

Sierra Recreation Association

May 2003

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fishing Derby - June 14, 2003

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Calendar of Meetings

BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m. Sun. June 22, 2003

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.**Potluck on 3rd Wednesday - 6/18**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 17, 2003

Attendance:

President: Del Wallis	Present	Vice Pres. Robert Snell	Present
Secretary: Deena Hague	Present	Treasurer: Richard Bonner	Present
Ed Smith	Present	Fred Coleman	Excused
Neil Selman	Present	Norrine Coyle	Excused

Greg Brown Present

May meeting called to order by Del Wallis at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation by Richard Bonner

Minutes of the April meeting were approved with the correction of the spelling of Gloria Escallier's name. Motion by Snell/Hague, carried unanimously.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD: Mike Van Gundy and Doris Selman to observe.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Grant deed: Lillian J. Duckworth to Rolando Possentini
2. Arcadia Ins. Closing files on Workman's comp insurance. Expiration date of 6/8/03.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER- Selman: Months water usage was 1.2 million gallons. Total cost of Condor study was \$6,322.45. The Department of Health svcs report was completed. Simunaci construction & engineering co. to adjust alignment of pipe flow at low point in park near West Jordan & Deborah.

TIMBER- Randy: Marker crews will be in as soon as possible. Fred walked the harvest area with the forester.

ROADS- Snell: Plans for this year is to "broom & oil" previously paved areas. (Wheeler, Ruth, East & West Jordan, Rebekah, David, Moses, Beersheba, Miriam & Esther) Install pavement-reinforcing material on Esther from last year's patch to Deborah and on Sarah Cir. Pave Sarah Cir, Abraham, Old Jordan & Jessie. Total bid price of \$54,270.

Motion by Snell/Smith (unan.) to accept paving bid from George Reed.

EQUIPMENT: Randy. Repaired window in Park truck. Sharpened blades on mower. All equipment in good condition.

RANDY'S Report: Camera & monitor replaced in gatehouse. Alderson Fence due in to set posts for Corp yard.

Ordered base rock for Corp yard & Helmer property. Blocked off walk bridge to lake on West Jordan side. Tried to repair 4" main but failed due to high pressure. We need engineer to resolve problem. Burned slash and needles as long as possible then had to close burn area as required by CDF and Air quality board.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Deena: Continuing problems with dogs. Follow County Leash Law and keep your animals away from the lake. A medium sized black & white dog has been aggressive toward people out walking in the area of West Jordan. We have a beautiful meadow of green grasses now but the hot summer will turn it brown and dry. Please be careful with all fires in the park, including BBQs.

Follow fire safety precautions. CDF has closed the burn area and you will need to take the needles to Cal Sierra (209-533-0445) or make other arrangements for hauling and burning. The board will keep you aware of the best and least expensive method of disposing of the needles and small limbs as they get information.

RECREATION- Snell; The fish for the derby have been ordered and will be delivered during the week of the derby. **No one is to fish in the lake after they are delivered until Saturday for the Derby.** Motion by Hague/Smith (unan) to approve purchase of the fish up to \$1200. The price has gone up due to delivery costs. The beach and playground have new sand and the swing set was reset. Received a donation of \$100 from Danny Vierra. Motion by Selman/Brown (unan.) to spend up to \$450 dollars for prizes.

FINANCE- Bonner; Bills for the month totaled \$37,250.87 motion by Snell /Smith (unan) to pay the bills. An additional cost of \$1,096.91 for Condor was paid from the Water reserve fund. The reason for the high bills for the month was the insurance expense of \$23,888.06. The final amount received from the sale of the 5 acres was \$1,000 down payment, escrow close check of \$297,622.59 and assessment of \$52.79. Funds have been placed in saving and long term accounts. It was divided so that tax money was available for capital gains when it is needed.

