

Sierra Recreation Association

FEBRUARY 2004

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Patrick's Dinner
Sat. March 20th 6 P.M.
Boiled Corned Beef Dinner
(You fill in with salads & desserts)
Please R.S.V.P. to Roger Townsend
209-529-8315 or 586-9522

Calendar of Meetings

BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m. Sat. Mar. 20, 2004**Sierra Park Lodge #376**Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

2nd meeting of the month includes spouses at a potluck.
 March 17th 6:30 P.M.
 B B Q tri-tip
 Call: 586-0551 or 586-6664 if planning to attend

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 21, 2004

Attendance:

President, Fred Coleman Present Vice-President, Robert Snell Excused Secretary, Norrine Coyle Present
 Treasurer, Richard Bonner Present Members Present: Ed Smith, Neil Selman, Roger Townsend, Greg Brown, Sean Kasper

President Fred Coleman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation by Richard Bonner

By motion (Smith/ Selman, unan.) the minutes of January 17, 2004, were approved as mailed with the correction to show Sean Kasper present.

Members before the Board: none.

Correspondence: 1. Letter from the State Department of Health Services re: implementation of Proposition 50 regarding a drinking water program. 2. Brochure from the National Rural Water Assn. Re: a "Circuit Rider Program. Regarding the water treatment certification review. 3. Brochure from UC Cooperative Extension re: protecting agricultural land; 4. Notification from SBC Long Distance re: a rate increase. 5 Copy of a letter from C.N.A. Insurance company to Roger Brown, Attorney re: retaining him to represent C.N.A and the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association in any litigation concerning the Boy Scout Camp.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water – Selman: Just under 1.2 million gallons of water were used during the past 35 days, which included 2 3-day weekends. There were no breaks or leaks. After having a contaminated water sample, more samples were required and all of those were clean. There was a discussion about a springhouse off of Rebekah that will be checked out.

Roads – Coleman: There is a problem with the paving on Jordan East, probably because of water running over the road. There is also a problem on the uphill side where a culvert has been put in without a swale. A few people have water draining from their property across the roads.

Buildings - Smith: The two new windows that we have for the lodge hall need to be installed. Some lumber may be required. The well houses need woodpecker damage repaired and to be power washed and painted. Roof work is also needed on #5 & #6. The hall heater was cleaned and repaired. An annual inspection will be scheduled on the heater, range hood, and the heater in the Boardroom. The office is finished and Roger said he would donate a desk, Rainey's donated a computer & Coleman's a printer.

Timber – Coleman: Fred attended the Fire Safety Council meeting. They are trying to make a fire break all the way up the canyon from Sugar Pine. If a fire were started in that area, our park would be in grave danger. He will see if he can borrow the short movie shown at the meeting to show during our annual meeting to make people aware of the problems of the forests.

Health & Safety – Kasper: Animal waste (dogs, mainly) is a top contributor to water contamination in suburban areas. **Clean up after your dogs.** The bridge on the west end of the lake will be repaired in the spring. There was a car vandalized and a house broken into in the park over the last month. Stay aware for the safety and security of your property. Lack of respect for others property has come into our Park, again.

Equipment – Brown: Routine maintenance has been done and all equipment is O.K. We may need two new tires for the snowplow and one blade could need replacing on the backhoe. The brakes have been fixed on the grader. Larry Vaughn researched availability of a snow blade for the backhoe to widen the roads after the snowplow has gone through. This will be looked into for the future.

Recreation – Townsend: The St. Patrick's dinner will be on March 20th at 6:00 p.m. People attending are to bring a salad or dessert. Everything else will be furnished.

Finance – Bonner: Bills for the month were \$15,001.10. Taxes from the Timber Fund were \$2,500.00. By motion (Smith/Selman, unan.) bills were approved for payment. Richard asked for budget information for the coming year and to stay aware of expenses for the balance of this year as expenses were higher than budgeted. (i.e. Legal fees, Workmen's comp, and regular insurance.) He also asked for members to gather reports for next year's budget.

