

Sierra Recreation Association

April 2002

PARK NOTES

A set of keys was found near the garbage bin. If you've lost yours, contact the Park Manager at 586-3098.

Notices of the annual meeting will go into the mail soon. If you cannot attend, please send your proxy and a copy of your lodge dues receipt to the Board or give them to a Park property owner so they can vote for you. The proxies are not only needed for voting but they also count toward the number needed for a quorum.

We are still having a problem with people allowing their dogs in or near the lake. They **MUST BE KEPT OUT** of the lake area. If you have your dog on a leash, don't go near the lake. If the dog is not on a leash, the County Animal Control people will be called and will (and have before) pick up the dog and take it to the pound.

Please continue to winterize your cabin when you leave. Its still cold enough for pipes to freeze and crack. Our water quality is excellent, according to State tests, and we don't want that good water filling up your cabin, and then running down the hill. Turn off the water and drain the pipes before you leave.

Pine needles need to be raked as soon as its possible. The Forest Service changes the rules at least daily about whether or not we can burn and whether or not a permit is needed. Because the rules change so frequently, it would be difficult to keep changing the message on the answering machine about whether or not you can take pine needles to the burn area. At the Board meeting, it was suggested that you plan on having to take your pine needles to Sierra Pacific Industries in Standard. If we happen to have approval to burn

when you have your pine needles rakes, you can take them to the burn area. Its very probable that you'll need to haul them to Standard.

REMINDER;

We're still working on ideas for money for the fish derby, especially to purchase prizes. The Townsends, who made the 3 adorable Carolers and sold tickets for drawings for them at the holiday dinner, are trying to come up with some ideas for items which everyone would have an opportunity to win at the end of the annual meeting on May 26. If any of the rest of you would like to make some arts or crafts item, or some baked goods, to add to what they bring so there are lots of opportunities to win, we'll have tickets ready to purchase with all of the proceeds going toward the kids fishing derby. Just bring whatever item you would like to donate when you come to the meeting.

Another possibility is to send a monetary donation to Richard Bonner, Treasurer, indicating it is for the fishing derby. We need prizes for kids and will be selling drawing tickets to adults during the morning so we need prizes for adults, too. Of course, we're going to have our donation can available at the annual meeting for cash or checks for the fishing derby.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Board Meeting 8:30am, Sat., 05-18-02
- Annual Meeting 8:30am, Sun. 05-26-02
- Fishing Derby 8:00am, Sun., 06-15-02
- Board Meeting 8:30am, Sun. 06-16-02
- Board Meeting 8:30am, Sat., 07-20-02

**PARK MANAGER'S NUMBER:
209-586-3098**

SIERRA PARK LODGE # 376

Regular monthly meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. The 2nd Saturday is a business meeting at 7:00P.M. The 4th Saturday is a pot luck dinner at 6:00P.M.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A woman had twins and had to give them up for adoption. One baby went to a family in Egypt and was named "Ahmal." The other baby went to a family in Spain and they named him "Juan." Years later Juan sent a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she told her husband that she wished she also could have a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responded, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal!!" The minister called on an edlerly gentleman and told him that at his age, he should be thinking about the hereafter. The gentleman told the minister that he did that all the time. He said, "No matter where I am--in the kitchen or down in the basement -- I ask myself, "Now what an I here after?"

Life is like a mirror -- you never get more out of it than you put in.

Another edlerly gentleman had serious hearing problems for many years. He went to the doctor and was fitted with a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. In a month, the gentleman went back to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor said, "You hearing is perfect. Your family must really be lpeased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Board of Directors Meeting, April 20, 2002

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis.

Present were: President Del Wallis, Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, and Ed Smith. Absent and excused were Members Greg Brown and Raul Morales. The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

By motion (Smith/Snell, unan.) the minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Letters from Attorney Roger A. Brown enclosing a copy of a disclaimer the I.R.S. has filed concerning the Soares property; from Acordia concerning a future renewal premium quotation for the Park's workers' comp. insurance; from P.G. & E. regarding changing our billing date; from Robert Cloak and Mike Rainwater requesting use of the picnic area on June 1; from Roger and Vicki Smith requesting use of the recreation hall on October 12; a check from Jan Opland for \$300 for use of the park on July 10; from the attorney for the Arlen Kagay estate with a change of address for the Successor Trustee; and an e-mail from Patrick Tracy about ways of letting people know about road conditions, park functions, etc.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: We used 604,200 gallons of water the past month. Test results show that the nitrate levels in the Park's water is way below the level set by the State.

