

SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD

WINTER STORM

The Park came through the late January storm pretty well, considering the many downed trees and power lines. We were without power for nearly four days. It was a good lesson in the need to be prepared with extra food, water, flashlights, telephone land line, heat source, etc.

DOG PARK

The proposed Dog Park, "Huckleberry Park " – is now in the planning stage. The estimated cost for construction is \$1812.00. Paul Emery is in charge of the planning and construction of the fences and gates. He is requesting donations for the necessary supplies. Paul has started the process with his personal donation of \$500.00. Please contact him with any questions or concerns at 209-928-5958. Donations should be sent to: Sierra Recreation Association, P.O. Box 116, Long Barn, CA 95335.

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

It's still winter, but spring will be here before we know it! Mike Ford is looking ahead to this wonderful annual event on Saturday, June 19, 2010. He will need prize donations for the kids and adults, plus volunteers for sign-ups, fish measuring, food prep, etc. Please keep this in mind and plan to bring your kids and grandkids up for the derby. Also, all volunteer help and donations will be greatly appreciated! Contact Mike through the e-mail or the phone number for the Park.

ON A SAD NOTE

Long time Sierra Park property owner Chuck Aston passed away on January 2, 2010 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Chuck served on our Board of Directors from 2004 through 2006. He was always very willing to help in any way with park projects and he will be missed by all who knew him. The family has requested that any remembrances be made to Heifer International in memory of Charles Aston designated to the Lake Titicaca Bolivia Project, ID #23-1138-02.Send to: Heifer International, Donor Services, P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock AR 72203.

DOGWOOD REBEKAH LODGE #200

Dogwood Lodge #200 meets the Third Tuesday each month at 10:00 am in the Board Room at the park lodge. All meetings are open to anyone. During 2009, thirteen Dogwood Rebekahs reported giving 3323 hours of community service. Calculated at the current value for volunteer service of \$21.97 per hour, these members provided \$73,006.31 worth of service. The bench project is in progress with the hope of having nine benches ready for placement around the park by this summer.

Please share the newsletter with members of your family and others who may be using your mountain home here in the Park. All Park property users need to be aware of activities and happenings in the Park

Odd Fellows Sierra Homeowners' Association Board of Directors' Meeting January 16, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by president Jesse Worsham.

All Members were present except Andrea Miller and Charles Varvayanis whose absences were excused.

Invocation was given by Al Orth. Gloria Harvey recorded minutes.

Homeowners present: Yvonne Peter, Mike and Shirley Rainwater, Larry Vaughn, Fred Colman, Pat Monahan, Linda Clark, Ron Hawke, and Gloria Harvey. The caretaker Gordy was also present.

Correspondence:

Yvonne Peter, representing Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200, presented each board member a copy of the "Bylaws of the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association." She then read a letter from the Rebekah group. They expressed concern that the BOD was not following Robert's Rules of Order, as prescribed by the bylaws. Some procedural issues were discussed which will ensure a better record of BOD actions. Minutes will record motions, seconds and vote of the BOD and will not be edited before being mailed. Minutes will not be mailed until the following month, after the minutes have been approved by the BOD. Concern was expressed regarding: paying BOD members for work completed without passing a resolution and waiving assessment fees for some homeowners in exchange for work done in the park. Mr. Velayas stated that he does pay his assessment but the Association reimburses him the same amount to compensate him for the time he spends as treasurer. Discussion continued regarding issues the board has discussed in past meetings, but no follow up action has occurred. These issues were later addressed in Old Business.

Sean Velayas will secure a CD with homeowners names and mailing addresses to fulfill a request from the Evacuation Committee via Rebekah DL#200

Fred Colman questioned the honesty of statements made by Mr. Varvayanis last month. He also has heard of numerous burglaries on Long Barn-Sugar Pine Riad and encourages homeowners to be vigilant.

Mike Rainwater stated concern that trees at the corporation yard and the caretaker's cabin had been removed without consulting the Forester. There are state requirements, regarding when trees can be removed and the forester, Will Dorell is familiar with the laws.

A letter from Brian Parker was read requesting assistance dealing with a neighbor who is abusing parking privileges. Email was read from Charles Varvayanis responding to the letter the BOD received from members of Rebekah Dogwood 200.

Sean Velayas moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Al Orth seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Water: Gordy 479,760 Gallons used. All tanks full.

Roads: Steve Wallace, 50 snow stakes were available: all but 17 have been installed. Discussion of requirements to tow vehicles parked on park roads during snow removal. More information will be gathered.

