

Sierra Recreation Association

May 1997

Park Loses Long-time Caretaker

Brother Dale Smith, our former caretaker, passed away Sunday May 4. Dale put up a great fight but finally succumbed to cancer. In his seven years as caretaker, Dale contributed greatly with his skills and knowledge. He leaves his wife Sharon, sons Joe and Gene, daughter Lynn, step children Gina and James and his father Bill Smith.



Sierra Park Lodge #376

A three-degree day was held in Stockton Lodge. Brothers Jim Shoemaker and Gene Reed were our candidates and had the three degrees conferred upon them. Congratulations guys!

Our Sierra Park Lodge will hold an initiation for new members this summer. We have several candidates and welcome more. Applicants will be notified in advance of the date.

Lodge meetings are held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. All members are welcome.



Spring Cleanup

It is time to clear our lots of pine needles and other fire hazards. CDF will be inspecting lots for fire hazards this year. An insert is enclosed in this newsletter for information on CDF regulations regarding fire hazards. The burn area is still open until further notice for dumping of limbs and pine needles.

Spaghetti Dinner

The annual spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday May 24, at 6:30 p.m. A charge for \$5.00 per person will be charged. Come and enjoy a good meal and get to know some of your fellow park homeowners. And of course our annual meeting will be held the next morning. Sign in begins at 8:00 a.m. with the meeting being called to order at 9:00 a.m.



Special Request

The board is looking for a volunteer Civil Engineer to help with a plan for turnouts.

Park History - by Clare Smith

On November 28, 1948, a group of delegates from several lodges of the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F) met at the Sylvan Lodge on the Sonora-Mono State Highway. The purpose of this meeting was to inspect and discuss the possibilities of purchasing 740 acres of land with the idea of forming an Odd Fellows Recreation Area in the National Forest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

At this first meeting, the lodges from Calaveras, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Tuolumne Counties were represented. They held election of officers followed by a general discussion to consider the proposed location for the recreational camp, as well as the means of purchasing and promoting the same. It was decided to proceed by sending letters to all the lodges of the order in central California and notices were also sent to the newspapers asking if their lodges or their members were willing to join in the projected recreational area.



The president and secretary were authorized at the December 5, 1948, meeting to start proceedings to incorporate the Odd Fellows Sierra Camp and at this point in time it was to be a non-profit corporation.

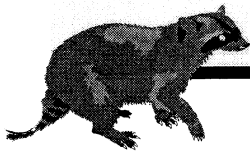
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Thank You

Thanks goes out to Dave and Brenda Bryant for donating a basketball hoop and backboard to the park. Also to Jim Shoemaker for donation of lumber for borders for the apples trees and donation of metal rails. Also to Gene Reed for the lumber donation to rebuild the sun cover on the beach and for 4 x 4 posts for signs.



We also would like to thank the following people who volunteered their valuable time toward the beautification of our park. Darryl Clark, Larry Vaughn, Ben Hunter, and to Mike and JoJo who planted the flowers, built flower boxes, benches, and other woodwork and built a new stand for our newspaper boxes. Things are looking great around here and we appreciate your time and hard work!



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 11, 1997

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. All were present except for Ron Hawke, excused.

MINUTES - It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes for the April meeting as printed.

GUEST - George Hill was in attendance at the request of the Board of directors to report on the request for approval for subdividing the seven lots on the five acre parcel. He presented a development agreement dated May 12, 1997. It was MSC to approve the development agreement. It was also MSC to request waiver of all fees from the county.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - Serge Paluso was present to discuss recent meeting of park homeowners and presented the board areas of concern that they would like to address.

Approved requests for the use of picnic grounds and recreation hall that were presented to the board. Tracy Bowman for June 28, 1997, Deena Hague for July 19, 1997, and Pat Shafer for July 20, 1997.

CORRESPONDENCE - Donation from the family of Al Dean to the fishing derby in his memory.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT - 340,000 gallons of water were used this month.

Completed projects - Repaired, painted and installed new tarps on shade cover at the beach.

