \$3,400 for the purchase of a new hanging furnace to include the installation of the new heater. Motioned passed unanimously.

Timber – Ford: No business.

Recreation – Clark: Christmas party plans are all set. Four turkeys have been acquired of which two of them were donated. Dinner is at 6 P.M. Lodge was decorated by JoJo and Mike Caropreso and the gifts were provided to the kids by JoJo and Mike Caropreso.

Health & Safety – Varvayanis: Concern by some park residents about speeders.

Equipment – Orth: Snow equipment is in good condition. The Park will try a new set of chains which could save 30% over the old sets. Board will attempt to meet with Barry Electric on the Jan. meeting date.

Finance – Selman: Motion by Clark and seconded by Kellogg to pay the bills as adjusted, reviewed, and signed for the amount of \$6,765.87. A payment to Roger Brown, park attorney, was deferred pending research on the amount billed. Motioned was passed unanimously. Park received an insurance refund on equipment costs and auto coverage – approx. \$2,200. There are still some assessments left to collect for this year.

Old Business: 1) 69 or 20% of the park's residents have requested to receive the e-mail version of the newsletter, which will save the Park \$495.00 per year. 2) The Park's blue pick-up truck will be purchased by Mike Caropreso upon adjournment of the meeting. 3) It was noted that an easement exists with Mr. Smith and Mr. Frietas that allows Wheeler Road to traverse their properties; in return OFSRA maintains the road. 4) Request by President Varvayanis to be prepared to discuss the budget at the January meeting. 5) A letter was sent to the owners of Camp Cedarbrook inviting them to meet with our Board of Directors. 6) A discussion concerning what we should charge Camp Cedarbrook (Old Boy Scout Camp) for their share of road maintenance, snow plowing, and gate maintenance.



New Business: 1) The Fishing Derby was discussed; Traditionally Bill Williams has made badges for the derby. Unfortunately, Mr. Williams will not be able to provide this service this year and Mr. Ford indicated that he would research a new source for the badges. Also mentioned was the fact that all Toy's R Us certificates should go to the kids and not into the raffle. 2) Our water storage tanks do not have any insurance in case of damages because of costs; this issue needs to be researched. 3) A pine needle plan for 2007 is needed and Mike Caropreso was asked to poll his resources. 4) A brief discussion concerning Board member conduct.

Other Business: None.

Next meeting is on January 20th, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rainwater, Secretary

Checks Disbursed 11/25/2006 - 12/21/2006

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Amount
12/8/2006	225	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 11/20 thru 12/3/06	\$1,054.70
12/8/2006	226	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
12/6/2006	227	EDD	Payroll deduction	\$97.24
12/6/2006	228	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll taxes	\$967.96
12/22/2006	229	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 12/4 - 12/17	\$1,102.49
12/22/2006	230	Robert Cloak	Payroll	\$91.55
12/22/2006	231	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
12/21/2006	232	Gatewood Heating & Plumbing	Maintain Buildings / Deposit on furnace	\$310.00
12/21/2006	233	Mike Caropreso	Reimburse petty cash / Recreation	\$107.73
12/21/2006	234	Zenith Insurance	Workmens comp (2 payments)	\$1,186.00
12/21/2006	235	P G & E	Utilities / Electricity	\$822.52
12/21/2006	236	Mike Caropreso	Employee benefits / Medical	\$200.63
12/21/2006	237	AquaLab	Water Testing / Special tests	\$520.00
12/21/2006	238	Midstate Rental	Maintain Equipment / Plow blade	\$437.67
12/21/2006	239	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Maintain Equipment / Tires	\$303.69
12/21/2006	240	W H Breshears	Fuel	\$1,286.63
12/21/2006	241	Waste Management	Garbage	\$874.97
12/21/2006	242	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain water	\$34.28
12/21/2006	243	J S West	Utilities / Propane	\$61.51
12/21/2006	244	Eric Carlson	Accounting	\$532.45
12/21/2006	245	Village Mail & Printing	Member communications	\$149.73
12/21/2006	246	A T & T	Utilities / Phones	\$71.40
12/21/2006	247	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	\$76.68
Total Disbursements				\$10,389.83



Sierra Park Odd Fellows Lodge No. 376
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Lodge meetings are held at the lodge in Sierra Park on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.



Dogwood Rebekah Lodge No. 200
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Lodge meetings are held at the lodge in Sierra Park on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon, and social meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner.



Happy New Year!



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