

Sierra Recreation Association

May 1998

From the Prez

Okay you financial hot shots, why didn't you find the error in the most recent budget report - just kidding. The budget was submitted as designed and approved by the Board of Directors, but the reserves reflected an \$80,000.00 shortfall. When we discovered the error, it was too late and we resigned ourselves to receiving a lot of cards and letters from the membership. To our surprise, we have had zero response, which to us means you aren't reading your mail or you trust that we just made an error. Actually, we prefer to correct the error and blame it on the computer. Everyone remains happy, except maybe the computer and if it objects too much, we will just unplug it.



You will see in this month's minutes that we have adjusted some salaries. This is the second adjustment in the past three months. It is our intent to have competitive salaries and continue to bring more of the work we contract out performed by our own employees. We have better control of our costs and the quality of work. The salaries include wages and benefits. We couldn't completely settle our salary treatment for our people until this week because we needed the government to offer up a medical package. This has been done and salaries (benefits included) have been set.



Our budget anticipates the same assessment for this next year as last. It will be a busy year with many improvements. We need to continue replacing water valves (too many areas of the park can not have the water shut off for maintenance), roads need to be paved, etc. The Board is pleased with the progress the park has made this year, i.e., getting our fiscal house in order, taking aggressive maintenance action in our water system, paving roads, managing the timber

harvest, etc. and we anticipate an equally busy 1998-1999.

Come to the annual meeting. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. (providing we have a quorum). Come early, you don't want to be one of those standing in line waiting to be admitted while the meeting goes on without your input.



Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Lodge potluck social on the fourth Saturdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the recreation hall.

Park History - by Clare Smith

It has come to my attention that I inadvertently omitted a couple of sentences when I typed the letter from Louis Florence It should have read as follows:

"I was selected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer temporarily. We later split the functions into two jobs. Loren Hosmer (Modesto) was selected as Secretary. I continued as Treasurer until I left the area in early 1951."

My apologies to Mr. Florence for this omission.



Burn Area Open

The burn area is now open. Please remember that this area is just for pine needles and small branches from your yard cleanup. Please do not deposit any other type of debris at the burn area. Clean up your yards early so you can take advantage of the burn area before the forest service closes it for the summer.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 10, 1998

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Del Wallis. Prayer was led by Richard Bonner. Those present were Del Wallis - President, Jim Morrison - Vice President, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Deena Hague - Secretary, Fred Coleman, Robert Snell, Greg Brown, and Gene Reed. Those absent - Ron Hawke, excused.

MINUTES - The minutes were read and approved. Motion by Morrison, second by Hague to approve the minutes of the April meeting as mailed. Motion carried and so ordered.

GUESTS BEFORE THE BOARD - (1) Glenn Caldwell, Insurance Services. A.F. Wilson Insurance, presentation and proposal for insurance. There are some problems with our current coverage in his opinion. (2) Buzz McCown, from Sonora Insurance Agency - same cost as last year. Two proposals - Board to be contacted after added information comes in. Motion by Brown, second by Coleman to switch insurance from Sonora Insurance Agency to Glenn Caldwell Insurance Services barring any unforeseen changes -- Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (1) Lorraine Nicholson would like one of the two employees on duty on weekends for convenience of people coming up on weekends. Note: Caretakers are here for contact on weekends on an immediate need basis only. They do their jobs during the week. If there is a problem, send a letter to the Board and we will address the problem. (2) Request by Byron Hofmann - new member to park - requesting use of lodge facility on Saturday, June 20, 1998, for Townsend Opera Players board of directors. Motion by Brown, second by Hague to allow this use of the Hall. Motion carried and so ordered. (3) Six proxies sent to Richard Bonner for board. (4) Bill from S&K - They said it was not paid; it was. (5) Insurance company concerning Paul Jones Logging. Insurance no longer in force.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage this past month was 97,000 gallons. Pump was installed on well six. After the pump was installed, water was sent to be tested. Company contacted to test tank and estimate repairs needed. When test comes back on well six, it will be put on line. Probe tubes will be put down well number five; this will allow us to check water level.

ROADS - Reed - Road work to be done this year include Jordan West and Jordan East and Miriam up to Esther. Do Moses around gate and area where we dug out for water repair. Those contacted were T.C Striping, Trinity, and Reed. Two bids came

in. The bids were discussed. Reed and T.C. Striping bids were about the same; only a few hundred dollars difference, but Reed a few hundred dollars more to do more work. Motion by Coleman, second by Snell to let Reed to the road job when weather permits and also to have Reed repair areas off Wheeler Road where feathering done and in need of repair. Motion carried and so ordered. Total job of \$57,730.00 -- this does not include the feathering.