BUILDINGS – Smith; The hall was left clean after the rental for a wedding rehearsal dinner. Recommendation for a dip or curb at bottom of driveway at Lodge to divert run-off and protect the east side of the hall from water damage. In the Corp yard stumps have been ground and posts set for fencing. The subject of RV storage was discussed but there will not be enough room and the security would be a problem. The walk bridge that is closed off is to be removed. We will have Twain Harte Lumber deliver roofing material purchased for buildings that were burned. It can not be returned for a refund but can be used on other buildings in the park.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS – Rebekah Lodge requested use of the Hall on the 3rd Wednesdays for meetings. It was approved, as they are part of Odd Fellows. Jess Brown request approval to construct an engineered retaining wall. Motion by Selman/Smith (unan.) to approve the request providing it meets specifications. He is to contact Park Manager.

Randy submitted his verbal resignation effective 6/15/03. He may be available after the 15th, but it is based on his needs & business. Motion to accept with regrets by Smith/Bonner (unan.) He will be missed. Del will provide a letter of recommendation. Del appointed a committee to advertise and interview for the position and bring recommendations to the Board. Chairman will be Selman and members Snell, Coyle, Smith and Coleman.

Mike Rainwater notified the Board of his interest in being a candidate for the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. to re-open in executive session.

Meeting re-opened at 10:05 a.m.

Del requested a meeting of board Directors at 4:00p.m on Sat. May 24, 2003 to review and organize agenda items for the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Next meeting will be - Sunday June 22, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deena Hague, Secretary.

“Summer season” is here, unofficially, but we do have more families in the Park now and the number will increase as soon as school is out. *Please follow the speed limits.* Parents stay aware of where your children are playing and riding bicycles. It is easy for the kids to think there is no traffic in the Park, but they must watch before crossing streets or riding in the middle of the road just as they should at home.

The Four Stages of Life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

CHECKS DISBURSED MAY 2003

DATE	NUMBER	NAME	MEMO/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
4/28/03	10728	Postmaster	Member communications	148.00
4/28/03	10729	USBank - taxes	Payroll taxes	112.00
4/28/03	10730	Employment Develop	taxes/ payroll	308.00
5/13/03	10731	USBank - taxes	Payroll taxes	1,380.57
5/13/03	10732	Employment Develop	taxes/ payroll	114.41
5/13/03	10733	Randall J Tolbert	Payroll 5-15-03	1,054.12
5/13/03	10734	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 5-15-03	649.38
5/17/03	10735	Randall J Tolbert	Payroll 5-31-03	1,054.12
5/17/03	10736	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 5-31-03	649.37
5/17/03	10737	Eric A Carlson	Accounting	385.00
5/17/03	10738	Duane St. Clair	Gen'l Park Mntce sand	306.00
5/17/03	10739	George Reed, Inc	Gen'l Park Mntce sand	408.41
5/17/03	10740	Cal Sierra Disposal	garbage	764.20
5/17/03	10741	PG&E	utilities/ Caropresso cabin	60.29
5/17/03	10742	Village Mail & Printing	Member communications	83.79
5/17/03	10743	Angels Pest Control	Bldg. Mntce	120.00
5/17/03	10744	Roger A. Brown	Professional svcs	1,162.20
5/17/03	10745	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Equip. mntce	137.40
5/17/03	10746	Twain Harte Lumber	Water mntce	17.69
5/17/03	10747	Aqualab	Water testing	112.00
5/17/03	10748	Mountain Alarm	Gate expense	884.22
5/17/03	10749	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	74.34
5/17/03	10750	SBC	Telephone	54.57
May-03	10751	J.S. West Propane	Propane	87.14
5/17/03	10752	PG&E	utilities	852.93
5/17/03	10753	Dave Alley Tree Svc	Fire loss exp	480.00
5/17/03	10754	Sonora Insurance	Insurance Bond	255.15
5/17/03	10755 *	Condor Earth	water study	1,096.91
5/17/03	10756	Postmaster	Member comm. Stamps	111.00
5/17/03	10757	USBank -	Payroll deduction retirement	175.00
5/17/03	10758	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction retirement	100.00
5/17/03	10759	Richard Bonner	auto mileage	53.65
5/17/03	10760	M.W. Caropresso	Empl. Benefits/ medical	299.81
5/17/03	10761	Glenn S. Caldwell	Insurance	23,888.06
5/17/03	10762	R. Tolbert	Empl. Benefits/ med. Ins.	250.00
5/17/03	10763	Robert Snell	auto mileage	54.75
5/17/03	10764	Greg Brown	auto mileage	98.55
5/17/03	10765	Deena Hague	auto mileage	54.75
5/17/03	10766	Edward Smith	Fishing Derby	450.00
			TOTAL	\$ 37,250.87
		*	From water reserve fund	

