



# SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

ODD FELLOWS —LONG BARN, CALIFORNIA, USA

MARCH 2009

## 2008-2009

### ◀ Directors ▶

- President ➤ Jesse Worsham
- Vice Pres. ➤ Jeanne Knapp
- Secretary ➤ Andrea Miller
- Treasurer ➤ Paul Emery
- Gate ➤ Charles Varvayanis
- Safety ➤ Mike Rainwater
- Recreation ➤ Sue Collie
- Water ➤ Charles Varvayanis
- Timber ➤ Charles Varvayanis
- Timber ➤ Jesse Worsham
- Roads ➤ Jesse Worsham
- Equipment ➤ Alan Orth
- Buildings ➤ Mike Ford
- Member ➤ Mike Rainwater



### ◀ Rebekah's Corner ▶

- Nothing to report at this time.



### ◀ Coming Events ▶

#### ➤ Pine Needle Clean-Up

Scheduled to start April 10 and end June 21. Verify on the Association website before trekking up to tackle the task.

#### ➤ Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Board of Director applications due by May 15<sup>th</sup> through the Park website. More info. coming soon.

#### ➤ Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>—Father's Day—Contact Mike Ford through the website to make prize donations for our young competitors.



### Park Information

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- [www.varvayanis.com/sp](http://www.varvayanis.com/sp)

## Notes From The Board

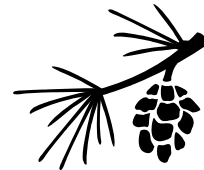
### ANNUAL MEETING



*Our Annual Meeting will be held on May 24, 2009.*

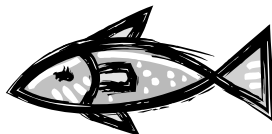
Homeowners who wish to be considered for a position on the Board of Directors should give notice of their intent by email to the Park Web site by May 15, 2009. We expect to have three open positions to fill and we encourage all who are interested to apply and participate in the guidance of your Park. Watch for more detailed information in the next Newsletter.

### PINE NEEDLE REMOVAL



Yes, it is that time of year again! Weather permitting we expect the burn area will open for needle deposition on April 10 and that it will remain open until June 21 unless the Forestry Service dictates an earlier closing. Check the web site to verify that the burn area is actually open before you come up prepared to tackle this annual task.

### FISHING DERBY



The Annual Fishing Derby will be held on June 20, the Saturday of the annual Father's Day, as has been the tradition in the Park. This is clearly the most popular activity we hold each year and the numbers of children who come to fish continues to increase. Please contact Mike Ford through the web site with regard to any donations you wish to make to provide the prizes for the competitors, and mark your calendars.

### KITCHEN SUPPLIES



In an effort to reduce the costs of kitchen supplies we would greatly appreciate any donations of pots, pans, and flatware. We're not going for beauty – only utility. Any contributions of your mismatched kitchen supplies will be greatly appreciated and will defray the need to spend Park funds to keep the supplies at an appropriate level.

*\*\*\* For those of you who would like to receive your Newsletters more promptly and directly, and to save the money we are now spending on reproduction and postage, please provide an e-mail address to the Sierra Park email address listed to the left. Remember, every Newsletter that we have to mail costs the Association \$.42 in postage and between \$22 and \$36 in reproduction costs, depending on how many pages the newsletter is. With over 250 lot owners who do not receive it by e-mail we spend between \$125 and \$140 each month to be sure you are kept informed—that's over \$1,600 per year! Your help in reducing this cost would be greatly appreciated.*

# BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2009

## Odd Fellows Sierra Homeowners' Association ~ Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:28 am by President Jesse Worsham. The invocation was delivered by Alan Orth. All Members were present. Motion by Mrs. Collie and seconded by Mrs. Knapp to approve the minutes from the February Board Meeting. Passed unanimously.

**Homeowners Present:** Sue Reynolds and Gloria Harvey

Mrs. Reynolds and Ms. Harvey came to the meeting on behalf of the Rebekahs. They sought, and were given, permission to hold a fundraiser at the next annual meeting, the proceeds of which would be used to enhance the common areas of the Park.