Old Business – Larry Vaughn & Mike Rainey have been hired as part-time, occasional employees. They will be available to avoid long hours during snow plowing operations or other large projects. On January 21, Matt Shaefer trained all caretakers on the operation of major equipment. He worked 4 hours but requested to only be paid for 3 hours.

The backhoe opens spaces in the snow along the edge of the streets so the snowplow has places to push the snow off the road. *People should not park in those areas because their vehicles could be covered with snow during the next plowing.*

Plans for grinding needles and slash are progressing. There should not be any plastic bags or any other materials. It may be possible for everyone to put their needles and slash at the end of their driveways and the caretakers will pick them up and haul them to the area where the grinder will be. The tentative pick up dates are between April 23-May 3 and May 21-June 6. Other dates may be possible, depending on when the grinder gets to the Park. An exact schedule will be provided as soon as possible. If homeowners do not have their needles ready during the dates set, special pick-ups for a fee of \$50 might be arranged for the extra time. This is still cheaper than hauling the materials to Standard.

Costs have not been received as yet on the purchase of an emergency generator.

New Business: Additional "overflow" parking is needed for people who have more vehicles than parking space at their cabins. The Board will look into a location.

Before budget time, Board members were asked to come up with the amount that might be needed for their area of responsibility. We need to have an idea of planned projects and costs. There will be a special Board meeting on April 3 at 9:00 a.m. to review the budget.

There have been a few park property owners who have brought in big groups of people to use the various facilities. This cannot be allowed because of the liability. Parties on your own property are your responsibility. Call the President or a Board member if you have questions.

The power was off on East Jordan because of an accident on Wheeler when someone hit a guy wire on a power pole. Drive safely.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is March 20, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary

Things I have learned from my Children—continued. (Anonymous mother in Austin, TX)

1. A king-size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq.ft. house 4" deep.
2. If you spray hairspray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
4. A six-year old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.
5. "Play Dough" and "Microwave" should not be used in the same sentence.
6. You probably do not want to know "what that odor is".
7. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.
8. The fire department in Austin, TX has a 5-minute response time.

Be sure to read the enclosed letter from Fred regarding needle grinding. Important rules and dates are in it to help us get our lots cleared and the Park as fire safe as possible.

No smoke and clean air, how nice!

2004 LOT CLEAN UP

March 4, 2004

Members:

In a previous newsletter, you were informed that this year the Board decided to bring in a tub grinder to dispose of the material generated by the Park and the cleaning of individual lots. A question came up concerning what we were going to do with the money earned by the sale of the ground up material. At the February meeting, it was decided that the money would be used to defray the cost of the Park picking up the material from individual lots and transporting it to the grinding area. The following rules must be followed in order to have the Park transport the material generated by your lot:

1. **Only needles and small limbs will be picked up – NO building material, plastic bags or garbage.**
Only the natural material coming off the trees on your lot. (Note – FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN THE MATERIAL BEING PLACED IN YOUR DRIVE OR PARKING SPACE FOR YOUR REMOVAL.)
2. Place the material to be removed in the *widest area in front of your lot and on your side of the Street* - remember the roads are narrow so you might need several small piles rather than one large one.
3. Make sure that you do not place any large rocks in your pile – if the tub grinder is damaged the Park is liable.
4. Place the material out **ONLY** during the dates listed below.

Schedule for placing your material out for pick-up.

These dates are all Thursday through Monday.

April 29th to May 3rd.

May 27th to May 31st.

May 13th to May 17th

June 3rd to June 7th

The Park will start picking up the material on the Thursday following the end of each time period listed above. NOTE – DO NOT PUT MATERIAL OUT AT ANY OTHER TIME THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE. Any of the dates scheduled above will be CANCELLED if it snows. If a cancellation occurs, we will try to reschedule it.

The tub grinder will arrive between the middle and the end of June. We are trying to co-ordinate our use of the tub grinder with several other areas on the hill. This will save on the grinder transportation fee.

