

SIERRA PARK NEWS FOR MAY 1996

SIERRA PARK LODGE #376 Odd Fellows meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Sat. of each month at 7 PM in the Rec. Hall. We initiated four candidates at our May 11 meeting. We still have two on the books to put through. Watch for further plans.

RECREATION - The Odd Fellows Lodge will put on their annual spaghetti dinner on May 25, 1996 from 5 PM to 7 PM. Prices will be \$5.00, except those under 12 will be charged \$2.00 each.

SPECIAL NOTICE Before the meeting a general discussion was held on method of distribution of gate cards. The following is the result of that discussion; It is not listed in the minutes since it was not done during the meeting proper.

ONE OWNER PROPERTY: Two cards free. Can purchase 2 openers for \$30.00 each.

MULTIPLE OWNERS - One card per owner - owner meaning each household listed on the deed. Owners to bring a copy of deed and request extra cards from the Board.

THE FIRST TWO OPENERS ARE \$30.00 EACH. Extra openers will be \$100.00 each. The first two cards free. Extra cards \$50.00 each.

OWNER OF MULTIPLE LOTS: Can have two cards per lot, but must send request to the Board.

SERVICE PEOPLE- U.P.S., DELIVERY, PROPANE, ETC - 1 card 8AM to 5PM only First card free - if lost then next card is \$100.00

UTILITIES - P.G.& E., CABLE, TELEPHONE, ETC. - one 24 hr. card free. If lost, next card \$100.00

CONTRACTORS - 8AM TO 5PM - Deposit of \$100 per card - to be returned after Job complete. They should work with Dale concerning the number of cards needed for their sub contractors.

BOY SCOUTS - two 2 openers and 4 cards.

FREITAS & SMITH - two cards for each family free. If they want openers they may buy 2 for \$30 each.

NOTE - There will undoubtedly be discussion at the general meeting on this topic. Such discussion may change some of these recommendations.

WEATHER - Summer weather appears to be on its way. Pine needles need to be raked and hauled to the burn area by June 16. Many of you will be coming up for extended stays. Rules are made only to make your stay as pleasant as possible. Please abide by rules that have been set up and have a happy vacation time.

LAKE - Toilets have been placed at the lake for your convenience while there. Feel free to use them instead of other places.

See you next month.....Sierra Sue

CHECKS DISBURSED MAY 1996 (REC. ASSOC.)

7810	DALE SMITH	P/R	\$ 696.27
7811	SHARON SMITH	P/R GATE	401.37
7812	MATTHEW SHAEFER	P/R MAINTENANCE	47.61
7813	SHARON SMITH	P/R GATE	362.42
7814	HALES & SYMONS	MAINTENANCE	360.55
7815	SHARON SMITH	P/R	367.31
7816	DALE SMITH	P/R	696.27
7817	US BANK	941 DEPOSIT	611.28
7818	FLAVIN & ASSOCIATES	BOOKKEEPING	290.00
7819	TUOLUMNE FABRICATION	MAINTENANCE	107.05
7820	J.S WEST	PROPANE	20.79
7821	CAL SIERRA DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	885.30
7822	P. G. & E.	ELECTRICITY	404.64
7823	PACIFIC BELL	TELEPHONE	36.75
7824	DORIS KILGORE	MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS	52.83
7825	GENERAL PLUMBING SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	60.61
8026	SUGAR PINE HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	105.16
7827	GEORGE REED, INC.	ROAD MAINTENANCE	1,104.99
7828	SONORA AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	61.42
7829	DUANE STCLAIR	TRUCKING	135.00
7830	LARRY ADAMS	MILEAGE	66.00
7831	WILLIAM ZOBEL	MILEAGE/SUPPLIES	60.00
7832	GORDON GREENE	MILEAGE	68.50
7833	FRED COLEMAN	MILEAGE	56.50
7834	JASPER MORRISON	MILEAGE	45.00
7835	EDWARD SMITH	MILEAGE/SUPPLIES	71.36
7836	OMNE HEALTH PLAN		241.00
	TOTAL		\$ 7,415.98

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MAY 12, 1996

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Edward Smith. All members present except Hawke, excused.
MINUTES - The minutes of the 4/13/96 meeting were approved as printed except for the following corrections: Water assessment is \$25.00 instead of \$30.00 and the total proposed assessment will be \$407.00 per lot (consisting of \$362.00 general assessment plus \$25.00 for water tank plus \$20.00 for the gate assessment).

