



# SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**2009-2010**

**Directors**

President	Jesse Worsham
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Fred Coleman
Treasurer	Shaun Velayas
Buildings	Mike Ford
Equipment	Alan Orth
Gate	Jesse Worsham
Recreation	TBD
Roads	Steve Wallace
Safety	Paul Emery
Timber	Board Committee
Water	Charles Varvayanis
Member	Friedhelm Peter
Member	Charles Varvayanis
Member	Steve Wallace

**NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010**

**Board of Directors - Candidates** - Anyone interested in running for the Board should contact the Board prior to the April 17th Board meeting to be included in the annual meeting proxy. All candidates must be nominated from the floor at the May 30th meeting. It is not necessary to be included in the proxy to be nominated.

**PINE NEEDLE REMOVAL**

Spring is here and the pine needle disposal area is now open and ready for your donations. Don't wait until the last minute to dispose of your pine needles - get started now.

**FISHING DERBY**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: THE ANNUAL FISHING DERBY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH**

The tradition of having the Derby on the Saturday before Father's Day continues this year. Chairman Mike Ford needs volunteers for the various jobs at the Derby and he needs donations of prizes for the kids. There will be early sign-ups on Friday, June 18th between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge. Please contact Mike via the Park email address to let him how you want to help.

**REBEKAH'S CORNER**

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge #200 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Boardroom. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. **We will be having our Annual Bake Sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 30th**

**HUCKLEBERRY DOG PARK**

The new dog park should be completed by the end of the month and ready for all interested humans and their canine friends to enjoy. Thanks to donations and to Paul Emery heading up this project.

**BENCH PROJECT**

Rebekah Dogwood Lodge will soon have nine benches completed. These benches will be placed around the park for the enjoyment of homeowners and their guests. The Rebekahs are extending the opportunity to individuals or families to place a plaque on a bench for a donation of \$100. The plaque could be an honorarium to an individual or a family. The wording on the plaque will be subject to guidelines determined by Rebekah members. The monies raised from this effort will go into Rebekah Dogwood Lodge's account for ongoing improvements in the park. Contact Yvonne Peter 209-586-5950 or send a letter to Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200, P.O. Box 205, Long Barn, CA 95335.

**COMING EVENTS**

**SPECIAL HOMEOWNERS' MEETING**

**Saturday, May 1st**

Evacuation Plan Education

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, May 30th**

Board of Director applications

Due by April 17th

**FISHING DERBY- Saturday June 19th**

**SPECIAL HOMEOWNERS' MEETING**

There will be a special meeting on **Saturday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m.** in the Lodge Hall to provide much needed information about the emergency evacuation plan for our park. A separate letter is being sent to all property owners with all the details.

**OTHER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

Help support our **Emergency First Responders** - The Mi Wuk/Sugar Pine Fire Protection District Auxiliary is having a fund raiser Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday April 10th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** at the Hwy 108 Fire Station. All proceeds go to ongoing benefits for the fire fighters.

## INTERIM MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by President Jessie Worsham at 8:20 a.m.  
All members were present except Al Orth whose absence was excused  
Invocation was given by Paul Emery  
Homeowners present: Yvonne Peter, Pat Monahan, Fred Coleman, John Tembrink, Linda Clark, Larry Vaughn, Karin Schultz, Gloria Harvey, Bob Cloak, Joe Nelson, Brian Parker, Ron Hawke and Nancy Hawke

### Correspondence:

1. Carlson, our accountant, asking us to update to Quick Book 2010
2. Information about the Canales property being in default.

Minutes: Motion by Emery second Velayas to approve the minutes as mailed – carried and so ordered.

### Members before the Board

Yvonne Peter spoke on a number of issues of concern to the local Rebekah lodge:

1. Request to hold a bake sale at the annual meeting
2. Asked the Board to not hold a breakfast on that day because it would compete with their bake sale
3. The Rebekahs are having benches made out of the oak that fell last year and are offering homeowners a chance to have a plaque installed on a bench for \$100 that honors or remembers a friend or family member
4. The emergency plan meeting is 9:30 in the morning on May 1 in the recreation hall
5. Presented a letter requesting items for their garden.