In addition they recounted a situation in which they had sought permission to reserve the burl portion of a large oak tree that had been felled on Park land for milling and production of benches for the Park, and provided a written recounting of the circumstances regarding the issue. They made their request to Mr. Worsham who asked Charles Varvayanis to contact Board members via email. Mr. Varvayanis then approached a homeowner who was already in the process of harvesting the tree and asked him to refrain from harvesting the 15' of the tree that contained the burl, and he agreed to do so until the Board could provide further guidance. Ultimately the Board did approve the Rebekah's request but the homeowner had taken a portion of the burl before permission had been granted.

Mrs. Reynolds expressed her opinion, as a homeowner, that Mr. Varvayanis had handled the matter badly and expressed her disappointment. After the presentation the Board thoroughly reviewed the course of events and determined that Mr. Varvayanis had acted appropriately, but confusion had resulted that led Mrs. Reynolds to believe otherwise. Mr. Varvayanis was requested to contact Mrs. Reynolds directly to go over the events as they had been determined by the Board.

It was ultimately clear, however, that the Board needs to amend its Rules to more clearly express the policy on cutting wood from timber felled on Park property. The Rule decided upon is: Homeowners who wish to harvest fire wood for use in the Park from a tree felled on Park property should request permission from the Board so that the Board can assure that such harvesting will be done in a fair manner.

**Correspondence:** One homeowner, Nancy Weitzel, asked to receive the Newsletter by Email rather than through the mail, and posed questions about a notice she received regarding her property. Mr. Emery will respond to Ms. Weitzel.

***Closed session re legal requirements from 9:00 to 10:35.***

Andrew Dent, maintenance manager for CalTrans in our area, made a presentation to the Board regarding his qualifications and asked to be considered as an outside maintenance equipment repair vendor.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Water** — Charles Varvayanis: Water consumption for last month was 379,100 gallons, which continues the pattern of atypically low usage made even more remarkable given the amount of water we had as a result of the valve failure reported below.

We had a water valve failure which was determined to have been caused by a defective valve. The valves we have been using are brass and Mr. Ford recommended that we consider using PVC instead when replacing valves. Mr.

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Varvayanis was instructed to contact the Tuolumne Utility District to determine which types of valves they use since their system is much like ours.

**Roads** — Jesse Worsham: No report.

**Buildings** — Mike Ford: New doors and locks were installed on exterior Park Buildings – firehouse shed and barn. Mr. Ford reported that he wants to demolish two ancillary buildings that are in a state of decay that makes them potentially in danger of collapsing.

It was also reported that Mike and Jo Jo Caropresso will be remaining in the caretaker's house for two more weeks but will vacate by April 10.

**Timber** — Charles Varvayanis: Will Dorrell reports that timber prices are so low that we should not do any harvesting this year as the return we would receive would not justify the cost. The timber available for harvesting would return only \$15,000 whereas in past years a similar harvest would have produced \$60,000.

We received delinquency notices on property taxes due but upon inquiry the assessor acknowledge that we were fully current and that these notices had been sent in error.

**Recreation** — Sue Collie: We are looking for donations for the Fishing Derby which will be held on Saturday, June 20. See page 1 of newsletter.

**Health & Safety** — Mike Rainwater:

**Equipment** — Al Orth: The grader is fully operational. Chains need to be acquired. It is resolved that we will not get the type used by CalTrans which has snow teeth included because of the potential for damage to the road surfaces in the Park. Mr. Orth met with the County and found they were using single row chains like we have used in the past but with a significantly tighter pattern. Mr. Orth will acquire the chains and snap bars. The County also looked at the snow plow and opined that the blade on it is sufficient for our purposes as are the chains.

**Finance** — Paul Emery: Income: \$25.00; expenses \$7,760.92. Motion to approve expenses by Mrs. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Orth passed unanimously.

Mr. Emery will move \$82,288.69 from the Money Market Fund to the CD for water reserve. This money was borrowed from the reserve to pay for the purchase of the grader and is being returned. An additional \$7,280.00 is in the Money Market Fund for timber and that will be moved to a CD. An additional \$16,380.00 that is in the Money Market Fund for water reserved will be moved to a CD.

**Gate** — Charles Varvayanis: During the snow storm we had a lightening strike at the gate which shut down the controller and the DVR. As a result the gate was open for a period of time. After several manual results the gate recovered and is now operating properly. The DVR will need some additional work before it is fully operative.