Gate: Wallace stated that reflective tape is needed for the back of the stop sign, bearings need replacing, magnetic closures do not work, cameras are not mounted, and entrance gate does not always open all the way. Jesse Worsham will contact installers about repairs.

Buildings: Mike Ford reported that the work on the caretaker's cabin is planned to be completed in two weeks if weather permits and contractors are available. Floor coverings are still needed, some painting downstairs and finishing the bathroom downstairs. Fireplace insert was sold on e- bay, for \$400 minus \$40.00 for the seller. Net to Park is \$360.00. A tour of the caretakers cabin was given,

Equipment: Al Orth reported that everything is working. The new 12 foot blade for the snowplow will be installed as soon as a window opens which permits the plow to be at the repair shop for several days. The installation will replace all parts which operate the blade

Timber: no report

Health and Safety: Paul Emery reports that the "Danger thin ice" signs have arrived and will be installed at the lake. A resident of the park is speeding routinely through the park and the homeowner will be contacted about the danger.

Recreation: Worsham reported a great response to the Christmas Party. Everyone had a great time.

Finance: Sean Velayas reported the bills for the month total \$9,866.00. Al Orth moved, Friedholm Peter seconded that the bills be paid. Motion passed. Velayas reported that he is getting a fee schedule from Roger Brown a local attorney for local issues. He stated a new web site will cost the Association \$360.00 a year and can be reached at sierrapark.org. He also stated that there is no way to shut down the former web site, which was set up by Mr. Varvayanis, unless Mr. Varvayanis decides to close it down himself. However, if the Three Links logo has been copyrighted, it can be ordered removed from the unofficial web site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200 requested to place a community garden in the meadow. Emery moved, to give conditional approval, pending approval of plans and location. Veleyas seconded. Motion passed.

Rental agreement for the caretaker's cabin, was reviewed and a decision about the amount of the deposit will be made after information is gathered.

Illegal ATV's in the park damaging property and ignoring request to adhere to park rules. An injunction is in process and will be completed and served on the property owner when complete.

Cameras installation: Emery moved that Wallace, will seek more bids on installation. Peter seconded, motion passed

Missing street signs: Ford moved that Friedholm Peter and Gordy review street signs in the park and make a list of needed signs. Check with Sheriff's Department in Twain Harte on sign makers in the area. Seconded by Veleyas, Motion passed.

Drive Way Culverts: According to Park Rules and Regulations, clearing these is the responsibility of the homeowners. Homeowners were given permission to install culverts for their driveways and are expected to keep them clear. Friedholm Peter and Gordy will survey the park and make a list of culverts which need to be cleared.

A new park Web site has been established and may be reached at sierrapark.org

NEW BUSINESS

Dog park could be constructed in the park . Emery will present a construction plan, location, and estimated cost to the board. This would be build by homeowners with no cost to the board.

Fireworks sign forbidding fireworks in the park will be placed in the gate kiosk permanently.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 1:15 p.m.

Meeting was called back to order at 2:45 p.m.

The Board of Directors utilized its power, granted in the "Bylaws of Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association", Article IV, Section 4. Removal and Resignation, to remove Charles Varvayanis from the board. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Submitted by acting secretary, Gloria Harvey

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
							10,643.59
Paycheck	12/24/200	1249	Cloak, Robert B.		payroll	-91.25	10,552.34
Paycheck	12/24/200	1250	Godbey, Thomas		payroll	-1,186.96	9,365.38
Liability Check	k 01/06/20	1286	EDD	074-1658-9	payroll taxes	-203.75	9,161.63
Liability Check	k 01/06/20	1287	Oak Valley Bank	94-1181950	payroll taxes	-1,039.98	8,121.65
Check	01/06/20	1284	Oak Valley Bank	VOID:	796 · Income Tax Expense	0.00	8,121.65
Paycheck	01/08/20	1285	Godbey, Thomas		payroll	-1,011.40	7,110.25
Check	01/20/20	1290	AT&T		phone	-81.56	7,028.69
Check	01/20/20	1291	Carlson, Haff & Associates	14882	756 · Accounting Services	-959.84	6,068.85
Check	01/20/20	1292	El Dorado Septic Service, Inc.		740 · Health & Safety	-45.00	6,023.85
Check	01/20/20	1293	Paul Emery		ham for Gordy	-37.43	5,986.42
Check	01/20/20	1294	Ford, Mike		danger signs	-232.46	5,753.96
Check	01/20/20	1295	Godbey, Thomas		water training	-200.00	5,553.96
Check	01/20/20	1296	J. S. West	260951	792 · Utilities	-641.23	4,912.73
Check	01/20/20	1297	J. S. West Lumber & Hardware	241973	caretaker cabin	-76.10	4,836.63
Check	01/20/20	1298	General Plumbing Supply Co. Inc.		778 · Maintain Water-Capita	-11.47	4,825.16
Check	01/20/20	1299	PG&E		utilities	-891.48	3,933.68
Check	01/20/20	1300	Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware	63098	caretaker cabin/water	-81.40	3,852.28
Check	01/20/20	1301	Velayas, Shaun		773 · Maintain Equipment	-54.36	3,797.92
Check	01/20/20	1302	W.H. Breshears, Inc.	69875	735 · Fuel	-1,501.47	2,296.45
Check	01/20/20	1303	Wallace, Steve		caretaker cabin	-3,196.71	-900.26
Check	01/20/20	1304	Waste Management of Cal Sierra	Corp.	736 · Garbage	-965.86	-1,866.12
Check	01/20/20	1305	Zaks	5000	773 · Maintain Equipment	-301.37	-2,167.49
Liability Check	k 01/20/20	1306	EDD	074-1658-9	payroll taxes	-18.60	-2,186.09
Liability Check	k 01/20/20	1307	United States Treasury	94-1181950	payroll taxes	-2.40	-2,188.49
Check	01/20/20	1076	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation As	sn.	133 · Oak Valley Community	14,000.00	11,811.51

