

Sierra Recreation Association

April 2007

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Annual Meeting

The annual OFSRA/OFSHA general meeting will be on Sunday May 27th 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Sign in starts at 8:00 A.M.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs must bring their current paid Lodge dues receipt (ID Card) to vote on OFSRA business.

All homeowners are invited.

Fish Derby

The fish derby will be on Saturday June 16th 2007 at 7:00 A.M. Participants must be 15 years old or younger. Sign up is on Friday June 15th from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Lodge and Saturday June 16th starting at 6:00 A.M. at the Pond.

Registration time will be shortened by filling out the entry form on page 3 of this newsletter.

Timber Harvest Outlook

Our forester estimates 247.9 MBF (247,900 Board Feet) should be harvested this year at a net of \$41,067.25 or \$165.66 per MBF. This harvest will remove dead and dying trees and poorly spaced trees in portions of compartments 1, 3, and 5. See Compartment Map: www.varvayanis.com/sp/timber/Timber_Compartment_Map.pdf

This is \$53.94 per MBF less than the ten year average of \$219.60 per MBF. This is due to timber market conditions that are likely to continue for five or so years.

Year	Harvest (MBF)	Net per MBF	Net
1997	425	\$232.24	\$98,702.04
1998	0		(\$6,888.36)
1999	452	\$196.62	\$88,872.53
2000	332	\$233.67	\$77,578.62
2001	303	\$222.66	\$67,466.37
2002	375	\$234.95	\$88,105.58
2003	166	\$205.10	\$34,047.21
2004	205	\$237.16	\$48,618.25
2005	0		(\$650.00)
2006	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
2007	248	\$165.66	\$41,066.45

Park Calendar

Board meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 AM.

Board Meetings: May 19th, June 23rd, July 21st,
August 18th, September 15th,
October 20th

Annual Meeting &
Rebekah Bake Sale: May 27th

Fish Derby: June 16th
(Day before Father's Day)



Breakdown of Budget Increase

The budget increase can be broken down in to two parts: \$25.00 to cover deferred maintenance and inflation; and \$175.00 to cover road maintenance.

Pine Needle Dump

The Needle Dump is open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. seven days a week through June 18th, weather permitting.

Only needles and branches approximately two inches (2") or less in diameter are allowed. No rocks, stones, metal, construction debris, or other items.

Lot Inspections

CAL FIRE (CDF) lot inspections will begin in June 19th 2007. Clearing the required 100 feet (or to your property line, whichever is closest) involves three simple steps: 1) Remove dead vegetation, 2) Thin out live vegetation, and 3) Prune up your trees. See the CAL FIRE news release: www.varvayanis.com/sp/fire_safety/2007_Defensible_Space_4-20-07.pdf

Rebekah Bake Sale

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge No. 200 is sponsoring a bake sale in conjunction with the annual meeting with proceeds to benefit the park.

Please bring an appetite and a few dollars.



Mountain Lion in Park A Mountain Lion was observed on Rebekah Road. Please use caution when walking throughout the park, and be particularly vigilant while small children and pets are outdoors.	Volunteers Needed for Fish Derby Volunteers are needed to help with the Fish Derby. If you would like to help, please contact Tom Clark at (209) 586-0257 or clarkscabin@earthlink.net
Odd Fellows Lodge 376 The Grand Lodge rejected our request to move the lodge meetings to the third Saturday of each month beginning at 7:45 AM just prior to the Board Meetings. They stated that reducing the meeting to 15 minutes would not be possible. As a result the Sierra Park Lodge 376 will close and the charter will be picked up some time in June or July. All members of our lodge will be automatically transferred to the Gene Bianchi Lodge. The Gene Bianchi Lodge is a holding or "virtual" lodge.	Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Laws adopted since 2000 created California's "Universal Waste Rule". This rule bans the placing the following items in our dumpster: paint, motor oil and filters, antifreeze, consumer electronic devices, video display devices (televisions, computer monitors, and laptops), batteries, fluorescent light tubes, major appliances, mercury switches, and nonempty aerosol cans among others. The "Universal Waste Rule" went into effect on February 9, 2006. Some of these items can be disposed of free of charge at the Cal Sierra Transfer Station, 19309 Industrial Dr, Sonora CA, (209) 536-1719. Hours of Operation: 7 days 8:00 am - 4:45 pm (except Christmas & New Years). There is a fee for major appliances. For details and other disposal options see: www.varvayanis.com/sp/trash.htm
Burn Permits Required Effective 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2007, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Tuolumne/Calaveras Unit will require permits for all burning. See the CAL FIRE news release: www.varvayanis.com/sp/fire_safety/2007_Burn_Permit_Required_5-1-2007.pdf	Sierra Park Directory of Residents The website contains a password protected Directory of Residents separate from the Gate Directory and OFSRA Mailing List. Direct link to the directory: www.varvayanis.com/sp/directory.htm To be included in the Sierra Park Directory of Residents, submit your information to Charles Varvayanis at charles@varvayanis.com , (209) 586-3782, or P. O. Box 395, Long Barn, CA 95335.
Did You Know? CDF (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) is now known as CAL FIRE. See the CAL FIRE news release: www.varvayanis.com/sp/fire_safety/State_Fire_Department_to_be_known_as_CAL_FIRE_1-24-2007.pdf	Newsletter & Website Newsletter – Available via e-mail. E-mail us to sign up. Website – Protected documents password: Call for PW
Fire Safety Information Fire safety information can be found on the park website at: www.varvayanis.com/sp go to "Odd Fellows Sierra Park" then "Fire Safety".	High Speed Internet Project To join, please contact Charles Varvayanis at charles@varvayanis.com or (209) 586-3782.
Timber Information Timber information can be found on the park website at: www.varvayanis.com/sp go to "Odd Fellows Sierra Park" then "Timber".	