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - 1. Bill & Cathy Zoslocki and their two children re-dogs at the lake - matter resolved.

CARETAKERS REPORT - The garbage bins are now behind the Rec. Hall. The burn area will be closed after June 16 due to Forestry regulations. Members are cautioned to put needles on a cold spot - not on a hot spot where they will burn. If it is not a burn day we may be subject to a fine by the Forestry Department for burning. There has also been considerable vandalism at the picnic area and at the lake. This appears to be done by minors. Parents are requested to keep track of their children so that our property is not thus damaged. If the culprit is caught owners will be billed for repair of the damage.

CORRESPONDENCE - 1. Dennis & Judy Caley - Damage due to limb breaking off from tree. 2. Florin Tractor Parts - requesting information. 3. Sonora Insurance Co. - Information on rates. 4. Department of forestry - report on clean-up deficiencies due to timber harvest. 5. Tuolumne County Recorder - title to Soares property. 6. Elsie Manning - requesting report on timber fund - Will be reported at the Annual meeting. 7. Price - Tree that needs to be taken out. The Board wishes to thank the many who have helped on the gate project and other projects around the park. Also Thanks to Shadles for a donation of slate shingles for the gate building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WATER - Greene - Water use: 467,000 gals. The water quality report is due to be sent out soon. Everything appears to be in satisfactory condition.

ROADS - Morrison-T.C. Striping submitted a bid on three separate jobs within the park that need to be done. It was MSC to accept the bid to be done under Dale's supervision. There have been several requests for speed bumps. Dale is to investigate various possibilities. There is a need for a guard rail on the west side of the space around the gate. There was discussion on the matter; the general consensus was to keep it in agreement with the surroundings. There was some discussion before the meeting on how gate cards are to be parcelled out. See Newsletter for details. Members will be notified when cards are available. The gate will not be closed until after cards have been distributed.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - No report.

TIMBER - Adams - No report. Larry Adams announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

RECREATION - Bonner - The trout for the fishing derby have been ordered. They are smaller than we have had in the past due to several conditions that exist, but should be adequate. Members are reminded that anyone over 16 caught fishing will be fined without further warning. Such fines will be assessed against the property in the case of renters or guests caught fishing.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Coleman - Toilets have been set up at the lake and picnic grounds. Members are requested to use them rather than the lake. It was MSC to donate \$100 to the Long Barn Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of our appreciation of their services. Any member can make a donation to them of whatever amount they feel appropriate.

EQUIPMENT - Smith - The starter on the pick up is out and needs to be replaced.

FINANCE - Zobel - On the letter from Sonora Insurance Co. it was MSC to accept the bid with \$2500 deductible, since the difference in premiums between that and the \$5000 deductible is small in comparison. Bills for the Recreation Association \$7,415.98, MSC to pay the bills.

OLD BUSINESS - There will be a report on the Timber Fund at the Annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - MSC to purchase and install a camera for the gate. Vandalism at the gate will be recorded and prosecuted. MSC to purchase a FAX system to be placed in the caretaker's office, not to exceed \$400.

