

Sierra Park

March 1997

Farewell to Bill

Our Secretary, Bill Kilgore, died on Tuesday, February 18, 1997. Bill and Doris (Sierra Sue) put in many hours each month taking minutes, writing letters, and in general keeping this park running. When we lose a man like Brother Bill, we also lose a great deal of knowledge of the park and the people who made it what it is today. Doris is retiring too. She is staying in the park. Our sympathy and good wishes go out to her.

Edward Smith
President, Board of Directors

Sierra Park News

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Odd Fellows meetings are held the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall. No further plans for any activities this month, although we have three applications on the books that are ready for the Initiatory Degree.

Recreation

The corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 8, 1997 was a success. There was a good turnout. The lodge provided the corned beef and cabbage and potatoes for the dinner and everybody brought a variety of dishes and deserts. One of the most popular dishes, a sauce for the corned beef, was brought by Mrs. Freitas. So many people asked for the recipe that she agreed to give it to us to print in the newsletter. Thanks for sharing Mrs. Freitas.

Sauce for Corned Beef

Blend:

2 Tablespoons Salad Oil

1/3 Cup Brown Sugar (or syrup)

Add and stir:

5 Tablespoons Catsup

3 Tablespoons Vinegar

1 Tablespoon Mustard

Bring it to a boil and then let it simmer a while.

Very simple and quick.

Weather

We are enjoying spring-like weather here in the park, with warm, sunny days and cool nights. Do not let this fool you into thinking you do not need to winterize your cabins when you leave. The weather can turn cold very quickly this time of year. Remember out last snow last year was June 15.

Spaghetti Dinner & Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the spaghetti dinner and the annual meeting. This will be held over the Memorial Day Weekend. The spaghetti dinner will be Saturday May 24, at 6:00 at the recreation hall and the annual meeting will be held on Sunday May 25. Check in time is 8:00 a.m. Come out and vote for your board members and plans for the future of the park.

Burn Area

The burn area is now open. It is divided into two sections. If one area is burning, please dump your needles in the other area.

Leash Law

There has been a problem with dogs running loose in the park. We want to remind you that there is a leash law in the county and we will call animal control if any dogs are running loose. This is for the safety of everyone in the park. Please keep your dogs on a leash or inside. We also want to remind you that there are to be no dogs at the lake, even on leashes.

Thank You

There has been a lot of volunteer help in the park of late. Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with cleanup on roads, creek, buildings, etc. Also, thanks to Al Orth for the donation of metal products and hour meter.

As Sierra Sue used to say, See you Next Month.....

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Board of Directors meeting - March 9, 1997

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Edward Smith. The passing of Secretary Bill Kilgore left a vacant seat on the Board of Directors. This seat was filled by Tracy Bowman, who was the next runner up at last years election at the annual meeting. Welcome aboard Tracy. All members of the board were present.

Minutes

MSC to approve minutes of February 2, 1997, meeting with correction to total of bills for the month.

Members Before the Board

Maynard Wallin commended the Board on work done at he lake and at the creek.

Caretakers Report

Painted the gate building and built shelf for monitor, and VCR.
Painted trim in the restrooms in the recreation hall.
Redirected the creek so water goes to the creek and lake.
Repaired two teeth on the backhoe, 12" bucket.
Checked and repaired water leak in front of Birdsell cabin.
Checked on condition of road in front of Overracker cabin.
Will have Jim Morrison look at it.
Went with Fred Coleman to see about closing of back roads to the park.
Moved rocks from Long Barn Ranch Road.
Repaired water leak on Jordan way.
Cleaned up burn area and sectioned it off into two sections with signs.
Roped off walking bridge to lake and placed "Stay off Bridge" sign until railings are completed.
Burned off branches and needles from camp ground area.
Had Park truck repaired; brakes, emergency brake, and CV joints.
Made sign for the dumpster.
Replaced and repaired log fence in front of the lake.
Repaired culverts in walking trails to the lake.
Moved willow piles to burn area from lake area.
Pulled door lock out of board room and had it keyed the same as other locks.
Built and installed the gate on the dirt road off of Rebecca.
Cleaned ditches on Jordan Way, Abraham, and Moses.
Skidded trees to Jordan Way bridge and cleaned out creek bed to lake.