Roads - Snell: George Reed hasn't responded with quotes yet.

Buildings - Smith: Carpet in the caretaker's cabin has been there 16 years and is in bad shape on the first floor and stairway. Prices will be obtained for new carpet.

Timber - Coleman: Will Dorrell presented a summary of proposed timbering activities for 2002. He said that Tuolumne County is being hit with an infestation of beetles this year, and trees with beetles need to be taken out as soon as possible. If anyone needs information about getting someone to take down trees, call the Park Manager.

Health & Safety - Hague: Cigarette butts are still a danger and will become more so as the weather gets drier. Dogs are not to be anywhere near the lake.

Equipment - Brown: Everything is in good running condition.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: We can get fish for the Fish Derby from Calaveras fish farm. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) \$400 was approved to purchase prizes for the children.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month were \$12,929.56 plus \$778.50 from the Timber Fund. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) the bills were approved for payment. The Eddys still have not paid all of their assessment. By motion (Bonner/Coleman, unan.) the Eddys' water will be shut off if the balance of \$181 is not paid by May 1.

Old Business: The Boy Scout Council is going to contest the premise that they do not have the right to use our roads.

By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) it was agreed that a proposal will be made at the annual meeting to sell the 5 acres for a single family dwelling, domestic animals only to be allowed, and the proceeds be put back into the Timber Fund.

The State Governments and the I.R.S. have released all claims on the Soares property. We should be able to sell the property this summer.

New Business: People are encouraged to run for the Board. If people who are interested in running let the President or Treasurer know immediately, their names will be included in the annual meeting notice. If the names are not received in time for the annual notice, the names will be announced at the annual meeting.

By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) the request from Mr. Cloak and Mr. Rainwater for use of the Park on June 1 was approved. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) the request by Roger and Vicki Smith for use of the hall on October 12 was approved. All are to be notified about the \$50 fee plus the \$250 clean-up deposit, and they and Ms. Jan Opland to be reminded of the required proof of \$500,000 in liability insurance.

Fred Coleman said that he and his wife, Ann, had purchased 4 apple trees and had planted them in the apple orchard in memory of Stanley Goff, Orvel Helmer, and Dick Sours.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 18, 2002, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary



Checks Disbursed for April 2002

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
04/11/02	10265	USBank	Payroll taxes 1275.42
04/11/02	10266	Employment Developement	Payroll taxes 105.60
04/11/02	10267	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 987.25
04/11/02	10268	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 676.96
04/11/02	10269	Barton Overhead Door	Maintain buildings 892.35
04/11/02	10270	Norrine Coyle	Recreation-corn beef dinner 97.72
04/11/02	10271*	California Reforestation	Treat lake area 1619.50
04/20/02	10272	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 987.26
04/20/02	10273	Micheal W. Caropresso	Payroll 676.97
04/20/02	10274	Mike's Mowers	Shop supplies 69.44
04/20/02	10275	AT&T	Phone 20.14
04/20/02	10276	Pacific Bell	Phone 43.18
04/20/02	10277	PG&E	Utilities 77.13
04/20/02	10278	J.S.West Propane	Propane 155.13
04/20/02	10279	AquaLab	Water tests 168.00
04/20/02	10280	Cedar Ridge Electric	Maintain building 450.62
04/20/02	10281	Roger A. Brown	Professional service 2079.43
04/20/02	10282	W.H. Breshears	Fuel 523.47
04/20/02	10283	Village Mail & Printing	Printing 66.24
04/20/02	10284	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 764.20
04/20/02	10285	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain/Park/Buildings 93.09
04/20/02	10286	Sonora Insurance	Insurance 255.15
04/20/02	10287	Mother Lode Portables	Health & safety 71.68
04/20/02	10288	PG&E	Utilities 448.17
04/20/02	10289	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting 305.00
04/20/02	10290	Postmaster	Trust fund 250.00
04/20/02	10291	USBank	Payroll deduction 175.00
04/20/02	10292	Angels Pest Control	Maintain buildings 110.00
04/20/02	10293	Richard Bonner	Mileage 37.96
04/20/02	10294	Deena Hague	Mileage 54.75
04/20/02	10295	Fred Coleman	Park maintenance 63.95
04/20/02	10296	Norrine Coyle	Mileage 52.56
04/20/02	10297	Robert Snell	Mileage 54.75
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES			\$ 12,929.56

** Transferred from Timber fund \$ 778.50
(ref. ck.# 10271)

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