No further business appearing, the meeting closed at 11:25 AM. The annual meeting will be May 26, 1996 at 9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as a quorum is established.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Sunday, June 9, 1996 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Kilgore, Secretary

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 26, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Edward Smith, all Board members present. The number of members present (including proxies) was 122: 96 Recreation Association members and 26 Homeowners Association members. It was determined that a quorum was present to conduct business (89 homeowners including 67 recreation members). The flag salute was led by Edward Smith. The invocation was led by Richard Bonner.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Elsie Manning, seconded by Tom Greene to hold the Recreation Association meeting and Homeowners meeting concurrently. Passed. A motion was made by Elsie Manning, seconded by Mark Bradley that the minutes of 1995 annual meeting be approved as corrected, the correction being that the motion made by Mark Bradley to not require reserve funding not include the phrase: "as we have the Timber Fund to fall back on" even though that was the intent of the motion. Passed.
The chairman explained rules of order for any questions or debate.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIVE ACRE PARCEL - Smith - The parcel was purchased for \$115,000 from the Timber Fund. Much work has been done to develop the parcel into lots. A total of \$129,000 (including purchase price) has been spent on it. We have received \$28,000 from logging on the parcel. Some of the logging proceeds has been held pending settling for clean-up of waste generated by the logging. Lots will be approximately 1/3+ acre per lot. It is anticipated that they will sell for approximately \$50,000 per lot; it is planned to obtain an appraisal to verify sale price. We also foreclosed on the Soares property at a cost of \$2,400 plus the unpaid assessments.

TIMBER - Adams - We had a profitable timber harvest this year. We are still working on problems with the logger. The net sales for the harvest was \$152,000. Taxes on the sale has been \$8,900 and more to be paid later. Ten percent has been withheld by Tim Tate to see that proper clean-up is performed by the logger. After all such expenses are taken out the net is \$111,000.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - The roof work on the Recreation Hall is finally complete. Alan Orth donated a sink for the kitchen and it is greatly appreciated. The bat problem has apparently been solved by placing an ultrasonic sound device in the Hall to discourage bats from entering the Hall. It seems to have been successful. The chimney was found to be in need of considerable repair. That work has been accomplished and a new stove have been installed. The old stove has been sold. A fireplace insert was installed in the caretaker's cabin. There have been some other repairs to buildings; it will be necessary to repair the East wall of the Rec. Hall. There is also a need for metal cabinets for storage.

ROADS - Morrison - There are seven miles of roads in the park averaging 16 feet in width. It would take 500,000 square feet of asphalt to cover all roads. The roads are deteriorating. Chip sealing and crack sealing has been done each year for the past few years. There is a need for improving bar ditches for better drainage. Homeowners are asked to help in keeping culverts clean. The bridge was completely repaired with better material. Most of the labor was volunteered. The cost was approximately \$10,000. Wheeler Road was widened in spots. Paving was done at the gate area, Rec. Hall area and a few other spots.

RECREATION - Bonner - The fish derby had 69 entrants last year. We are planning another one for Father's Day this year. It is sponsored by individual donations which are greatly appreciated. The Labor Day Barbecue was attended by 225 persons and it paid for itself. Thanksgiving dinner was attended by 105 persons; Christmas dinner brought in about 100; the St. Patrick's Day corned beef & cabbage dinner had between 60 and 70; and the spaghetti dinner about 80. Music by the Freitas at some of these events was also appreciated.

EQUIPMENT - Bonner - Our 1937 Road Grader was re-done in 1972. It is in need of some repairs. The Sand truck is old - needs routine maintenance. The tractor needs normal maintenance. The Snow Plow, back hoe and chipper are in good shape. The back hoe now has 149 hours on it. This would have cost approximately \$8,000 for rental. The pick up needs approximately \$1,000 for repairs to the front end. Rental cost of the chipper was approximately \$3,280, most of which could be applied to the purchase price.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Coleman - We now have new floats for the lake. Residents are cautioned to watch for small children. Renters and guests should be advised of rules and regulations. Portable toilets have been installed for the summer. New street signs have been installed; they are required by the Forestry Department for fire safety. Regulations for cards and/or openers were submitted by the Board of Directors;

One lot gets 2 cards free, openers will be \$30.00 each with a limit of two.

If an owner has two lots he is entitled to up to 4 free cards but the extra 2 must be requested.

Service agencies will be awarded cards good from 8 AM to 5 PM Contractors will make a deposit of \$100 for refund when card is returned.

Boy Scouts-2 openers & two cards; Freitas and W. Smith -2 cards with openers also available.