A discussion was held by the Board concerning the benches and plaques.

A discussion was held by the Board concerning the garden proposal.

Steve Wallace thinks the garden, platform for the lake, and dog park should go before the general membership. Joe Nelson agreed and thought that using the meadow for a garden or dog park should go before the membership. Steve had contacted our insurance company and the platform must be stationary, have a ladder and will add to our insurance cost.

The Rebekah proposal to include an 8 x 8 garden shed with the garden was withdrawn so the membership can respond if they are opposed to the shed. It will be submitted again in April.

The dog park will be moved to a more secluded area behind the dumpster.

### Brian Parker:

He spoke on an issue he has with the road behind the Canales property and his property.

### Fred Coleman:

Once again wood was taken illegally by two homeowners. This time it was taken from the old campground where it was being stored until the Board opened it for cutting. Joe Nelson added his objection to the wood being taken without Board approval. The Board agreed to act on the problem during new business.

Fred inquired about Gordy's work schedule since there are many days during the week when he does not work. Paul Emery indicated that the time cards indicate that Gordy does not work a full forty hour week on many occasions.

Friedhelm Peter responded to some of the concerns. The discussion of Gordy and his job performance was moved to executive session.

### Gary Scarborough:

He appeared before the Board to present his plan concerning the possibility of becoming our water operator. With his company we would have a licensed water operator twenty-four hours a day three hundred and sixty-five days a year. He discussed matters with the Board and presented a written proposal.

At 11:09 a.m. the Board went into executive session to appoint a replacement for Andrea Miller, to discuss a personnel issue and the property behind the Canales' property.

When the Board came out of executive session it was announced that:

1. Fred Coleman was appointed to fill the vacancy until the general meeting in May
2. Gordy was given thirty days to show some improvement or he will be terminated and that several board members will meet with him on March 22 to explain what is expected.
3. The Board also agreed to start the process of advertising for a replacement
4. The road behind the Canales' property was discussed but no decision was reached.

### Committee Reports:

Water – Peter presented the report in Gordy's absence. The report last month was wrong since it showed usage for two months instead of one month. In March the Park used 360300 gallons of water.

Roads – Wallace reported that the shoulders are broken down in many places due to the plow getting too close to the edge. A discussion was held about sealing and whether it justifies the expense. President Worsham said that he would check with a couple of people about this. There are cracks on Jordan East by the meadow probably caused by water under the road.

Buildings - Ford reported that the caretaker's cabin is finally finished but is a mess and will need lots of cleaning.

Timber – Varvayanis to contact Will Dorrell, our forester, and get a report concerning the health of our forest.

Equipment – Orth absent. Varvayanis reported that he had contacted Andy Dent, a thirty year employee of Cal Trans, as possibly serving as our heavy equipment mechanic. His hourly rate is \$75 per hour.

Health and Safety – Emery had to leave. Ford brought up the danger and liability of using the platform built for the front of the back hoe. Coleman brought up the need for proper safety equipment for our employee when using a chain saw, weed whacker or other power equipment. Varvayanis brought up the need to inspect the bridge near Jordan East and if necessary close it and make needed repairs. Ford and Wallace to conduct an inspection of the bridge.

Recreation – Fishing derby coming up. Need to fill the lake.

Finance – Velayas reported the bills for the last month total \$5203.32. Wallace concerned about two checks for \$200 that seems to be for the same thing. Velayas is going to check on this and report back. Wallace asked about the increase in water testing expense. It was noted that our license went up. Varvayanis wanted to know about the timber cost of \$5000 in June, July, September, and October. Velayas is going to check and report back. Motion by Varvayanis second by Peter to pay the bills. Carried and so ordered.

Gloria Harvey gave a report on the progress of the committee working on the licensing agreements. Both agreements were reviewed and sent to the attorney. The Homeowner's Association needs to become more active. The responsibilities of both associations need to be outlined. A new committee is needed or the Board can expand the scope of the current committee to do this also. Motion by Velayas second by Wallace to expand the scope of the current committee to define the responsibilities of each board. Carried and so ordered.

Gate: The camera either needs to be installed by next weekend or someone will be hired to do the job.