Correspondence

Giardano, paying assessments under protest.
Phillip Gill regarding no phone access. Note: If members want to be able to let people into gate from their cabin they must have a phone at their cabin and let Richard Bonner know the number so he can have it put into the gate computer.
Case Equipment survey for Randy to complete concerning the backhoe.
Report on water testing.

Committee Reports

Water-Bowman: Water usage for this month was 310,000.
Roads-Morrison: Waiting for bids from George Reed, Inc. on road repair.
Buildings-Hawke: Thanks to Randy for all building repairs and maintenance. Blinds for the hall are on order. Recommendations: Construct pump building with sloped roof to house the generator and fuel. Three window panes need to be replaced in front of the Recreation Hall. Siding in back of hall should be removed as it has dry rot damage. Pit between building and parking area needs draining to prevent water from going under the building. Change lattice to a sun screen at lake as it will require less upkeep.
Timber-Hague: No action on timber until April.
Recreation-Snell: Good turnout for the corned beef and cabbage dinner. The next event will be the spaghetti dinner on May 24, the day before the annual meeting on May 25. The fish derby will be held on June 12. There was a suggestion that smaller fish be planted. The hatcheries will be contacted for price.
Health and Safety-Coleman: Continued problem with dogs running loose in the park. We have a county leash law.
Finance-Bonner: Bills for the month totaled \$11,011.11. MSC for bills to be paid.

Old Business

The purchase of Oliver Armstrong's plumber's vice for \$50 and a thatcher rake for \$150. (Petty cash will be used to purchase necessary items.) An engraver should be purchased. MSC to purchase a dump kit for the flat bed sand truck and a hitch. Total cost \$2850.

New Business

Discussion concerning the need for a part-time secretary. Our new secretary is Cathy Bowman, wife of our new director Tracy Bowman. Welcome aboard Cathy.

No further business appearing, the meeting was closed at 10:00 A.M. The next meeting will be April 13, 1997.

Respectfully submitted, Deena Hague.

Checks Disbursed March, 1997

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/18	8204	Franchise Tax Board	Timber Tax	698.00
2/18	8205	US Bank	Timber Tax	1,200.25
2/18	8206	Franchise Tax Board	Taxes	118.03
2/20	8207	Quality blinds	Down payment on Blinds	250.00
2/21	8208	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	703.21
2/21	8209	Matthew T. Shaefer	Payroll	464.36
2/21	8210	Randall J. Tolbert	Reimbursement cash	100.00
3/7	8211	Matthew T. Shaefer	Payroll	404.13
3/7	8212	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	711.99
3/7	8213	State Compensation	Insurance	1,224.17
3/7	8214	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	562.79
3/10	8215	Gen. Plumbing Supply	Maintenance	6.92
3/10	8216	Hales and Symons	Roads/Gate	178.59
3/10	8217	Sugar Pine Hardware	Maintenance	140.02
3/10	8218	PG&E	Electricity	655.84
3/10	8219	Lawrence Haun	Professional	35.00
3/10	8220	Sonora Insurance	Insurance	30.00
3/10	8221	JS West	Propane	145.08
3/10	8222	Flavin and Associates	Accounting	204.10
3/10	8223	Doris Kilgore	Member communications	42.00
3/10	8224	Mother Lode Equipment	Equipment/Backhoe	37.67
3/10	8225	Doherty Tire	Equipment/Backhoe	10.00
3/10	8226	AquaLab	Water	225.00
3/10	8227	Gen. Plumbing Supply	Maintenance	483.12
3/10	8228	Zaks	Equipment/pickup	486.40
3/10	8229	AT&T	Telephone	22.70
3/10	8230	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage -Jan/February	1300.56
3/10	8231	Ron Hawke	Mileage	60.00
3/10	8232	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50
3/10	8233	Gregory D. Brown	Mileage	67.35
3/10	8234	Jasper Morrison	Mileage/Supply	76.04
3/10	8235	Richard Bonner	Mileage/Phone/Mail	23.14
3/10	8236	Fred Coleman	Mileage/Phone	61.50
3/10	8237	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
3/10	8238	Edward Smith	Mileage/Phone	59.82
3/10	8239	Randall J. Tolbert	Replace Petty Cash	223.58
Total from 2/11/97 to 3/10/97				11,011.11

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