**Old Business:** The Board worked on the 2009-2010 Budget which will be finalized at the next meeting.

## **New Business:**

**Hiring of Park Manager/Caretaker.** The Board will place an advertisement in the local newspaper and on Craig's list early next week outlining the skills we want in a Park Manager/Caretaker. All applications must be received either through the mail or on the Park website by April 15. Mr. Worsham will screen the applications that come in through

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the Web site to eliminate those with insufficient qualifications and Mr. Emery will do so with regard to those received in the mail. The surviving applications will be assigned numbers and the names will be whited out.

A Committee comprised of Mr. Worsham, Mr. Emery, Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Miller will review the surviving applications and select those that best meet our requirements for presentation to the Board as a whole at the April 18 meeting. The Board will identify the applicants they wish to interview and those interviews will be held on April 25.

We expect to have selected a Park Manager/Caretaker before the Annual Meeting to be held on May 24.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. **Next meeting will be Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.**

Minutes humbly submitted, *Andi Miller*, Secretary ~ March 21, 2009.

## CHECKS DISBURSED FROM 3/3/09—3/24/09

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount	Balance
						<b>11,418.61</b>
Liability Check	03/03/2009	996	EDD	payroll taxes	-441.07	10,977.54
Liability Check	03/03/2009	997	Oak Valley Bank	payroll taxes	-3,245.35	7,732.19
Check	03/05/2009	998	Caropreso, Mike	745 · Employee Health Ins. Reimburse	-1,800.33	5,931.86
Paycheck	03/20/2009	999	Cloak, Robert B.	Payroll	-91.25	5,840.61
Check	03/24/2009	1001	A & A Portables Inc.	740 · Health & Safety	-75.58	5,765.03
Check	03/24/2009	1002	AT&T	telephones	-78.95	5,686.08
Check	03/24/2009	1003	Cloak, Bob	775 · Maintain Water Systems	-11.34	5,674.74
Check	03/24/2009	1004	David Graham Enterprises	775 · Maintain Water Systems	-157.50	5,517.24
Check	03/24/2009	1005	Eric A. Carlson Accounting Corp.	756 · Accounting Services	-1,107.22	4,410.02
Check	03/24/2009	1006	General Plumbing Supply Co. Inc.	773 · Maintain Equipment	-103.97	4,306.05
Check	03/24/2009	1007	Miller, Andrea M.	reimburse	-1,770.46	2,535.59
Check	03/24/2009	1008	PG&E	792 · Utilities	-486.75	2,048.84
Check	03/24/2009	1009	Tuolumne Tax Collector	785 · Taxes - Property	-1,208.10	840.74
Check	03/24/2009	1010	Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware	772 · Maintain Buildings	-83.72	757.02
Check	03/24/2009	1011	Vaughn, Larry	767 · Outside Service	-250.00	507.02
Check	03/24/2009	1012	Vic's Towing Inc.	773 · Maintain Equipment	-828.75	-321.73
Check	03/24/2009	1013	W.H. Breshears, Inc.	735 · Fuel	-1,021.27	-1,343.00
Check	03/24/2009	1014	Wallace, Steve	snowplowing, maintenance	-633.03	-1,976.03
Check	03/24/2009	1015	Keith Wallace	772 · Maintain Buildings	-149.25	-2,125.28
Check	03/24/2009	1016	Waste Management of Cal Sierra Corp.	736 · Garbage	-547.99	-2,673.27
Check	03/24/2009	1017	Zaks	773 · Maintain Equipment	-16.84	-2,690.11
Check	03/24/2009	1018	Wells Fargo Investments	135 · Wells Fargo Investments - Water	-82,288.69	-84,978.80
Check	03/24/2009	1000	Wells Fargo Investments	135 · Wells Fargo Investments - Water	-16,380.00	-101,358.80
Check	03/24/2009	1019	Wells Fargo Investments	122 · Wells Fargo Invest. - Timber	-7,280.00	-108,638.80
Check	03/24/2009	1063	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assn.	133 · Oak Valley Community Bank M.M.	114,200.00	5,561.20
Check	03/24/2009	ck charge	Intuit	766 · Office Supplies	-133.58	5,427.62
					<b>-5,990.99</b>	<b>5,427.62</b>