



Sierra Recreation Association

Newsletter



April 2001

Park Notes

SPRING IS HERE !!! Just a reminder from us older residents to some of the new owners that although Spring is here we can still get a cold spell now and then. We had a foot of snow on April 8 and there is more in the forecast for later this week. So be prepared to winterize your cabins before you return home. We would suggest you expect to do so until the end of May.



You may have noticed that the lake has not been refilled yet. Some may have been disappointed that it was not ready for Easter vacation. The forester treated the tullees last fall and that left a lot of debris that needed to be taken care of when weather permitted. That clean-up is in progress. We are sure you will appreciate that we will have a clean lake to enjoy when all work is complete.

It is time again to rake pine needles and get our lots cleaned up to meet Forrest Service standards. The burn area is open and your needles and any branches that may have fallen this winter should be taken there for burning by the caretakers. These are the only materials allowed in the burn area because of air quality control. All lots should be cleaned up by the end of May.



Randy and Mike along with some volunteers are busy cleaning up, taking care of a couple of water leaks on park property, notifying property owners of water leaks and sprucing up the park. Mother Nature deposited quite a few broken branches throughout the park during the winter storms. Some of them were pretty good sized ones and some did some property damage.

CARETAKERS PHONE NUMBER: 586-309

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Board Meeting	Sunday, May 13, 2001
Annual Meeting	Sunday, May 27, 2001
Fish Derby	Saturday, June 16, 2001

SIERRA PARK LODGE # 376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The second Saturday is a Business meeting. The fourth Saturday is our pot luck dinner at 6:00 P.M.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

My Forgetter

My forgetter's getting better
 But rememberer is broke
 to you that may seem funny
 but, to me, that is no joke
 For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
 If I really should be "there"
 And, when I try to think it through,
 I haven't got a prayer!
 Oft times I walk into a room,
 Say "what am I here for?"
 I wrack my brain, but all in vain
 A zero, is my score.
 At times I put something away
 Where it is safe, but, Gee!
 The person it is safest from
 Is, generally me!





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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 15, 2001

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. With prayer by Richard Bonner. Present were Del Wallis, President, Robert Snell, Vice President, Richard Bonner, Treasurer, Deena Hague, Fred Coleman, Greg Brown, Raul Morales. Those absent Norrine Coyle and Ed Smith excused.

MINUTES - The minutes of the March meeting were approved. Motion by Deena Hague, second by Robert Snell.

CORRESPONDENCE -

1. George Reed Inc., Bid for 2001 road work.

A. Repave Ruth, Ester, Rebekah and on David from Rebekah to Wheeler Rd.,	\$22,400.
B. Repair needed areas	15,100.
C. Fog Seal areas paved two years ago.	6,200.
Total	\$43,700.
2. Kathleen Connell - State Controller.
 - A. Refund on vehicle tax.
 - B. Refund of \$3,472.00, part of State contribution for our forest management plan.
3. Non-renewal of our Worker's Compensation from our carrier - HIH Insurance company. Our agent is in the process of finding us a new carrier and our insurance will continue.
4. Various Advertisement.
5. Caldwell Insurance Services.
 - A. Our water system is covered under our \$3,000,000. General liability limit.
 - B. Our water tanks are not covered under our property damage insurance. Cost to cover would be \$1.00 per \$100.00 of value.
6. Information from County about meetings on Williamson Act.
7. Letter from Sue and Fred Padgett informing us of the sale of their property and thanking the Park employees and Board for such a nice place, well maintained.
8. Confirmation from Galen Hayes Insurance, that Mark Patton of Tamarack Tree Service is covered with liability insurance.
9. County bank - Information about a Time Deposit.
10. Forest Service - Fuel hazard reduction in South Fork of Stanislaus and Five mile creek watersheds. One part of plan is a controlled burn.
11. Information about water system operators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morales: 830,700 gallons this last month. High usage due in part to breaks. Park line on Jordan East broke. Cabin owner on Jordan East had break in one inch line and about

20,000 gallons a day lost. Problem with working on leaks when hole dug is fills up with water. Need a gas driven sump pump to keep water out to make repairs. Randy to check on cost and report at next meeting.

ROADS - Snell: Reed to oil roads in May and Overlay and repairs in July. Motion by Brown and Coleman to approve bid by Reed for 2001 road work plus the addition of a speed dip on Wheeler Rd. Not to exceed a total of \$46,000.00 for all work.

