

Putting One's Life In Perspective

Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling some five balls in the air. You name them work, family, health, friends and spirit, and you're keeping all of these in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls, family, health, friends and spirit - are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life. How?

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as they would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live ALL the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give it; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you are going.

Don't forget a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.

Don't be afraid to learn. Knowledge is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily.

Don't use time or words carelessly. Neither can be retrieved. Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

Yesterday is history, Tomorrow is a Mystery and Today is a gift, that's why we call it 'The Present.'

-- Bryan Dyson, CEO of Coca Cola
From a Commencement Address



Spring Cleanup

It is that time of year to clear you lots and rooftops of all pine needles, branches, and other fire hazards. We are required to clear 30 feet around our cabins. The California Department of Forestry will begin inspection of lots beginning June 1. They will fine those owners whose lots are not in compliance with these standards. Please do not burn your pine needles and branches on your own lot. They can be hauled to the burn area on the west side of the meadow where there is no danger of catching trees on fire. Also be aware that fire permits are required for any fire on your own lot. Again, for the safety of our forest and our beautiful park, we request that you not burn on your own lot.

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. There is a potluck held the fourth Saturday before the Lodge meeting, to which all are welcome.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 9, 1999

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

MINUTES - Motion by Coleman, second by Bonner, to approve the minutes of the February meeting as mailed with one correction; Greg Brown's absence was excused. Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Certificate of Insurance from Randy Gray logging.
Card from Inge and Jim Brown saying good-bye. They are leaving the park after seven years.
Worker's Compensation policy.
Letter from Ray and Norrine Coyle requesting the picnic area July 17, 1999.
Letter from Julie Hoyt requesting the Lodge on September 18, 1999 for a wedding reception.
Letter from Palma Kuykendall about her 1998 payment.
Letter from Craig Tolmie sending a copy of the letter from the State Department of Forestry allowing our timber operation to proceed beginning May 7, 1999.
Phone Call from Barbara Armstrong requesting to rent the picnic grounds July 4, 1999.
Letter from Harold Little concerning his 1999 assessment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison (absent) - Randy stated that water usage was 481,100 gallons in the last two months. We have received no response back from Bell Fencing. Randy to check on other fencing contractors. Randy and Mike might just buy the materials and do it themselves. This is for the five water tanks off David. We are rewiring well #5 to bring it up to code. Discussion about a generator for the water system. Could get one from Groveland water district, diesel, for about \$1800.00. Needs to be three-phase. This was brought up for information only. Need to check into this.

ROADS - Reed (absent) - Randy stated that there is a problem on Jordan Way East, just past the bridge. The road is not in good shape, cracking in several spots. Reed is to be contacted.

BUILDINGS - Hawke (absent) - No report.

TIMBER - Coleman - Timber cut has been approved by the state. The membership granted permission to do this cut in May 1997. Craig (our forester) had questions about his presentation for the May 1999 General Meeting.

Request from Randy Gray to winch logs from within the Equipment Exclusion Zone along Sugar Pine Creek up to the skid trails on weekends. Needs special authorization since he cannot work on weekends per our contract. This would involve the southwest end of the park on the south side of Sugar Pine Creek, up behind the Boy Scout Camp. Motion by Bonner, second by Brown to allow only this weekend work. Motion carried and so ordered.

RECREATION - Snell (absent) - Fish are being purchased for the Father's Day Fish Derby.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - Mike cut his leg with a chain saw. We need an accident review - how it could have been prevented and what we have done. Committee to talk to Randy and Mike.

Please be careful with BBQ and other fires - Summer is approaching.

Lots need to be cleaned by the end of May. CDF to inspect lots starting June 1.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - New chains on the chain saws. Snow plow wiper blade arm has a problem which will be repaired this summer for next snow season. Problem with the park truck. It is not running now. Possibly the fuel pump. If it is the computer board, then we will have to take it in and put it on a machine. Will tow it to Zaks to have it checked out.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills this month were 25,088.59. Motion by Hague, second by Brown to pay all bills. Motion carried and so ordered. Motion by Bonner, second by Hague to pay back the water fund \$5,700.00, for money taken out. Motion carried and so ordered. Thanks from Bonner to the Board for watching the budget the last couple of months.

CARETAKERS REPORT - Randy submitted a summary of all jobs completed and in progress this month.

OLD BUSINESS -

Property owners need to watch for dead and dying trees. May 30, is our General Meeting. If you cannot attend, send your proxy. Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. We will start signing people in at 8:00 a.m. We will start at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as we have a quorum after 9:00 a.m. We need a quorum for a meeting and we need you in attendance because of our future plans, which you need to be a part of.

NEW BUSINESS -

People wishing to rent the park and Hall:
Coyle - Saturday, July 17, 1999. Picnic area only
Armstrong - July 4, 1999, Picnic area only.
Hoyt - Use of the Hall on September 18, 1999 from mid afternoon until 9:30 p.m.
Motion by Coleman, second by Hague, to approve the above three requests. Motion carried and so ordered.

Meeting closed at 10:40 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on June 13, at 8:30 a.m.



Checks Disbursed for May 1999

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4/24	9107	Employment development Department	State Payroll Tax 455.70
5/9	9108	Mother Lode Toilets	Health and Safety 63.73
5/9	9109	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Delivery of Sand 144.00
5/9	9110	George Reed, Inc.	Sand 282.31
5/9	9111	Modesto Welding	Welding Supplies 44.44
5/9	9112	AquaLab	Water testing 75.00
5/9	9113	Village Mail & Print Stop	Newsletters & Proxy Statements 116.80
5/9	9114	W.H. Breshears	Diesel 260.44
5/9	9115	JS West & Symons	Propane 376.08
5/9	9116	Pacific Bell	Telephone 53.68
5/9	9117	AT&T	Telephone 13.40
5/9	9118	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 764.20
5/9	9119	Twain Harte Lumber	Shop Supplies 44.23
5/9	9120	PG&E	Electricity 339.59
5/9	9121	US Bank	Federal Payroll Tax 902.98
5/9	9122	Employment Development Dept.	State Payroll Tax 59.67
5/9	9123	Eric A. Carlson, Accountancy	Professional Services 75.00
5/9	9124	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 800.69
5/9	9125	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 497.66
5/9	9126	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 800.70
5/9	9127	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 497.67
5/9	9128	US Bank	Employee Retirement 175.00
5/9	9129	Caldwell Insurances Services	Annual Insurance Premium 11,994.00
5/9	9130	Fred Coleman	Mileage 56.50
5/9	9131	Deena Hague	Mileage 37.50
5/9	9132	Gregory Brown	Mileage 67.50
5/9	9133	Randall J. Tolbert	Petty Cash 100.60
5/9	9134	Twain Harte Saw and Mower	Safety Equipment 157.52
5/9	9135	U.S. Postmaster	Postage - Proxies 132.00
5/9	9136	World Savings	Reimbursement to Water Reserve fund 5,700.00
		Total	25,088.59