	Paycheck	01/22/20	1288	Cloak, Robert B.	payroll	-91.25	11,720.26
	Paycheck	01/22/20	1289	Godbey, Thomas	payroll	-1,059.47	10,660.79
						17.20	10,660.79
TOTAL						17.20	10,660.79

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Board of Directors' Meeting February 20, 2010

Interim minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by acting president Shaun Velayas. All members were present except Jesse Worsham and Alan Orth whose absences were excused. It was announced that Andrea Miller has resigned from the Board. Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:35 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 8:45 a.m.

During the executive session it was determined that Charles Varvayanis could not be removed by the Board in the manner in which it was done at the January meeting. Charles was therefore re-instated.

Invocation was given by Paul Emery.

Homeowners present: Wayne and Gloria Harvey, Yvonne Peter, Fred Coleman, Larry Vaughn, Karen Schultz, Pat Monahan, Linda Clark, Wayne and Julie Shellcross. Caretaker Gordy Goodby was also present.

Correspondence:

A letter from Rebekah Lodge #200 was addressed regarding the following items: 1) It is the intention of the Emergency Evacuation Committee to mail to all homeowners information regarding the plan and notification of a special meeting on May 1, 2010 regarding fire safety in the park. The committee requests use of the Lodge main room for this meeting and use of the Association's bulk mailing permit. 2) Question regarding status of the injunction regarding the misuse of off road vehicles within the park. Attorney Roger Brown will be following up with the legal aspects of the injunction. Mr. Brown's fee schedule is \$275.00 per hour and his aides fees are \$75.00 per hour. Paul Emery moved that \$1500.00 be approved for Roger Brown to pursue the injunction and that if the amount is in excess, the Board will vote on any additional amounts billed. Steve Wallace 2nd. Motion carried. 3) Question regarding the status of the caretaker's cabin renovation and the rental agreement. The work on the cabin will be complete within the next few days and the rental agreement is being worked on to be certain all aspects are covered. Roger Brown will be reviewing for accuracy. 4) The Dogwood garden patch proposal will be presented at the March Board meeting. 5) Question regarding the status of the camera at the entrance gate. Charles Varvayanis, Paul Emery and Shaun Velayas will install the camera on Saturday, February 27th – weather permitting. 6) Question regarding update on the Dog Park. Paul Emery presented his proposal for a secure, fenced open area for the purpose of socializing and exercising of property owners' and guests' dogs. After discussion, the board agreed that the ideal area for this dog park would be the following perimeters: behind the dumpster on Ruth, the triangle created there by Jordan Way West and the properties southwest of the dumpster. Paul estimates the following costs for the completion of the dog park: Wire fence \$725.00, Posts 440.00, Concrete \$217.25, 2 gates \$229.75 and miscellaneous items \$200.00 for a total of \$1812.00. The gates would be wide enough to allow for equipment to be able to enter for grass cutting and other maintenance. There is also water available at the nearby sand shed. He will do some research as to the most effective solution for the disposal of pet waste and will report back at the next Board meeting. Paul anticipates the total time to complete the fencing and gates would be about three days. He would like to begin the project the first week in June. Paul has donated \$500.00 to start and would like to request additional donations be sent to the Association. A motion was made by Friedhelm Peter to approve the project and name the park "Huckleberry Park". Steve Wallace 2nd. Motion carried. 7) Question regarding the status of the road signs for the Park. Discussion was held. Road signage is necessary for emergency vehicles as well as for park resident and guests. Mike Ford has had initial signs made for where there were none. They will be installed by Gordy as soon as posts can be made to accommodate the signs. Friedhelm Peter will work with Gordy to determine where other signs may be needed and report back at the next Board meeting. The new signs are green with reflective white paint. This is what Tuolumne County requires for all new signage in the county. 8) Question regarding board members being paid for services rendered. This practice can be addressed through Board resolutions as necessary.