Checks Disbursed 3/22/2007 - 4/27/2007

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Amount
3/30/2007	319	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 3/12/07 - 3/25/07	\$1,060.95
3/30/2007	320	Robert Cloak	Payroll 2/26/07 - 3/25/07	\$91.75
3/30/2007	321	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
4/3/2007	322	EDD	State Tax Liability	\$209.54
4/3/2007	323	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll tax	\$1,860.51
4/13/2007	324	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 3/26/07 - 4/8/07	\$1,060.95
4/13/2007	325	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
4/23/2007	326	EDD	State Tax Liability	\$452.60
4/24/2007	327	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	\$76.68
4/24/2007	328	Angels Pest Control	Maintain buildings	\$130.00
4/24/2007	329	AquaLab	Water Testing	\$240.00
4/24/2007	330	AT&T	Telephone / park & gate	\$80.16
4/24/2007	331	Michael Caropreso	Employee Health Benefits	\$798.22
4/24/2007	332	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	License / Toyota	\$167.00
4/24/2007	333	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting	\$471.63
4/24/2007	334	J. S. West	Utilities / Propane	\$431.28
4/24/2007	335	PG& E	Utilities / Electricity	\$326.27
4/24/2007	336	Twain Harte Lumber	General Park Maintenance	\$66.42
4/24/2007	337	Charles Varvayanis	Gate / Office supplies	\$281.36
4/24/2007	338	Vic's Towing	Maintain equipment	\$275.00
4/24/2007	339	Village Mail & Printing	Member communication	\$83.34
4/24/2007	340	W H Breshears	Fuel	\$1,271.79
4/24/2007	341	Waste Management	Garbage	\$762.10
4/27/2007	342	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 4/9/07 - 4/22/07	\$1,060.95
4/27/2007	343	Robert Cloak	Payroll 3/23/07 -4/22/07	\$91.75
4/27/2007	344	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
Total Disbursements				<u>\$11,500.25</u>

5-13-2007 – Composition and layout: Charles Varvayanis – Minutes: Mike Rainwater – Financials: Doris Selman

FISH DERBY SIGN UP

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

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Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Sponsor Name (Home Owner): _____

Sponsor Cabin Address or Lot Number: _____



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 21, 2007

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by President Charles Varvayanis. The invocation was offered by Al Orth. Those present were President Charles Varvayanis, Vice President Mike Ford, Secretary Mike Rainwater, Treasurer Doris Selman, Members, Alan Orth, Clark Kellogg, Steve Wallace, Sue Collie, and Tom Clark.

Members before the board: Mr. Rex Weichhart observing.

Minutes: Minutes of March 17, 2007 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2007 meeting was approved as presented for the newsletter.

Correspondence: 1) Letter from Marjoree Cox re gate code, 2) Information from Edwards & Assoc. re: wood chips, 3) Dept. of Health Services Conference, 4) material from Calif. Rural Water Assoc., 5) California Tree Farm Conference, 6) Information from Grover Landscaping re: pine needles, 7) ASTM re: wood chip specifications, and 8) Letter from Pete Delaney advising he has certification as a T-2 and D-2.

Committee Reports

Water – Rainwater: Water usage was 447,400 gals. The water line near Camp Cedarbrook was inspected and will need some adjustment later this year. Capital improvements for the water system will be presented under budget items for the 2007/2008 budget items.

