

Sierra Recreation Association

APRIL 2004

Questions? Call caretaker 209-586-3098**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**Annual Meeting May 30th 9a.m.June 19th Kids' Fishing Derby**HELP, SUPPORT, AND****VOLUNTEER-**Please call Roger Townsend with your offers.
209-529-8315 or 586-9522.

Calendar of Meetings

BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m. Sat. May 15, 2004**Sierra Park Lodge #376**Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.2nd meeting of the month includes spouses at a potluck.

May 19th. 6:30 P.M.

Spanish Dinner

Call: 586-0551, if planning to attend

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 17, 2004

Attendance:

President, Fred Coleman Present Vice-President, Robert Snell Present Secretary, Norrine Coyle Present
 Treasurer, Richard Bonner Present Members Present: Ed Smith, Neil Selman, Roger Townsend, Greg Brown & Sean Kasper

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

Invocation by Richard Bonner

By motion (Snell/Townsend, unan.) the minutes of March 20, 2004, were approved as mailed.

Members before the Board: none.

Correspondence: 1. Letter from Bryan Hofmann requesting the use of the hall and barbecue area for a family reunion on June 25 & 26, 2005. 2. Letter from Sharon Peck regarding her plans to build a home on her property on Rebekah. 3. Copy of Grant deed from Sugarman to James & Lois Schulke, 4. Grant deed from Rose Patane to Michael and Katherine Perry. 5. Letter from P.G.&E inviting Odd Fellows Park to participate in a test of water & sewage treatment facilities and encouraging fire agencies to assist. 6. The California Water Journal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water – Selman: Water usage was 402,200 gallons for the past 28-day period. Gary Scarborough is taking his state water distributor test today. This will give him a "D1" license and bring us fully into state compliance. A bid was received from Barry Dugan Electric for installing power poles to enable the Park to raise the lines over Jordan Way West and repair and paint well houses.

Roads – Snell: He is waiting to see how much money will be available for roadwork.

Buildings - Smith: No problems. The caretakers have been on other projects preparing for needle removal so the 2nd window has not been replaced on the north wall of the hall.

Timber – Coleman: Will Dorrell, the Forester, is looking at salvage trees in all compartments. There are areas that need to be cleaned up for fire prevention. A few trees in the meadow are diseased or have other problems. Willows are choking the creek that goes through the meadow. Weeds in the meadow have choked out the native grasses that used to grow there. The weeds need to be burned and the meadow reseeded with native grasses. The meadow has been cleared of encroaching trees as promised at the last annual meeting. Larry Vaughn volunteered help with Fred and Gary. Slash in the corporation yard meadow needs to be hauled to where the grinder will be.

Health & Safety – Kasper: **DRIVERS—PLEASE SLOW DOWN WHEN DRIVING THROUGH THE PARK!** The speed limit is 20 miles per hour. A couple of the full-time residents appear to be the worst offenders. We need to slow down before more squirrels or, worse, some children are killed. Sean will see about putting in speed bumps on more roads. He will see that signs on pathways to the lake advise "Dogs are to be kept clear away from the lake and beach." The lake water is tested regularly, and if we have a bad test because dogs have been in the lake, we will have to drain the lake and could lose it.

Equipment – Brown: The scraper blade will be obtained before the next snow season. A full set of tires for the snowplow will cost about \$2,700. We will need 2 or 4 for next year. The old dump truck has been having some problems. It might be possible to put a new motor in it. It has become a very important piece of equipment due to needle pickup.

Recreation – Townsend: The fishing derby for children 15 years of age and under will be on June 19, the Saturday before Father's Day. More donations of money or prizes are needed and volunteers are needed to help that day. The permits for the fish are being obtained. Signs will be posted that the lake is closed to fishing a few days before the fishing derby. Some mention has been made about having a picnic, barbecue, or potluck over the Labor Day weekend. The lake is silting up and needs to be cleaned and the feeling was that it should be done before the next snow season. Two loads of sand have been spread on the beach.

Finance – Bonner: Bills for the month were \$18, 958.75 including \$7,500 for the Park attorney for which we should be reimbursed. These expenses did not include the P.G. & E bill for the Park as it has not been received. Timber Fund expenses were \$2,150.00. By motion (Smith/Selman, unan.) bills, including the P.G.&E bill, when received, were approved for payment.

Caretakers' Report: A Pit Bull dog was seen running around and they talked to the owner. They have been running the water pump at night during the off-peak power time to save money. Some of the work was mentioned in the committee reports. The full report is attached to the original minutes.

Old Business At the first house on Rebekah off of Wheeler is a temporary road on park property, which the previous owner needed to use temporarily before building a garage. That road now needs to be gated. The pick-up of needles has been started. Roger will talk to the owner of property where the water runs across the road and is causing problems for the snowplow. By motion, (Smith/Selman, unan.) the Barry Dugan bid for putting in the power poles for \$2,729, to be paid out of the Water Reserve, was accepted, with Barry Dugan to obtain whatever permits are required. People are reminded that unlicensed vehicles or vehicles not licensed for state roads are not allowed to be driven in the park

New Business: Richard said the proxies would be sent out soon. If people are interested in running for the Board, they should ask someone to nominate them from the floor at the annual meeting. Current Board members whose 3- year term ends are Fred Coleman, Richard Bonner and Norrine Coyle. Their names will be on the ballot if they decide to run.