Sharon Smith is handling orders for openers and cards. All checks for openers or extra cards are to be made out to Odd Fellows Recreation Association and sent to P.O. Box 116, Long Barn, 95335.

WATER - Greene - We have increased water storage by adding new tanks. We need to replace black pipe on the west side of the park. Tuolumne Utilities District has been taking over water systems on the hill. Our system needs to be protected from such a take-over.

FINANCE - Zobel - All assessments have been paid except one. Balance on hand is \$1,346.00. Snow plow is paid off. Capital assets purchased: Back-hoe \$67,000, Chipper \$9,700. Other expenditures: Gate set up is in excess of \$8,000, Water tank fencing \$5,947.00.

SECRETARY - Approximately \$92,000 left in Timber Fund out of which taxes of approximately \$20,000 are still to be paid.

QUESTIONS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were many questions and comments on the various reports. Del Wallis recommended that we set up a 5 year plan for resurfacing roads. There were several comments on the way in which the backhoe and chipper were purchased.

Gordon Greene presented a proposal to change the Bylaws. The matter was referred to the parliamentarian who read from the Bylaws that an amendment to the Bylaws must receive a majority vote of the members of the Association, not a majority of members present at the meeting. He further outlined the necessity of getting more than 163 favorable votes to pass an amendment for the homeowners Bylaws and over 100 favorable votes to pass an amendment for the Recreation Bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS - Raul Morales made a motion to recall Gordon Greene and William Zobel from the Board of Directors and gave his reasons for making such a motion. The motion was seconded by James Clifton. Mr. Greene and Mr. Zobel were given a chance for rebuttal to the charges. They were then excused from the room in accordance with parliamentary law. Several of the members gave comments on the topic at hand during debate period. On the ballot for Mr. Greene the vote was 48 for recall, 45 against recall. On the ballot for Mr. Zobel the vote was 40 for recall, 53 against recall. Mr. Greene was declared recalled and Mr. Zobel retained to his position on the Board of Directors.

The following Motion was submitted by Elsie Manning: "I move that the membership be given a report on the Timber Fund from before we borrowed for the snow plow, water and gate and 5 acres, accounting on when and how it has been payed back." The motion was seconded by Norma Aston and passed by the members on a hand vote.

Del Wallis made a motion to lay over the proposed Bylaws change until next year. This was seconded by Bob Hintz and passed by the members on a hand vote. Del Wallis moved that the ending balance from 1995-96 be rolled over into the operating budget for 1996-97. This was seconded by Tom Greene and passed by the members by hand vote.

Mark Bradley moved to accept the proposed budget and the assessment of \$407.00 per lot for the 1996-97 fiscal year. This was seconded by Charles Aston and passed by the members.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

The annual election of Directors was called; Nominations on record were Edward Smith, William Kilgore, Robert Snell, as Lawrence Adams had declined to run. Nominated from the floor were: Gregory Brown, Verdina Hague and Tracy Bowman. The results of the balloting were: Smith -87; Kilgore -62; Snell -83; Brown -78; Hague -34; Bowman -28. The chairman announced that Smith, Snell and Brown would serve three year terms and Kilgore would serve the unexpired term of one year vacated by the recall of Gordon Greene, with the other two to be called on in case of any vacancy that might occur.

Mark Bradley moved, seconded by Elsie Manning, that there be no reserve fund for capital items. Carried.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM. Respectfully submitted, Bill Kilgore, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 26, 1996

The meeting opened at 1:55 PM with Edward Smith presiding. The following were elected to office:

President Edward Smith
Vice President Jasper Morrison
Treasurer Richard Bonner
Secretary William Kilgore

The following appointments were made:

Buildings - Hawke
Water - Kilgore
Roads - Morrison
Timber - Zobel
Health and Safety - Coleman
Recreation - Snell
Equipment - Brown
5-acre parcel - Smith
Insurance - Brown, Snell, Bonner

The next meeting will be June 9, 1996 at 9:00 AM.

No further business appearing the meeting was closed at 2:12 PM. Respectfully submitted, Bill Kilgore, secretary