

Sierra Recreation Association

May 2002

PARK NOTES

As noted in the minutes, the Calif. Dept. Of Forestry (CDF) has closed our burn area for the rest of this year. Pine needles have to be hauled to the lumber mill at Standard, but June 4 is the last day they will take them. There will probably be a charge -- \$10 or \$11 or so -- per load.

Remember that the pine needles need to be raked at least 30 feet from your cabin, and cleared from the roof. The CDF will start inspecting in June, and the fines for not clearing your lot are going to be very high.

Same old problems, month after month: **DOGS** at the lake, **DOGS** running around without someone on the other end of a leash, **cigarette butts** dropped all over that can start a fire. (When a dog came and ate the food I put out for the foxes, I got very upset. Next time, instead of chasing the dog away, I'm going to catch it, tie it up, and call the Pound. If its on a Friday night, it may be tied up until Monday.)

If the dogs belong to people visiting you or renting your cabin, tell the people about keeping their dogs on leashes and away from the lake. Some dogs are very smart, but they don't seem to be able to read the signs at the lake. So you have to read them and make your dogs follow the rules.

And the fire that is started by a cigarette butt may be near you cabin.

The Board would be delighted to hear from anyone who has good, workable, ideas about how to stop these problems.

If you have a contractor that will need to get through the gate periodically, have the contractor get in touch with Richard Bonner who will assign a gate code to the contractor.

CALRENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Meeting	8:30 a.m., Sun., May 26, 2002
Fishing Derby	8:00 a.m., Sat., June 15, 2002
June Board Meeting	8:30 a.m., SUN., June 16, 2002
July Board Meeting	8:30 a.m., Sat., July 20, 2002
August Board Meeting	8:30 a.m., Sat., August, 17,2002

PARK MANAGER'S NUMBER
209-586-3098



SIERRA PARK LODGE #376

Regular monthly meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. The 2nd Saturday is a business meeting at 7:00 p.m. The 4th Saturday is a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting, May 18, 2002

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis.

Present were: President Del Wallis, Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Members Greg Brown, Deena Hague, Raul Morales and Ed Smith. Absent/excused were Treasurer Richard Bonner and Member Fred Coleman.

By motion (Hague/Smith, unan.) the minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Donations for the fishing derby from Bryan Hofmann, Ben Hunter, Deena Hague, Elsie Manning, and John & Misty Stevens; check from California Reforestation for \$4,000 for salvage logging in April and a reminder that timber yield taxes still have to be paid; security deposit and insurance certificate from Roger & Vicki Smith, checks & insurance certificate from Michael Rainwater, insurance certificate from Cliff & Janice Opland for use of the hail or picnic area; notice from the Dept. of Forestry that they plan to harvest timber on State property near Park property; grant deeds transferring property at 25218 Abraham from Alfred & Cara Ornellas to Lawrence & Patricia Cowles, and property at 22379 Moses from LSPI Exchange Corp. to Thomas Tritch. The President said that he had been contacted by Roger Townsend and Charles Varvayanis who are interested in running for the Board.

Members Before the Board: Roger Townsend attended and mentioned that his wife, Ruth, had made some items to be sold at the annual meeting to raise funds for the fishing derby.

Committee Reports:

Water - Morales: We used 533,500 gallons of water the past month. The water in the lake has been tested but results are not back yet.

Roads - Snell: We have received a verbal bid from George Reed for work on David, Deborah up to Sarah, and some other small areas. The job will be about \$63,000. We will have a firm bid by the 26th. Will Dorrell said the timber prices are good so we should have enough money for work. By motion (Smith/Morales, unan.) it was decided to put in another dip on West Jordan while the road work is being done.

Buildings - Smith: Carpet for the caretakers cabin will be installed in a few days. The drapes also need to be replaced. By motion (Hague/Morales, unan.) it was decided to allow up to \$200 to replace the drapes with vertical Venetian blinds. The cover for the tractor has been ordered.

Timber - Coleman: Will Dorrell has marked the trees. Logging will start in June. The Forestry Dept. will pay 75% of the thinning project up to \$10,000. It is not clear where the line is between the Park and the Freitas' properties. Since there are some trees in that area that should be logged, a survey needs to be done and the pin set. The cost of doing this work will be available in time for the annual meeting.

