

Spring in the Park

Spring is here! The weather has been beautiful the last two weeks. But don't forget it can change in just a short time so remember to continue to bring chains and a shovel when coming to the mountains. For those who are not accustomed to the freezing weather be sure to have anti-freeze to put in all the pipes when winterizing before you leave the park. If you loan or rent your cabin to someone and you are not on the premises be sure to educate them on how to winterize. Tell them also that they must park off of the road way or they may have to dig out of snow thrown by the snowplow. You take a chance of having your vehicle damaged if it is in the way of the snow plow.



Be sure to keep your calendar clear for Sunday, May 28, for the Park's annual meeting, including election of officers.

We will have copies of photos taken at last year's Fishing Derby and at the Holiday dinner. Sorry, but the cooks got too busy to take pictures at the St. Patrick's dinner.

If you missed the St. Patrick's dinner, you missed a fun party. Everyone had a great time, lots to eat, and wonderful music by the Freitas's that inspired some singing and dancing.

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Annual Meeting.....Sunday, May 28, 2000
 Fish Derby.....Saturday, June 17, 2000

Please Take Note

A number of people have called and asked for cards and remotes for the gate. We have put them in the system and they are waiting to be picked up. Please call the next time you are in the park and arrange to pick up your opener if you have ordered one. Call Richard Bonner - 586-7727.

On the Lighter Side

One Sunday a minister played hookey from church so he could enjoy a round of golf, leaving his assistant to conduct the service. He drove to a faraway golf course to avoid bumping into any parishioners. Looking down, St. Peter said to God, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" God shook his head. The minister took his first shot, and scored a 420 yard hole in one. St. Peter was outraged. "I thought you were going to punish him!" he said to God. God looked at St. Peter and replied, "So, who's he going to tell?"



Opposites Attract

He watches sports, she likes ballet.
 He stays up late, she hits the hay.
 He can't stand cats, but she has two.
 His type is red, and she's a blue.
 And yet they cope, (no flying fur).
 For she likes him and he likes her.

Love is contagious. We get it from one another.

If you look like your passport photo, you're to ill to travel.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 12, 2000

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Those present were President Del Wallis, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, and members Greg Brown, Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, and Bob Snell. Absent and excused were Vice President Jim Morrison, and Ron Hawke.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

MINUTES - By motion (Brown/Snell, unan.), minutes of the February 13, meeting were approved as mailed.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE - A letter was received from the State Department of Health Services concerning "Drinking Water Treatment and Research Fund"; a letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture concerning workshops regarding maintaining forest and ranch roads in the Sierra Nevada; notice of cancellation of the Park's multi perils policy because the Cambridge General Agency which held the policy was no longer with Acceptance Insurance Company; grant deeds as follows: from Jason and Diane Goins to William Hauff and Alexandra Goch, from James and Dorothy Clifton to Lorange and Mary Ann Notton, from Gerald and Donna Giordano, Daniel and Donna Jean DeSantis and Brian and Deidre Vierra to Danny and Carolyn Mann.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - (absent) Randy reported that 447,300 gallons were used during February. He mentioned that the annual report has to be done by the end of this month.

ROADS - Snell - He will try to get in touch with George Reed next week concerning which roads are in the most need of work and regarding pouring a cement for the garbage bin, which has been discussed previously.

BUILDINGS -Hawke - (absent) No report.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - People should not park on the Boy Scouts property. To use the toboggan hill, people should park in the cul-de-sac at the end of Jordan Way East.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - New blades are needed for the snow plow. Randy will find out how much they cost. General maintenance work was done on the other equipment.

RECREATION - Coyle/Snell - A successful St. Patrick's dinner was held with the room filled with Park property owners and guests, and musical entertainment by Mr. & Mrs. Freitas. There was a brief discussion of getting fish for the fish derby.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills for the month totaled \$11,073.81 including \$2,092.50 in timber funds. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) The bills were approved for payment.

TIMBER -Coleman - Will Dorrell, a partner in California Reforestation, Inc. attended the meeting and discussed with the board what needs to be done in various areas to keep our forest healthy. He recommended getting rid of the bear clover in compartments 5 and 6. He will apply for funds from the State to help cover the cost of doing this. If State money is used, the State will not allow us to cut timber in those compartments the same year. We should cut timber in compartment 4 and leave 5 and 6 until next year. By motion (Bonner/Hague, unan.) It was agreed to hire California Reforestation, Inc. To replace Craig Tolmie, the Park's former forester. Mr. Dorrell said his company could clear the tules and algae from the lake and could spray the star thistle in the meadow. It takes two years to get rid of the star thistle.

CARETAKER'S REPORT - Randy reported that they've done a lot of snow plowing. The detailed report is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS - There was a discussion of various types of speed bumps and dips to try and slow down cars going too fast in the park. A new type will be tried in one place to see how well it will work.

NEW BUSINESS - There was a discussion of salary increases for the caretakers. Snowmobile use in the park was discussed. It was agreed that the same rules that are in force for ATVs should be followed. They should be trailored to the cul-de-sac on East Jordan and go into the back country from there. There are so many areas of park land in which little trees have been planted and they can be by the snowmobiles going over them.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be April 9, 2000, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary

**Checks Disbursed for March 2000**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3/09	9445	Twain Harte Lumber	Shop; Park maintenance 214.48
3/12	9446	Eric A Carlson, Accountancy	Accounting 340.00
3/12	9447	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 801.32
3/12	9448	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 498.09
3/12	9449	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 801.31
3/12	9450	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 498.10
3/12	9451	US Bank	Payroll Deduction - Retirement 175.00
3/12	9452	US Bank	Taxes - Payroll 902.36
3/12	9453	Employment Development Dept.	Taxes - Payroll 58.21
3/12	9454	DEBCO Automotive	Equipment & Shop 125.21
3/12	9455	Village Mail & Print Stop	Member Communications 53.09
3/12	9456	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Maintain Equipment 254.83
3/12	9457	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	Health & Safety 143.36
3/12	9458	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	License Pickup 282.00
3/12	9459	Twain Harte Saw & Mower	Shop Supplies 12.28
3/12	9460	George Reed, Inc.	Maintain Roads 283.97
3/12	9461	J.S. West & Symons Propane	Propane 186.24
3/12	9462	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 764.20
3/12	9463	AquaLab	Water Testing 100.00
3/12	9464	AT&T	Telephone 15.89
3/12	9465	Pacific Bell	Telephone 52.39
3/12	9466	PG&E	Utilities 446.78
3/12	9467	Frank D. Hodges, Co. Tax Collector	Property Taxes 1557.80
3/12	9468	Robert Snell	Mileage 37.50
3/12	9469	Norraine Coyle	Mileage 36.00
3/12	9470	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Maintain Roads 144.00
3/12	9471*	California Reforestation, Inc.	Timber Expense 2092.50
3/12	9472	Greg Brown	Mileage 67.50
3/12	9473	Fred Coleman	Mileage 56.50
3/12	9474	Deena Hague	Mileage 37.50
3/12	9475	Randall J. Tolbert	Shop Supplies 35.00

Total	11,073.81
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* Check #9471 Paid from Timber Fund

2,092.50

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