**Annual Meeting Minutes
enclosed.**

**Road Work to begin
June 16th.**

Some Roads will be closed 4-6 hours

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2003 Annual Meeting

MAY 25, 2003 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT, DEL WALLIS at 9:05 a.m. when advised of a quorum by attendance greeters, Glenda Bonner and Clare Smith. 91 homeowners were counted and of these 71 were IOOF members in good standing. The count of 71 included the proxies sent in prior to the meeting.

All Board Members were in attendance except Norrine Coyle. She was excused due to family health problems. Tom Clark led salute to the Flag. Richard Bonner led prayer.

Motion by Elsie Manning/Doris Kilgore-Williams to accept the minutes of previous Annual meeting as mailed, approved unanimously.

No Correspondence

Announcements: Del requested that comments be kept short and allow all who wish to participate to do so and will return to anyone who had addition input on subjects.

Announced that Randy Tolbert had tendered his resignation as he is moving to Oregon about June 15th. His resignation was accepted with regrets and appreciation for his work. Neil Selman is in charge of a committee to find a replacement for his position. A want ad was put in the Union Democrat for 3 days beginning May 20th.

Board Members introduced themselves and then each gave an overview of the year.

WATER: Neil Selman reviewed the Condor report for extending the water lines to the holding tanks. The estimated cost is 120 – 150 thousand dollars. The report leaves some questions as to how well its implementation will resolve long term needs. We need to consider 6-inch lines vs. 4-inch pipes. As our water is in good condition now more information will be developed and the Board will make recommendations when all aspects are considered. The \$25/per year assessment for this study is ended at this time.

He discussed the limited number of water leaks and advised one area of leakage will be repaired soon by a licensed engineer/contractor as it is beyond Mike and Randy's abilities. The leak is blocked off and is not causing any problems.

Failure to properly winterize cabins is an on-going problem. Leaving water running in cabins is a big water waster and in 1 case a break in a cabin's pipes allowed water to percolate down and run into the meadow. Due to stormy weather this leak was not discovered right away.

Question was asked as to the cost of providing water in the Park. Considering salaries, electricity, water testing and maintenance projects on the waterlines, the cost per lot is approximately \$8.00 per month. This is well below any other water companies rates.

EQUIPMENT: Greg Brown announced our equipment is in good shape. No significant repairs are anticipated, just regular maintenance.

ROADS: Robert Snell advised that George Reed would begin working July 16th. The bid amount for work this year is \$57,760. If anyone wants George Reed to do work on his or her lot the person to contact is Kelvin Yee Ph. 989-5202. The repairs that will be done will increase longevity and most deterioration. Work areas are 3 separate sections of Deborah, Old Jordan and extension off of Deborah and lower Abraham will have straight asphalt overlays without petro. Other roads will be sealed with oil. **On July 16th the work should be a 4 – 6 hour process and the gate will be closed.** G. Reed is working to keep costs down, as we are flexible for delivery of the materials.

Buildings: Ed Smith reviewed items as reported in regular Board minutes. Primarily, insurance settlement and repair from the Corp yard fire, the bat problem in the Hall resolved and new dual pane windows placed in the south side of the hall. Fencing with 2 gates will be constructed soon around the Corp yard area for security. He also thanked the volunteers who have been working to keep the hall clean. Fred and Ann Coleman replanted the flowerbeds with some assistance from Doris Selman and Gloria Harvey. The IOOF Lodge will pay the expense for the plants and new soil.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Deena Hague thanked Ann Coleman for the wonderful job she has done to keep the park clean of trash. She showed a large plastic bag filled with cigarette butts that were gathered over the last 9 months. Ann picked them up from the bar ditches and roadsides. This is an **extreme fire hazard. Please ask family, friends, guests and workers to dispose of trash and cigarettes properly.** Reminders for Safety factors are reported in monthly Board meeting and must be given constant consideration. Follow the leash law, ID your house with reflective house numbers near the roadway, do not leave garbage or household items outside the dumpster.

