

Sierra Recreation Association

March 1999

From the Prez

We are in the process of developing our 1999-2000 budget, and I want to share with you our prospective budget well in advance of the May Annual Meeting. Let me begin by saying that after you review what we have developed to date, if you have questions or would like to share ideas concerning the budget, please write to the board or come to one of the board meetings. None of us have a monopoly on brilliance and we are always willing to take your good suggestions, put them into our proposal and take credit... Just kidding! We are more than happy to share the accolades or criticism, as the case may be.

Operating Budget:

Our operating budget last year was primarily based on 362 lots paying an assessment of \$407.00 for a total of \$147,334.00. We are proposing the same assessment for next year.

Gate/Reserve Assessment:

Our existing gate assessment of \$20.00 will time itself out. Our recommendation is to replace our existing \$20.00 gate assessment with a \$20.00 reserve funds assessment to be shared between the buildings, equipment, and water reserve funds. A preliminary, unsophisticated review estimates our reserves should be well above the half-million dollar level. A professional appraisal/review will run upwards of \$5,000.00. Since we know our present reserves are grossly under funded, it doesn't seem prudent to spend money on professional services developing answers on the obvious. As our reserves build, we may well want, or be required, to develop specific numbers.

Water Tank Linings:

Our four 12,500 gallon water tanks are not lined. Even though they are relatively new and should have been lined at the time of installation, they are not, and there is a lack of documentation to be any more specific. The bottom line is this: the tanks require lining now -- they are eroding. The cost for lining the tanks, etc., will cost approximately \$17,000.00. Our recommendation is to pay for this from the timber fund. I recognize the consternation this causes. I respect those who do not want to erode the timber fund, but

quite frankly, I don't have a more palatable recommendation. If it helps, I have rationalized that if we take the interest from the timber reserve fund for the past two years, plus this year, we can pay for the required lining without eroding the principal. It is an imaginative stretch, but unless someone has a better suggestion, we will ask the "Membership A's" to approve this recommendation. It should be noted our documentation practices have been addressed.

We have other park maintenance needs and improvements planned, but we will wait until the annual meeting to discuss them. Suffice to say we plan to take care of the latter within the operating budget. With your help, understanding, and yes, your \$427.00 assessment these past years, we have addressed some Park issues that required some immediate attention. Our fiscal house is in order and the remaining maintenance, etc., issues that were of a lesser priority within our three-year plan, albeit still significant to the overall health, safety, and enjoyment of the Park, will be completed by the end of this third year. Your support and acceptance of continuing a \$427.00 yearly assessment is appreciated by the Board.



Again, we invite constructive suggestions. Please share them in advance of the annual meeting so we can research and develop them into our prospective budgetary needs and proposals.

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Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. There is a potluck held the fourth Saturday before the Lodge meeting, to which all are welcome.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 14, 1999

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Prayer by Richard Bonner. Those present were Del Wallis - President, Fred Coleman - Secretary, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Deena Hague, Robert Snell and Ron Hawke. Absent were Jim Morrison and Gene Reed, excused, and Greg Brown, unexcused. Also present was Randy Tolbert, Park Manager.

MINUTES -

Motion by Bonner, second by Snell, to approve the minutes of the February meeting as mailed with a correction to the time the meeting ended from 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD -

None.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Bid from Porter/Cal-Western, work on the other four water tanks - about \$17,000.00.

Change of property ownership, 25280 Rebekah Rd., from Goman to Oshido,

Request from Raul & Cathy Morales to use the Recreation Hall on May 19, 1999 - all fees paid.

Bid from George Reed, Inc., of \$84,150.00 to do road work in the Park for 1999.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison (absent) - Water usage last month was 461,200 gallons. Motion by Hague, Second by Hawke to clean up electrical system on well #5. Motion carried and so ordered. Fence needed around four upper tanks. New bid to come in.

ROADS - Reed (absent) - Bid from George Reed, Inc., is under review for 1999.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Windows for bathrooms and siding for part of the recreation hall are needed. Painting also needed in the future, possibly for this summer.

Any rental information should be directed to the Director of Buildings. Requests to use the building must be in writing to the Board. Fee is \$50.00 rental fee and a \$250.00 deposit, refundable if building is left clean and in order.

TIMBER - Coleman - Forester Craig Tolmie presented a timber report for today, tomorrow and the future of the Park's timber. No other issues.

RECREATION - Snell - There were 26 people present at the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Discussion about the number of meals and events.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - Nothing new at this time.

EQUIPMENT - Brown (absent) - Nothing new at this time.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills this month were 8335.77 from the budget and 1172.50 from the timber fund. Motion by Hawke, second by Hague to pay all bills. Motion carried and so ordered.

CARETAKERS REPORT -

Randy submitted a summary of all jobs completed and in progress this month.

OLD BUSINESS -

Hawke - Information about possible reserve accounts.

Budget - Discussed 1999-2000 proposal. Motion by Bonner, Second by Hague, to propose a motion to keep assessment at \$407.00 for the year and a \$20.00 assessment to be put in reserve accounts. Motion carried and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS -

As a result of discussion in the executive session, motion by Coleman, Second by Hawke to give Randall Tolbert and Michael Caropresso a 4% raise (rounded off to next \$5.00 amount). Motion carried and so ordered. Raise to begin April 1, 1999.

We have filed in Small Claims Court against three persons whose assessments are delinquent: Robert Gellatly, Jon Ogden, and Palma Kuykendall. Court date March 17, 1999, in Sonora, California.

Meeting closed at 11:25 a.m. by Del Wallis.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 3, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. Note that this is not on our regular date or time.

Checks Disbursed for March 1999

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2/17	9050	Small Claims Court	Filing Fees 78.00
3/3	9051	Twain Harte Lumber	Supplies 68.09
3/3	9052	JS West & Symons	Shop Supplies 44.30
3/14	9053	Void	Printer misfeed
3/14	9054	Void	Printer misfeed
3/14	9055	Postmaster	Member Communications/Trust Fund 225.00
3/14	9056	Zaks	Shop Supplies 17.98
3/14	9057	JS West & Symons	Propane 240.96
3/14	9058	Mother Lode Toilets	Health & Safety 127.46
3/14	9059	Village Mail & Print Stop	Member Communications 74.59
3/14	9060	AquaLab	Water tests 75.00
3/14	9061	Eric A. Carlson, Accountancy	Professional Services 335.00
3/14	9062	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 746.20
3/14	9063	AT&T	Telephone 13.41
3/14	9064	Pacific Bell	Telephone 58.89
3/14	9065	PG&E	Utilities 538.74
3/14	9066	US Bank	Payroll deductions 175.00
3/14	9067	US Bank	Payroll Taxes 862.08
3/14	9068	Employment Development Dept.	Payroll Taxes 55.47
3/14	9069	Richard Bonner	Office Supplies and Mailing 27.68
3/14	9070	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 768.89
3/14	9071	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 479.36
3/14	9072	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 768.90
3/14	9073	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 479.37
3/14	9074	Frank D. Hodges	Property Taxes, second installment 1541.90
3/14	9075	Secretary of State	Filing Fee for Association 10.00
3/14	9076	Acordia of California	Worker's Comp. Insurance 374.00
3/14	9077*	Sierra Resources	Timber expense 1172.50
3/14	9078	Fred Coleman	Mileage 56.50
3/14	9079	Robert Snell	Mileage 37.50
3/15	9080	Deena Hague	Mileage 37.50
Total			8335.77

* Ck # 9077 taken from Timber fund. This amount is not reflected in the total.

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