BUILDINGS - Smith: Nothing reported.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague: We have a weed problem in the lake. Too thick and a danger to the children when they swim. Motion to have California Reafforestation Inc. [our reforest advisors] to work with Randy and Mike in cleaning out these plants. Motion by Bonner and Morales to do work. Small dock at lake being rebuilt. Sun shade being redone and at the same time new cover over garbage area. With lake drained we found the bottom drain and we will make sure it works properly before refilling. With warmer weather approaching there are more people out walking and children out playing. Watch your speed in the Park. 20 miles per hour max., tell your family and guests. There is a bear and cub in the Park. Keep pet food and garbage contained. They are attracted by these items.

TIMBER - Coleman: Our forester estimates an income for us of \$70,000.00 from the timber cut this year. We have been approved by the State for a cost sharing grant to do work in our forest. We pay about 1/4 and the State pays the rest. It is part of our forest management plan. The timber harvest will be in May or June.

RECREATION - Snell: Getting ready for fishing derby. Need permit, will be getting plenty of fish. There will be prizes this year. Need volunteers to help write down and keep track of who catches what.

FINANCE - Bonner: Bills \$9,567.89 this month. Motion Snell, second Morales to pay bills, carried and so ordered. Money to be moved (\$11,000.00 approx.) From Timber Fund for estimated timber tax. Budget- we are asking for an increase in assessments of \$23.00 for a total of \$450.00 per year. We have some unknowns, fuel and power increases. Motion by Coleman and second by Brown to send budget to membership for their consideration. Carried and so ordered.

OLD BUSINESS - Bonner, Morales and Coleman, all to run for re-election. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Anyone wanting to run needs to notify the Board by mail by the next meeting so that their names will appear in the May minutes and mailing.

NEW BUSINESS - Randy will need a water distribution license and will work with Raul Morales on this.

Next meeting- May 13, 2001
Meeting closed at 9:40 A.M.



Checks disbursed for April 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
03/12	9865	U.S. Postmaster	Stamps 34.00
03/14	9866	USBank	Payroll Tax 1,287.20
04/02	9867	Acordia of California	Workman's Comp. 240.00
04/02	9868	Twain Harte Lumber	Supplies 219.66
04/14	9869	** Gregory Brown	To relpace lost check 93.15
04/14	9870	Village Mail	Member Comm. 52.96
04/14	9871	J.S. West & Symons	Propame 235.96
04/14	9872	AquaLab	Water testing 78.00
04/14	9873	Sonora Rentals	Health & Safety 75.47
04/14	9874	USBank	Payroll Tax 1,287.20
04/14	9875	Employment Development	Taxes-Payroll 102.92
04/14	9876	Mother Lode Portables	Health & Safety 143.30
04/14	9877	J.S. West & Symons	Supplies Shop 4.46
04/14	9878	Sonora Insurance	Insurance 255.15
04/14	9879	Modesto Welding	Supplies Shop 17.33
04/14	9880	Zaks	Fuel & Shop supplies 220.09
04/14	9881	Twain Harte Saw	Maintain Equip. 661.52
04/14	9882	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 764.20
04/14	9883	DEBCO Automotive	Maint. Equip. 189.12
04/14	9884	Angels Pest Control	Main. Buildings 110.00
04/14	9885	Pacific Bell	Telephone 54.31
04/14	9886	AT&T	Telephone 20.01
04/14	9887	PG&E	Electric 614.68
04/14	9888	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting 300.00
04/14	9889	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 927.89
04/14	9890	Michael W. Caropeso	Payroll 639.47
04/14	9891	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 927.89
04/14	9892	Michael W. Caropeso	Payroll 639.48
04/14	9893	USBank	Payroll Deductions 175.00
04/14	9894	Richard Bonner	Postage/Mileage 43.94
04/14	9895	U.S. Postmaster	Postage for Proxies 112.20
04/16	9896	Vic's Towing Inc.	Maint. Equip. 225.00
04/16	9897	Robert Snell	Mileage 51.75
04/16	9898	Deena Hague	Mileage 51.75
04/14	9899	Gregory Brown	Mileage 93.15

Total Monthly Expenses			\$ 9,567.86

** Not Included In Total - Reissue

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