In case of emergency evacuation, the CDF will advise us where to go and will see that any gates are open. Review the map by the caretaker's cabin for the different routes that might be used for evacuation. Review the fire safety brochure that was sent with the last newsletter. The EPA and the CDF closed the Burn area early because of smoke. The Board and park manager will be working for permits for fall and next spring.

RECREATION: Bob Snell reported for Norrinne. The Holiday dinners were successful and all volunteers were thanked for their help. The Fishing Derby is planned for the 14th of June. Fish have been ordered (approx. 300) and the cost is up because of delivery costs. The Lake has been cleaned of tulies and new sand spread at the beach and the playground.

Question- What happens to fish when the lake is drained? **Ans.** By the time the lake is drained most of the fish have been caught but any surviving fish go down stream with the water. **Request-** Consider building more shade at the lake. This will be taken into consideration with the budget. **Question-** Why did the proposed budget for recreation go so high this year? **Ans.** The recreation costs have gone over budget for a couple of years. The proposed budget is in line with the costs and actual expenses of the last few years. One item that increased was the sand and the delivery costs to keep the beach and playground clean and safe. The cost for fish for the derby is also increasing and with donations that cost is somewhat covered.

TIMBER: Fred Coleman reviewed last year's timber harvest. We had a total income of \$103,358 and a profit of \$92,951 before taxes from the harvest. (Regular planned plus PG&E cutting) We are taking less board feet of timber out than is growing in our forest. A total of 1,730 trees were planted on approximately five acres in three separate group openings. Doug fir & sugar pine are mixed in the areas along with a few redwoods. One area was replanted with sugar pine only, since that is what was there originally. This year we will cut fewer trees because the price of sugar pine is down and it would be more profitable to let them grow and sell them at a future time for a better price. Some will be cut for thinning and if diseased. We will cut mainly cedar and fir and also leave the oaks. The area to be logged will be in an island that they did not take in compartment five and in compartment six on both sides of the road going out of the park along Sugar Pine Creek. The total volume should be about 150 MBF.

He had the Environmentalist come in and evaluate our timber planning. They were very impressed with the work we are doing and the condition of our forest. They recommended thinning more for fire protection through the pre-commercial thinning and biomass operations. They also recommended (as does our forester) to cut back the thick young trees around the meadow's edge to avoid filling in the meadow over time.

FINANCIAL: Richard Bonner reviewed the new budget and explained the primary expenses that caused the increases. Those items were wages and insurance benefits and the cost of insurance for the Park. There were extra professional expenses for the sale of properties and litigation on Jordan Way and with the Boy Scouts. The cost of yearly assessments will increase from \$475 to \$500/per lot. Motion by L. Cowles/B. Hintz (unan.) to accept the new budget and assessments.

Del recommended that since he is retiring as president that a full audit of the books should be made. The expense would be about \$5000 per Eric Olsen CPA but since it has not been done for about 6 years, it should be completed at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: The sale of 2 properties netted approximately \$332,000 and have been placed in bank accounts. One being available to pay the capital gains on the sales. These sales also put two more assessments on the income roll.

Del advised the conflict with the Boy Scout Camp over Park roads have developed into litigation. The suit is a complaint over access & easement. Any questions you have will need to be in writing and will be answered in writing after review by the attorney.

NEW BUSINESS: Charles & Patty Varvayanis are looking to rent a home in the Park as they will be tearing theirs down to build a new home.

ELECTION of Board members: Members running as previously announced, Ed Smith and Roger Townsend.

Recent notification of candidates, Sean Kasper & Mike Rainwater. Nominated from the floor, Chuck Aston.

Each candidate introduced himself and gave qualifications and reason for running.

Election results were as follows: Smith 80 votes Sean Kasper 65 votes Roger Townsend 25 votes

These 3 will serve a three-year term. Chuck Aston with 21 votes will be the first alternate for appointment if someone leaves the board. Mike Rainwater received 17 votes.

Elsie Manning commended Del for his work as President for the past 6 years. Also, Randy for a job well-done and best wishes for his family in their new endeavors.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deena Hague secretary