

Sierra Recreation Association

February 2007

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Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be on March 17th 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at the lodge.

Everyone is invited to share this meal. The park provides Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, rolls, coffee, and tea. Please bring your own table service and one of the following: salad or dessert.

It is always a good meal and good company. Come on out and mingle with your neighbors.

RSVPs are optional, but would be appreciated so as we can gauge the number of attendees expected. Please RSVP to Tom Clark at (209) 586-0257 or clarkscabin@earthlink.net.

Also, if you can help with the dinner, please contact Tom.

Teenagers?

Some time between late December and mid January the park experienced some events of concern:

On Abraham a camp fire was built at the side of a cabin from stored lumber, lit, and eventually extinguished.

On Rebekah there were attempts to enter a cabin through a window and storage door. Although unsuccessful, damage was done to the cabin. The interior of this cabin is protected by an alarm that would have triggered if entered.

Teenagers were observed roaming in the vicinity of these events. It is suspected they may have been responsible.

Please discuss these issues with your family and guests and remind them to respect others in the park.

Remember: Fire is almost always an extreme danger in these forest lands and Breaking and Entering is a crime.

New Board Member

Sue Collie has joined the Board of Directors and will fill her seat through the next election in May 2007. Sue is our first non Odd Fellow or Rebekah. Thanks Sue.

Park Calendar

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

Board Meetings: March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th

St. Patrick's Dinner: March 17th

Annual Meeting: May 27th

Fish Derby: June 17th
(Father's Day)



Treasurer to Step Down, but Will Remain on Board

Doris Selman has announced her intent to step down as Treasurer sometime during the next three months, due to conflicts with her personal schedule. She will remain on the Board of Directors.

As a result we are looking for a new Treasurer. Anyone wishing to fill the soon to be vacated position should contact the Board of Directors via E-Mail, US Mail, Telephone, or be present a Board meeting.

Odd Fellows Lodge 376

On Saturday, March 17th 2007 at 5:00 P.M. (one hour prior to the Saint Patrick's Day 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 is posted on the website 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.

Newsletter & Website

Newsletter – Available via e-mail. E-mail us to sign up.

Website – Protected documents password: **Call For PW**



High Speed Internet Project

A group is forming to share the cost and effort to bring a T1 Internet circuit (1.544 Mb) to Sierra Park and assemble a radio based distribution network. The first phase is looking for 15 to 20 participants. A second phase will incorporate a bonded T1 Internet circuit comprised of two T1s bonded to form one Internet circuit (3.088 Mb), and allow up to 50 participants. The buy-in cost is expected to be near \$500.00 per participant with a \$30.00 to \$45.00 monthly fee. If you are interested in participating, please contact Charles Varvayanis at charles@varvayanis.com or (209) 586-3782.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 17, 2007

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:29 A.M. by President Charles Varvayanis. The invocation was offered by Clark Kellogg. Those present were President Charles Varvayanis, Vice President Mike Ford, Secretary Mike Rainwater, Treasurer Doris Selman, Members, Steve Wallace, Clark Kellogg, and Tom Clark. Absent was Alan Orth, excused.

Members before the board: Sue Collie and Robert Cloak. Mr. Cloak reported that during the Boy Scout hearing that all testimony made in court indicated that the Sugar Pine/Long Barn Road was not abandoned by the Boy Scouts because it was never filed with the county.

Executive Session: Board entered into Executive session at 8:31 A.M. and closed the session at 8:33 A.M.

During general meeting, it was announced that Sue Collie would fill Dan Meade's seat on the Board.

Minutes: Motion by Kellogg and seconded by Selman to approve the minutes of the January meeting as revised. Revision was a change in words regarding the "volunteer homeowners" by deleted. Motion passed with one vote abstains. A second motion by Kellogg and seconded by Selman to approve the edited minutes for the newsletter. Motion passed with one vote abstains.