A letter was received from Roger Brown regarding his retainer to pursue the pending injunction.

Documentation received from Preferred Employers Insurance Co. regarding Gordy's worker's compensation claim. Forms will be completed and returned to the insurer.

Charles Varvayanis received notice from a homeowner regarding a tree that fell across two driveways on Abraham. PG&E felled the tree. Gordy will remove tree from driveways.

Wayne Shellcross questioned the use of the \$200.00 special assessment and asked if the homeowners would be receiving a refund of unused monies. Shaun Velayas addressed the issue. The excess monies have been put into the Equipment fund.

Karen Schultz asked why Bob Cloak is being paid \$500.00 a month for the water master job. Discussion was held and the matter deferred to Old Business.

Fred Coleman stated that wood from felled trees within the park belongs to all park residents and should be moved to the old campground area. The Board should announce to all park residents when the wood is available for use by park residents. He also said that park equipment should not be used for any private resident's personal needs.

Larry Vaughn presented a Modesto Bee article regarding State proposition 83 regarding sex offenders. The Board determined this is not a Board issue, but one that should be addressed to local law enforcement.

Paul Emery moved that the minutes of the January 16, 2010 be approved as presented. Mike Ford 2nd. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Water: Gordy and Charles Varvayanis – Paul Emery moved to have Charles contact Gary Scarborough to see if he is available for water master job at \$100.00 per month in the interim until Gordy passes the test which will be held in March. Charles 2nd. Motion carried. Gordy reported that 940,100 gallons of water were used – he will double check as the usage seems high. Gordy suggested that homeowners and their guest stay out of the park water boxes as sometimes people turn off (and on) their neighbors water and that has led to some problems with pipes freezing and water leakages.

Roads: Steve Wallace - 17 snow stakes need to be installed. Gordy and Friedhelm will do this next week. The corporation yard road needs attention and this will be addressed in the spring after all storms are finished. A discussion was held regarding the skids on the snow plow. The skids were removed and will be re-installed. Friedhelm will pursue having the 12' blade picked up and installed in the next week or so.

Buildings: Mike Ford – The caretaker's cabin is nearly finished. Expenses to date are \$33,680.00. Mike stated that due to the extensive work it would be a good idea to purchase a new washer and dryer to avoid leaks and breakdowns with the old, used ones that are there. Friedhelm moved that new appliances be purchased. Steve Wallace 2nd. Motion carried. The corporate yard building roof is in poor condition. Mike will get quotes for repair. Paul Emery suggested that a word burning stove be purchased for the caretaker's cabin as the cost of propane heat is substancial. After discussion, it was determined that Paul will research other possibilities for additional heating.

Timber: Charles Varvayanis - reported that a tree fell on park property near the caretaker's cabin. It is not doing any harm at the moment but should be taken out at some point.

Recreation: Mike Ford – Spoke about the upcoming annual Fishing Derby in June. He would like to get started with sponsor donations and volunteers. Mike will check with Jesse Worsham regarding a source for fish.

Health & Safety: Paul Emery - Charles reported that the bridge on the far side of the pond is rotting. Paul will inspect and report back at the next Board meeting. The bridge on the Jordan Way West side of the pond still needs attention. Mike Ford mentioned that that bridge is to be moved to the bar-be-que area. Paul will check on this and report back at the next Board meeting. Larry Vaughn reported that the problem with a renter speeding in the park has been resolved.

Equipment: Steve Wallace – reported that work on the grader came to \$1223.21. Discussion was held regarding the snow removal responsibility. Tabled until next Board meeting.

Finance: Shaun Velayas reported the bills for the month total \$15,718.51. Paul Emery moved the bills be paid as presented. Charles Varvayanis 2^{nd} . Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Rental Agreement -Addressed under correspondence. Roger Brown to review.

ATV's in the Park –Addressed under correspondence. Roger Brown will be addressing.

Dog Park – Addressed under correspondence. Paul Emery is taking care of this.

Road Signs – Addressed under correspondence. Friedhelm Peter and Gordy taking care of this.