Roads – Wallace: Repair to the foot bridge on Westside of lake is on hold until the weather gets better. Capital improvement for roads will be presented during budget discussions. The eastside foot bridge to the lake needs repair. Mr. Wallace presented a plan for repairing the foot bridge with steel supports and a wood walk way. The labor for this project will be performed by Park employee and volunteers. Discussion concerning this project by the board centered around which budget fund would pay for this project and other necessary requirements. Discussion was tabled until further information could be obtained. Another project in need of attention from the Board concerns the road bridge on East Jordan Way. After inspecting the underside of the bridge, it was determined that a large amount of rust has built up and needs some preventive maintenance. Motion by Kellogg and seconded by Ford to accept a proposal to repair the bridge and funding of this project to be paid for from the road reserve fund. The proposal calls for the sand blasting, application of epoxy primer, and an application of urethane finish. Motion was passed unanimously.

Buildings – Kellogg: Repair to the handrail/short wall at lodge is on hold until weather improves. The sand shed repair will be discussed under the budget items for 2007/2008 budget. Lodge and cooperate building need to be inspected for the possibility of being painted this year.

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Timber – Varvayanis: Discussion by the Board concerning information from Will Dorrell pertaining to the approximate profit that could result from timber harvest. Will felt that possibly between \$30,000 and \$55,000. Will is presently marking trees for possible harvest in compartments 1, 3, and 5. Questioned asked by Will Dorrell to the Board was whether or not the Board wanted trees marked all the way up to a property owners property line? Motion by Kellogg and seconded by Clark that a policy for OFSRA will be that marking, thinning, and harvesting will be performed up to the property owners property line. Motioned passed with one opposed, Mr. Ford. An additional motion was made by Ford and seconded by Kellogg for a policy to grant the right to a property owner to request the prevention of harvesting of marked trees within 100 feet of the property owners line; provided that: 1) property owner maintains the 100 feet past his property line in a clean and safe manner, and 2) property owner signs a waiver of liability for any damage resulting by the granting of said waiver. Motioned passed unanimously.

Recreation – Clark: Tom reported that volunteers are needed for the fishing derby. Sign-ups for the derby will be at 6 A.M. on June 16th at the lake as well as at 5 P.M. till 7 P.M. on Friday the 15th of June at the Lodge. Registration time will be shorten by filling out an entry form from the newsletter and bringing it with you to either Friday night's registration or Saturday morning's registration.

Health & Safety – Varvayanis: No concerns at this time.

Equipment – Orth: None.

Finance – Selman: Motion by T. Clark and seconded by Orth to pay the bills as presented. There were \$5,461.25 in bills and \$56.95 credit from PGE. Additional income from the month of April was \$284.55. Motioned passed unanimously. There is still one double assessment outstanding. This assessment will be processed through small claims court. Motion by Kellogg and seconded by Wallace to establish a Section 125 plan for OFSRA and not to exceed \$400.00. Motion passed unanimously. Majority of the Parks insurance policies are to be renewed in May at a cost of approximately \$28,288.00.

Old Business: 1) The letter from Richard and Irene Barret concerning the replacement of their retaining wall was addressed and the Board agreed that the Barrets need to contact the county for proper permits and location of their property lines. Board agreed that the owners of Cedarbrook Camp will be assessed \$300.00 for the year 2006/2007 for road maintenance. The Park's account will bill the owners. 2) The Board discussed the pine needle removal options and a motion from Collie and seconded by Selman that Cover will handle the pine needle removal this year. The pine needle/old burn area is open from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily except for bad weather. 3) Board discussed the 2007/2008 budget and reserve funds. The Board requested changes to the budget and after several hours of discussion completed a proposed 2007/2008 budget. In addition, the general meeting notice, proxy, and budget proposal was reviewed for printing and corrections were made. 4) Information received concerning the playground and the amount of chips needed to insure proper depth was discussed with a motion by Collie and seconded by Ford to update the playground to the safety compliance needed with proper materials. Motioned passed unanimously and Mr. Wallace will call and order the chips as soon as possible.

New Business: 1) There will be a bake sale by the Dogwood Rebekah Lodge No. 200 in conjunction with the annual meeting. The June Board meeting will be held on the 23rd of June due to the fishing derby on the 16th.

Other Business: 1) Seventy-seven people are receiving the newsletter via e-mail.

Next meeting is on May 19, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rainwater, Secretary



Sierra Park Odd Fellows Lodge No. 376
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Sierra Park Lodge No. 376 I.O.O.F. will close and turn in
its charter pending notification from the Grand Lodge.



Dogwood Rebekah Lodge No. 200
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dor@sonnet.com (209) 532-6710

Lodge meetings are held at the lodge in Sierra Park on
the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon, and
social meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at
5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner.

Annual Meeting & Rebekah Bake Sale May 27th 2007



Sign in starts at 8:00 AM
Meeting starts at 9:00 AM



Please participate!

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