By consensus, it was agreed to have Will Dorrell mark trees that need to come down. The President will call Mrs. Peck regarding the house she is having built. Gary needs to schedule issuance of gate cards or taking care of gate problems on Fridays or Saturdays. He should not have to stop his regular work schedule for this. Ann Coleman has adopted the flowerbeds around the flagpole. Thanks Ann, it is looking really good. Some people who ride ATV's have said they would be willing to help post signs where the Park property boundary is so that people will not accidentally ride on our property. There was a motion (Townsend/Kasper: Townsend, yes: others, no) to increase from 50 to 75 the number of people who can attend private functions providing they furnish a porta-potty and remove all of their trash. Discussion was held prior to the vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be on May 15, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary

Found: A yellow disposable camera on Toboggan Hill. The printed shots will be at the Annual Meeting. It looks like a fun group of young people at a cabin and playing in the snow. Call caretaker's number if you want to see if they are yours before May 30th.

Wanted: More homeowners to drive the speed limit and respect the other Park rules, such as No fishing by those 16 and over.

More dog owners to follow the leash law, and keep the dogs away from the lake.

Needed: Help, support and volunteers for all recreation activities. The Fishing Derby, Christmas and St. Patrick's Day dinner is for everyone. A small number of people are doing most or all of the work. Get involved, you'll enjoy helping. We even have a good time together cleaning the recreation hall.

Wanted: New newsletter editor to begin the first of June. I will help you get started and back you up if you need to be away during the year.

CHECKS DISBURSED Thru 04/17/ 2004

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMO/ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3/21/2004	11094	State Farm Bank	Payroll ded. IRA- Mike	100.00
4/2/2004	329	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	677.12
4/2/2004	330	Gary A. Scarborough	Payroll	869.54
4/2/2004	11095	State Compensation	Insurance	661.46
4/8/2004	11096	US Bank - Taxes	Payroll taxes	1,200.59
4/8/2004	11097	Employment Develop	Payroll taxes	126.00
4/16/2004	331	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	677.13
4/16/2004	332	Gary A. Scarborough	Payroll	869.55
4/16/2004	333	Phillip M Rainey	Payroll	36.09
4/17/2004	11098	Duane St. Clair Trkg	Recreation/ delvr beach sand	357.00
4/17/2004	11099	Eric A Carlson	Accounting	360.00
4/17/2004	11100	SBC	Tel. Svc & move phone line	252.14
4/17/2004	11101	George Reed Inc	Recreation/ beach sand	624.70
4/17/2004	11102	W. H. Breashears	Fuel	999.70
4/17/2004	11103	AquaLab	Water Testing	218.00
4/17/2004	11104	J. S. West Propane	Propane	410.34
4/17/2004	11105	Doris Selman	Office Supplies	61.46
4/17/2004	11106	Sonora Insurance	Renewal of Bond	255.15
4/17/2004	11107	A & A Portables	Health & Safety (2 months)	145.26
4/17/2004	11108	Michael W. Caropreso	Empl. Benefits/ medical	327.68
4/17/2004	11109	Twain Harte Lumber	Buildings/Recreation	257.69
4/17/2004	11110	Waste Management	Garbage	775.92
4/17/2004	11111	PG&E	Utilities/ caretakers cabin	49.81
4/17/2004	11112	Roger A Brown	Professional Svcs.	7,513.92
4/17/2004	11113	Village Mail & Printing	Member comm. Ltr with insert	127.41
4/17/2004	11114	Valley Door & Equip	Gate Expense/ remotes	364.55
4/17/2004	11115	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Equip. Mntce/ tire repair	10.00
4/17/2004	11116	State Farm Bank	Payroll ded. IRA- Mike	100.00
4/17/2004	11117	Richard Bonner	Auto mileage expense	17.52
4/17/2004	11118	Angels Pest Control	Buildings maintenance	120.00
4/17/2004	11119	Gary A. Scarborough	Auto mileage expense	128.85
4/17/2004	11120	Roger Townsend	Auto mileage expense	52.56
4/17/2004	11121	Robert Snell	Auto mileage expense	54.75
4/17/2004	11122	Gregory Brown	Auto mileage expense	98.55
4/17/2004	11123	Norrine Coyle	Auto mileage expense/ofc suppl	58.31
4/17/2004	11124 **	California Reforestation	Timber Expense	2,150.00
			TOTAL	18,958.75
		** From Timber Fund		

The park is looking good. Everyone seems to be cleaning their lots more completely this year. All the needles and slash will help defray costs (or make money toward next years clean up.) Fred has worked hard to arrange the grinder service and we should all give him a "BIG THANKS" for the work it is saving each homeowner. It is now the responsibility of each of us to do our part to make it a success.

HOMEOWNERS— if you have contractors or workers coming into the park, either have them, or you, contact Gary several days (or as early as possible) about access. Gary can not be sitting around for a couple of hours waiting for someone to come get a card. The business of gate cards will be on Fridays and Saturdays only.

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