Roger Brown – Addressed under correspondence. Retainer to be sent.

Gordy – Water license update. Gordy is ready to take the test for his license in March.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – Paul Emery stated that the budget needs to be reviewed and updated for the coming year.

Website - Shaun Velayas stated that help is needed for graphic design and will accept all suggestions.

Both the Water Use Agreement and the License Agreement between the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association and the Odd Fellows Homeowners' Association will be expiring on 10/12/2011. These need to be reviewed and updated. Discussion was held. Paul Emery moved that a committee of four be formed to review and revise these agreements along with the By-Laws. Steve Wallace 2nd. Motion carried. The following four volunteered to be the committee of four: Fred Coleman, Gloria Harvey, Yvonne Peter and Charles Varvayanis. They would like to invite Del Wallis and Clark Kellogg to be consultants. The committee will meet and bring recommendations to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Newsletter – Shaun Velayas will do the newsletter with help from Linda Clark The Park pick-up needs some repair work. This will be addressed in March or April.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by acting secretary, Linda Clark

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount	Balance
						12,011.51
Paycheck	01/22/20	1288	Cloak, Robert B.	paycheck	-91.25	11,920.26
Paycheck	01/22/20	1289	Godbey, Thomas	paycheck	-1,059.47	10,860.79
Check	01/25/20	1308	Davidson's Training	778 · Maintain Water-Capital Exp	-200.00	10,660.79
Paycheck	02/05/20	1309	Godbey, Thomas	paycheck	-1,488.32	9,172.47
Liability Che	ck 02/05/20	1310	EDD	payroll taxes	-145.91	9,026.56
Liability Che	ck 02/05/20	1311	Oak Valley Bank	payroll taxes	-812.18	8,214.38
Check	02/16/20	1312	National Flooring & Supply, Inc.	777 · Maintain Bldg - capital exper	-2,151.40	6,062.98
Paycheck	02/19/20	1313	Cloak, Robert B.	paycheck	-91.25	5,971.73
Paycheck	02/19/20	1314	Godbey, Thomas	paycheck	-900.40	5,071.33
Check	02/22/20	1335	Peter, Friedhelm	Park maintenance/equipment mair	-133.45	4,937.88
Check	02/23/20	1315	AquaLab	794 · Water Testing & Fees	-240.00	4,697.88
Check	02/23/20	1316	A-Snap	Equipment maint/snowplowing	-1,503.21	3,194.67
Check	02/23/20	1317	AT&T	telephone	-95.03	3,099.64
Check	02/23/20	1318	California Rural Water Assn.	723 · Dues and Subscriptions	-339.00	2,760.64
Check	02/23/20	1319	Carlson, Haff & Associates	756 · Accounting Services	-610.56	2,150.08

	Check	02/23/20	1320	El Dorado Septic Service, Inc.	740 · Health & Safety	-45.00	2,105.08
	Check	02/23/20	1321	Ford, Mike	740 · Health & Safety	-382.50	1,722.58
	Check	02/23/20	1322	J. S. West	792 · Utilities	-919.57	803.01
	Check	02/23/20	1323	JTM Cleaning Co.	777 · Maintain Bldg - capital exper	-160.00	643.01
	Check	02/23/20	1324	PG&E	utilities	-702.39	-59.38
	Check	02/23/20	1325	Rainwater, Michael	774 · Maintain Roads	-450.00	-509.38
	Check	02/23/20	1326	Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware	caretaker cabin	-74.35	-583.73
	Check	02/23/20	1327	Charles P. Varvayanis	737 · Gate Expense	-1,316.55	-1,900.28
	Check	02/23/20	1328	Velayas, Shaun	758 · Member Communications	-324.00	-2,224.28
	Check	02/23/20	1329	Velazquez, David	777 · Maintain Bldg - capital exper	-745.00	-2,969.28
	Check	02/23/20	1330	Vic's Towing Inc.	773 · Maintain Equipment	-843.75	-3,813.03
	Check	02/23/20	1331	W.H. Breshears, Inc.	735 · Fuel	-970.51	-4,783.54
	Check	02/23/20	1332	Wallace, Jason	777 · Maintain Bldg - capital exper	-240.00	-5,023.54
	Check	02/23/20	1333	Wallace, Steve	caretaker cabin	-3,780.07	-8,803.61
	Check	02/23/20	1334	Waste Management of Cal Sierra (Cor 736 · Garbage	-668.57	-9,472.18
	Check	02/23/20	1077	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Ass	sn. 133 · Oak Valley Community Bank	23,000.00	13,527.82
						1,516.31	13,527.82
TOTAL						1,516.31	13,527.82