BUILDINGS - Hawke (absent) - Painting upstairs is completed. Track lighting has been installed. Map of water lines posted and changes added. Stove in caretakers cabin is fixed. Building cleaned up -- snack shack. Need electrical work on lighting in the barbeque area and play area. Sign coming in at the gate -- to light new sign and possibly add speed limit sign also.

TIMBER - Coleman - Bids came in in April after the Board meeting. Del Wallis contacted members of the Board by phone and Tanner Logging was selected - to start October 1 and end October 15. Tanner did logging for us in 1997 and did a good job; few problems. Outline of Timber report by Craig A. Tolmie for General Meeting discussed. A summary will be given only.

RECREATION - Snell - Saturday at 6:00 p.m. start working on Spaghetti Feed. Cost \$5.00 for adults. This meal is on Saturday, May 25th. Fish Derby is June 13.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - Health Department was contacted about garbage left around one of the houses.

FINANCE - Bonner - Misprint in proposed budget in timber reserve fund -- there is \$125,281 not the \$43,917 shown on the budget sent out. This was a simple misprint. Bills for this month \$14,023.14 and also an insurance fee of roughly \$13,000 and Cedar Ridge Electric Company of roughly \$2700.00 Motion by Snell, second by Reed to pay all bills. Motion carried and so ordered.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - Calm year. Not many problems. Blades and chains have been sharpened. All equipment in good repair. International flat bed checked -- ready to move brush.

OLD BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS - Mike Caropresso before Board. Concerns about some aspects of job. Problem with his new status and pay due to his insurance. Motion by Reed, second by Morrison to increase Mike and Randy by \$75.00 a month each. This is \$75.00 a month for Mike's insurance and \$75.00 a month for Randy's IRA. Motion carried and so ordered. This is to take effect as soon as possible.

Snell was approached by people concerning abandoned vehicles. One vehicle was left on Odd Fellow's property.

Meeting closed at 11:53 a.m. The next meeting will be held June 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room.



Checks disbursed for April/May 1998

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
4/22	8715	Employment Development Dept.	Payroll taxes	461.77
4/30	8711	US Bank	Employee Retirement	50.00
5/1	8716	Jamar Co.	Insert at Caretaker's Cabin	2,862.71
5/6	8717	Twain Harte Lumbar	Sign at entrance	81.35
5/12	8718	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	777.58
5/12	8719	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	451.19
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5/12	8721	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	451.19
5/12	8722	J.S. West & Symons	Propane	187.34
5/12	8723	PG&E	Electricity	456.83
5/12	8724	Eric A Carlson, Accountant	Professional services	540.00
5/12	8725	Sonora Pumps	Pump, well six	4,059.30
5/12	8726	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	434.60
5/12	8727	Zaks	Shop supplies	25.20
5/12	8728	General Supply Company	Maintenance, buildings	23.78
5/12	8729	Angels Pest Control	Maintenance, buildings	100.00
5/12	8730	Mother Lode Portable Toilets		63.73
5/12	8731	AquaLab	Water testing & Annual Reports	175.00
5/12	8732	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Tire Service	330.72
5/12	8733	AT&T	Long Distance Telephone	5.98
5/12	8734	Pacific Bell	Local Telephone	57.73
5/12	8735	Village Mail Stop	Member communication	115.37
5/12	8736	Lawrence Hawn	Professional Services	90.50
5/12	8737	Joane Carmo	Chain and Straw	73.50
5/12	8738	S&K Automatic Gate	Service Call	75.00
5/12	8739	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	817.25
5/12	8740	US Bank	Employee IRA	100.00
5/12	8741	Richard L. Bonner	Stamps and envelopes	8.47
5/12	8742	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50
5/12	8743	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
5/12	8744	Fred Coleman	Mileage	56.50
5/12	8745	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
5/12	8746	Greg Brown	Mileage	67.50
5/12	8747	Cedar Ridge Electric	Wiring in Park Area	2,751.00
5/12	8748	Glenn S. Caldwell Insurance Svcs.	Insurance	11,994.00
5/12	8749	Michael W. Caropreso	Retroactive pay to cover insurance	189.47
			Total	28,832.41

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