Correspondence: 1) Telephone call from Fred Coleman concerning Christmas ornaments stolen, 2) e-mail from Pat Cowles reports a fire was set at the side of their house, 3) e-mail from Bob & Georgia Henry reporting an attempted break in, 4) e-mail from Pat Monahan regarding Sierra Park land is not accessible by OFSRA roads, 5) information from Calif. Tree Farm report, 6) letter from Dept. of Health Services, 7) material from Calif. Rural Water Assoc., 8) letter from Edwards & Assoc. re: playground equipment, 9) letter from Zenith Insurance, 10) Registration from Dept. of Motor Vehicles, 11) letter from Caldwell Insurance, and 12) documents regarding the Cedarbrook land.

Committee Reports

Water – Rainwater: Water usage was 314,000 gals. Discussion concerning water breaks on homeowner's properties, water box markings, tank inspection, and a schedule of recommended water improvements.

Roads – Wallace: Discussion concerning 2007 road maintenance.

Buildings – Kellogg: Discussion concerning a light be installed at the dumpster, the wall at the lodge next to playground needs repair, sand shed needs some repair.

Timber – Ford: Will contact Will Dorrell regarding timber status.

Recreation – Clark: Tom has applied for the permit for the fishing derby and is looking for assistance to help with fishing derby. St. Patrick's dinner is all planned.

Health & Safety – Varvayanis: No business.

Equipment – Orth: No business.



Finance – Selman: Motion by T. Clark and seconded by Wallace to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed with one vote abstains.

Old Business: 1) Access to some of OFSRA land is via the Long Barn-Sugar Pine Road. Use of this road beyond the gate at Camp Cedarbrook is necessary. 2) discussion concerning the material received from the Cedarbrook owners regarding the Sugar Pine-Long Barn Road is incorrect and needs to be addressed, 3) pine needle plan was discussed with additional research to be done by contacting Grover landscaping in Modesto.

New Business: 1) Discussion concerning the excess amount of mud being deposited on Jordan Way West from the use of the lower road to Camp Cedarbrook.

Other Business: 1) Tom Clark will get with Mike Caropreso and check on the willow trees in the meadow, the isolated ones, 2) information was provided by Sue Collie regarding regulations about shooting and proper use of crossing streams, 3) a motion by Selman and seconded by Ford to rescind the fine that was passed at the January meeting re: the water line breakage and usage of water. Motion was passed.

Next meeting is on March 17th, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rainwater, Secretary

Checks Disbursed 1/24/2007 - 2/21/2007

2/2/2007	275	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 1/15 - 1/28	\$1,060.95
2/2/2007	276	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
2/6/2007	277	EDD	Payroll tax	\$86.54
2/6/2007	278	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll tax	\$965.96
2/16/2007	279	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 1/29 - 2/11	\$1,060.95
2/16/2007	280	Robert Cloak	Payroll	\$91.75
2/16/2007	281	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
2/21/2007	282	A& A Portables	Health & Safety	\$76.68
2/21/2007	283	AquaLab	Water Testing	\$240.00
2/21/2007	284	AT&T	Utilities/phones	\$70.08
2/21/2007	285	Michael Caropreso	Outside Services/ sand delivery	\$237.50
2/21/2007	286	Mike Caropreso	Employee Health Benefits	\$511.96
2/21/2007	287	Eric Carlson	Accounting	\$672.14
2/21/2007	288	J S West	Utilities / propane	\$1,270.71
2/21/2007	289	Midstate Rentals	Maintain equip.	\$136.20
2/21/2007	290	PG&E	Utilities/ electricity	\$715.03
2/21/2007	291	Mike Rainwater	Office supplies	\$10.76
2/21/2007	292	Roto-Rooter	General Park Maintenance	\$596.07
2/21/2007	293	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain buildings	\$40.15
2/21/2007	294	Waste Management	Garbage	\$1,226.88
2/21/2007	295	Zenith Insurance Co	Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$593.00
Total Disbursements				\$9,763.31



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 Saint Patrick's Day!



Saint Patrick's Dinner March 17th 2007

Put it on your calendar!



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