Health & Safety - Hague: Same report as last month: cigarette butts are a danger and will become more so, and dogs are not to be anywhere near the lake. Someone is driving what appears to be a golf cart around the Park. The President checked with the C.H.P., and the Officer said the drivers and the vehicle need to be licensed, and it has to have headlights, brake lights, backup lights, a windshield and windshield wipers.

Equipment - Brown: Nothing to report.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: Fish will be brought in on Tuesday before the fishing derby. Floats for the swimming area of the lake have been ordered and will be installed soon.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month were \$18,317.59. By motion (Smith/Hague, unan.) the bills were approved for payment. The bill for the Park's liability and buildings insurance went from \$11,710 to \$19,630, over a 70% increase. Total insurance for the Park, including Directors' liability, will be about \$26,000.

New Business: The following have expressed an interest in running for the Board: Greg Brown, Norrine Coyle, Robert Snell, incumbents; Neil Selman, Roger Townsend and Charles Varvayanis. Nominations may be made from the floor.

There is a problem at the Disabled Veterans cabin on David. They have been parking on Park property, including partially in the road, as well as on other people's property, and they have a very aggressive dog. The Park's attorney has written a letter which he is proposing to send to the property owners to let them know this is not acceptable. By motion (Hague/Morales, unan.) the attorney is to be instructed to send the letter.

A legal ad has to be published in the newspaper concerning the Soares property. After the publication time is over, we will go to court and ask the Judge to approve the Park's ownership of the property.

The California Dept. of Forestry has closed the Park's burn area for the rest of this year. Pine needles have to be hauled to Standard, and June 4 is the last day they will be accepted there.

By motion (Morales/Hague, unan.) a section was added to the Rules and Regulations about collection of assessments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Due to the fishing derby on Saturday, June 15, the next Board meeting will be on Sunday, June 16, 2002, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary



Checks Disbursed for May 2002

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
04/29/02	10298	USBank	Payroll taxes 112.00
04/29/02	10299	Employment Development	Payroll taxes 294.01
04/29/02	11300	Postmaster	Member communications 102.00
05/09/02*	11301	USBank	Timber expense 2044.00
05/09/02*	11302	Franchise Tax Board	Tax expense 985.00
05/09/02	11303	USBank	Payroll taxes 1275.42
05/09/02	11304	Employment Development	Payroll taxes 105.60
05/09/02	11305	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 987.26
05/09/02	11306	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 676.96
05/09/02	11307	Twain Harte Lumber	Shop, park, water 144.35
05/09/02	11308	Sonora Carpet Mart	Office equipment 1013.51
05/09/02	11309	Edward Smith	Fish Derby prizes 400.00
05/20/02	11310	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 987.26
05/20/02	11311	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 676.97
05/20/02	11312	Roger A. Brown	Professional services 35.99
05/20/02	11313	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 764.20
05/20/02	11314	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Maintain equipment 303.29
05/20/02	11315	PG&E	Utilities 70.88
05/20/02	11316	AT&T	Phone 24.60
05/20/02	11317	Pacific Bell	Phone 44.67
05/20/02	11318	DEBCO Automotive	Maintain equipment 101.70
05/20/02	11319	J.S. West	Propane 198.58
05/20/02	11320	Village Mail & Postage	Member communications 70.56
05/20/02	11321	Mother Lode Portables	Health & Safety 71.68
05/20/02	11322	PG&E	Utilities 528.82
05/20/02	11323	Richar Bonner	Mileage & envelopes 105.58
05/20/02	11324	USBank	Payroll deductions 175.00
05/20/02*	11325	California Reforestation	Timber fund 2495.00
05/20/02	11326	AquaLab	Water testing 78.00
05/20/02	11327	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting 380.00
05/20/02	11328	Jonnie Barger	Office equipment 490.00
05/20/02	11329	Ceres Pipe & Machine	Landed equipment 842.64
05/20/02	11330	Twain Harte Lumber	Landed equipment 916.51
05/20/02	11331	Norraine Coyle	Mileage 52.56
05/20/02	11332	Robert Snell	Mileage 54.75
05/20/02	11333	Deena Hague	Mileage 54.75
05/20/02	11334	Gregory Brown	Mileage 98.55
05/20/02	11335	Randy Tolbert	Mileage 84.18
05/20/02	11336	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Maintain Roads 153.00
05/20/02	11337	Jamar Company	Health & Safety 317.73
05/20/02	11338	Glenn S. Caldwell	Insurance 21155.32

Total Monthly Expenses \$ 39,472.91

*** Timber Reimbursement \$4,421.00

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