Old Business:

Gate - Motion by Ford second by Velayas to take the money from the Building Fund and install the camera at the gate and to hire Wallace Electric for the job. Carried and so ordered.

Dog Park – Moved to a location away from the road and behind the dumpster, Emery wants to start in a couple of weeks. Motion by Coleman second by Varvayanis to not start the dog park until the Board approves the material to be used in the park and the project if fully funded. Carried and so ordered.

Garden – Motion by Coleman second by Peter to give the Rebekahs permission to go ahead with the garden in the original site discussed, minus the 8 x 8 shed and minus the railroad ties. Carried and so ordered.

Water Operator – Motion by Coleman second by Velayas to hire Gary Scarborough as our water operator. Carried and so ordered.

New Business:

Wood cutting is a problem due to homeowners taking firewood from park property without the permission of the Board. Motion by Wallace seconded by Velayas to ban all wood gathering in the Park and wood to be transported to the area behind the caretaker's cabin and then sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds to go to the fishing derby. Carried and so ordered.

The ad for a caretaker was reviewed and changes were made.

It was discussed, but not approved, that a final bill will come in from Bob Cloak for his service as our water operator.

A meeting needs to be held to draft the budget for presentation at the annual meeting. Meeting to be held on March 27 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of working on the 2010-2011 budget.

Meeting closed at 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by acting secretary,

Fred Coleman

8:55 AM  
 03/29/10  
 Accrual Basis

**ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION,  
 CHECK REGISTER  
 As of March 29, 2010**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
						<b>13,527.82</b>
Liability Check	03/03/2010	1337	EDD	payroll taxes	-216.15	13,311.67
Liability Check	03/03/2010	1338	Oak Valley Bank	payroll taxes	-1,070.00	12,241.67
Check	03/03/2010	1339	Dennis Marquardt	caretaker residence-bath & laundry	-375.00	11,866.67
Check	03/03/2010	1340	Sears	washer & dryer-caretaker residence	-987.57	10,879.10
Paycheck	03/05/2010	1336	Godbey, Thomas	payroll	-764.30	10,114.80
Paycheck	03/19/2010	1341	Cloak, Robert B.	payroll	-91.25	10,023.55
Paycheck	03/19/2010	1342	Godbey, Thomas	payroll	-770.95	9,252.60
Check	03/26/2010	1343	AT&T	telephone	-88.87	9,163.73
Check	03/26/2010	1344	Carlson, Haff & Associates	756 · Accounting Services	-898.20	8,265.53
Check	03/26/2010	1345	Linda Clark	758 · Member Communications	-9.02	8,256.51
Check	03/26/2010	1346	El Dorado Septic Service, Inc.	740 · Health & Safety	-45.00	8,211.51
Check	03/26/2010	1347	J. S. West Lumber & Hardware	780 · General Park Maintenance	-23.20	8,188.31
Check	03/26/2010	1348	J. S. West	792 · Utilities	-373.81	7,814.50
Check	03/26/2010	1349	Mark Vann Trucking	780 · General Park Maintenance	-630.07	7,184.43
Check	03/26/2010	1350	Peter, Friedhelm	park maintenance & road maintenance	-269.73	6,914.70
Check	03/26/2010	1351	PG&E	utilities	-799.63	6,115.07
Check	03/26/2010	1352	Postmaster	758 · Member Communications	-60.00	6,055.07
Check	03/26/2010	1353	Sierra Instant Printing	758 · Member Communications	-187.05	5,868.02
Check	03/26/2010	1354	Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware	caretaker cabin/general park maint.	-271.97	5,596.05
Check	03/26/2010	1355	Wallace Electric, Inc.	737 · Gate Expense	-885.00	4,711.05
Check	03/26/2010	1356	Wallace, Steve	Gate hardware/caretaker cabin	-42.97	4,668.08
Check	03/26/2010	1357	Waste Management of Cal Sierra Corp.	736 · Garbage	-1,052.26	3,615.82
Check	03/26/2010	1078	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assn.	133 · Oak Valley Community Bank M.M.	10,000.00	13,615.82
					<u>88.00</u>	<u>13,615.82</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<u><b>88.00</b></u>	<u><b>13,615.82</b></u>