The drop off area will be opened a couple of times during the middle of the week for full time residents and any others wishing to drop off their own material. The problem with doing this is that Mike and Gary have to be at the drop off area to monitor the loads. Look on the message board for these dates. We will try to put the dates for this in a future newsletter. Anyone taking out trees or clearing a lot for building should make arrangements with Mike or Gary for dumping large loads of tree limbs.

NOTE – THE PARK WILL NOT PICK-UP LARGE PILES OF TREE LIMBS.

We hope this helps in the cleaning of your lot. If we all follow the rules, co-operate, and exercise some patience, this should be successful. Those of you with a bar ditch in front of your property could help the Park by cleaning it out and placing the material in your pile.

Please contact Mike or Gary if you want to volunteer to help pick up the material placed on the roads.

Thank you,

Fred Coleman, President.

CHECKS DISBURSED Thru 1/19 2004

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMO/ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1/23/2004	319	Gary A. Scarborough	payroll	912.36
1/23/2004	318	Michael W. Caropreso	payroll	732.18
1/28/2004	11033	United States Treasury	Payroll taxes - form 940	60.70
1/28/2004	11034	Employment Develop	Payroll taxes	101.49
1/28/2004	11035	Matthew Shaefer	outside svc/ equip training	140.00
2/6/2004	320	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	680.17
2/6/2004	321	Gary A. Scarborough	Payroll	869.54
2/7/2004	11036	State Compensation	Insurance	752.00
2/7/2004	11037	US Bank	Payroll taxes	1,488.43
2/7/2004	11038	Employment Develop	Payroll taxes	180.61
2/7/2004	11039 *	US Bank	Timber Tax	1,300.00
2/7/2004	11040 *	Franchise Tax Board	Franchise Tax- timber	1,200.00
2/7/2004	11041	PG&E	electricity/ caretaker cabin	60.47
2/20/2004	322	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	746.13
2/20/2004	323	Gary A. Scarborough	Payroll	869.55
2/20/2004	324	Phillip M. Rainey	Payroll	32.83
2/21/2004	11042	Roger A Brown	Prof. Services	759.20
2/21/2004	11043	Modesto Welding	Shop & Bldg/ supplies	13.84
2/21/2004	11044	J.S. West Propane	Propane	468.72
2/21/2004	11045	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain Buildings/office	38.98
2/21/2004	11046	Eric A Carlson	Accounting	415.00
2/21/2004	11047	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	License/ pickup	223.00
2/21/2004	11048	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	71.68
2/21/2004	11049	Foothill Mechanical	Maintain Buildings/furnace	289.13
2/21/2004	11050	J S West	Maintain Buildings	14.07
2/21/2004	11051	Midstate Repair	Maintain Equipment	256.10
2/21/2004	11052	Waste Management	Garbage	869.93
2/21/2004	11053	W H Breashears	Fuel	907.29
2/21/2004	11054	Zaks	Maintain Equipment	130.86
2/21/2004	11055	SBC	Phone	64.56
2/21/2004	11056	PG&E	Utilities	842.51
2/21/2004	11057	Signs Right Now	signs for dumpster	96.53
2/21/2004	11058	AquaLab	Water Testing	197.00
2/21/2004	11059	Village Mail & Printing	newsletter	53.09
2/21/2004	11060	State Farm Bank	Payroll deductions	100.00
2/21/2004	11061	Richard Bonner	mileage	29.44
2/21/2004	11062	Postmaster	postage trust fund	250.00
2/21/2004	11063	Michael W. Caropreso	Employee medical benefits	698.24
2/21/2004	11064	Gary A. Scarborough	Empl. Med benef. & petty cash	323.52
2/21/2004	11065	Roger Townsend	mileage	52.58
2/21/2004	11066	Norrine Coyle	mileage	52.56
2/21/2004	11067	Greg Brown	mileage	98.55
2/21/2004	11068	Fred Coleman	mileage/ park business	58.26
			TOTAL	15,001.10
		* Paid from timber fund		

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Subject to weather, the circled dates are when you can put needles out for pick-up. Read the complete letter for rules.

Happy St. Pat's

Guard the treasure
that is our Park.



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