- Repaired, Sanded, and painted signs for the park.
- Installed signs in various locations in the park.
- Limbed up and raked pine needles in front of the lake on Jordan Way.
- Met with Grayhill Survey, C.D.F. - V.I.P Program, Sonora Pump regarding wells.
- Took off undercut in creek bed in meadow area.
- Planted apple and pear trees at the lake area and park area.
- Staked and bordered trees.
- Walked with forester to check on trees.
- Hooked up BIB on Oaktree well to water apple trees and lawn.
- Repaired recycling shed that was damaged in wind storm.
- Repaired gate on Jordan Way and Abraham.
- Partial rewire of 68 International.
- Built tool box for rakes, saws, brooms, etc.
- Oil change in park truck, 89 GMC.
- Hooked up mower to International tractor.
- Ordered two tires for park truck.
- Called for appointment at Dave's for front-end alignment.
- Ordered turf tire for International tractor blow-out.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Bowman - Discussion of use of probe tubes in our wells to have knowledge of our water levels. Pump #5 has a probe tube but it has never been used. The Oaktree well has no pump tube. The new pump will have a probe tube installed when the pump is installed and one will be installed in the Oaktree well at that time also. It was MSC to have Randy repair 4" water line crossing the creek at the Scout Camp and replace two gate valves, both on David this month, and to repair two each month until the necessary replacements are complete.

ROADS - Morrison - We are working on an overlay plan. A discussion was held of capital expense versus maintenance expense for road work. Discussed the use of reserve funds versus an assessment for major road improvements. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Will introduce Randy at annual meeting and let him describe his work and organization of records.

TIMBER - Hague - Discussed timber harvest plan. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.

RECREATION - Snell - The next event will be the spaghetti dinner on May 24, at 6:30 p.m. The fishing derby will be held June 14; hot dogs will be free for the children and will be sold at \$1.00 each for adults.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Coleman - Speed limits need to be observed within the park. Road access to the lake will be limited by a chain gate. Discussed CDF fire regulations - see insert.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills for this month total 13,381.20. MSC to pay all bills.

OLD BUSINESS - MSC to revise fees for use of picnic grounds and recreation hall. Fees to be \$50.00 deposit for each, with a non-refundable \$50.00 fee for the use of the recreation hall. Fees to be the same for all park homeowners and Odd Fellows.

NEW BUSINESS - A plan was presented by Del Wallis to document a set of dynamic business principles for the board to follow, including:

- Bonding for directors and employees.
 - Present complete quarterly Profit & Loss Statements and Balance Sheet to the members.
 - Obtain scheduled competitive reviews for all recurring products and services, i.e., insurance every two to three years, water lab, accounting services, etc.
 - Probe all wells for water level each month and document.
 - Strongly request all motions related to harvesting timber include where proceeds are going to be spent.
 - Break down labor in P&L statement to full-time, part-time, and temporary with hours and expense for temporary.
- It was MSC to approve all of the above and to add and delete new practices as needed.



Checks disbursed for May 1997

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5/5	8290	Hales and Symons Maintenance	230.40
5/5	8291	Sugar Pine Hardware Maintenance	299.37
5/5	8292	Michael W. Caropreso Payroll	279.33
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5/5	8294	Randall J. Tolbert Payroll	664.79
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5/12	8296	Cal Sierra Disposal Garbage	764.20
5/12	8297	Zaks Maintenance	140.46
5/12	8298	Sonora Insurance Insurance	5,742.00
5/12	8299	AT&T Phone	5.20
5/12	8300	Mainly Copies Correspondence	109.40
5/12	8301	PG&E Utilities	567.54
5/12	8302	Lawrence Hawn Professional Services	477.10
5/12	8303	Doherty Tire Maintenance	20.00
5/12	8304	S&K Automatic Gate Maintenance	75.00
5/12	8305	Grayhill Land Survey Surveying	746.20
5/12	8306	JS West Utilities	51.90
5/12	8307	Pacific Bell Telephone	138.92
5/12	8308	Angels Pest Control Maintenance	100.00
5/12	8309	Dept. Of Health Application	253.00
5/12	8310	Richard L. Bonner Reimbursement	126.38
5/12	8311	Randall J. Tolbert Petty Cash	97.14
5/12	8312	Fred Coleman Mileage	56.50
5/12	8313	Jasper Morrison Mileage	45.00
5/12	8314	Robert Snell Mileage	37.50
5/12	8315	Gregory D. Brown Mileage	67.50
5/12	8316	Randall J. Tolbert Insurance reimbursement	250.00
5/12	8317	Postmaster Correspondence	225.00
5/12	8318	Deena Hague Mileage	37.50
5/12	8319	US Bank	829.75

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