



SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Directors

President	Jesse Worsham
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Fred Coleman
Treasurer	Shaun Velayas
Buildings	Mike Ford
Equipment	Alan Orth
Gate	Jesse Worsham
Recreation	TBD
Roads	Steve Wallace
Safety	Paul Emery
Timber	Board Committee
Water	Charles Varvayanis
Member	Friedhelm Peter

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010
The meeting will convene at 9:00A.M. Registration will open at 8:00 A.M.

We hope to see all of you at the meeting this year. Your input will be appreciated on all matters of concern to each of you. Please refer to the minutes of the May 15th meeting which are included in this newsletter for areas that may be of interest to you.



PINE NEEDLE REMOVAL

The dump area in the Park for pine needle disposal will be open until June 15th. Thank you to the many of you who have already been busy cleaning up your property. Along with the maintenance being done by Mark Higgins, the Park is looking well cared for.

REBEKAH'S CORNER

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge #200 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Boardroom. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. **We will be having our Annual Bake Sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 30th**



FISHING DERBY

IT'S ALMOST HERE! THE ANNUAL FISHING DERBY WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH
Chairman Mike Ford still needs lots of volunteers for the various jobs at the Derby. Please contact Mike via the Park e-mail or at the park mailing address as soon as possible. Donations are still needed for prizes for the kids and for the adult drawing too. Please send your donations to Mike at the Park address or see him at the annual meeting on May 30th.

As in the past few years there will be early sign-ups on Friday, June 18th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on the porch at the Lodge

All kids from age 1 to 15 are eligible to participate. The more, the merrier! The lake will be well stocked, so everyone should be able to catch fish!

OFFICIAL WEB SITE

The official web site is being worked on by Shaun Velayas. He is in need of a volunteer(s) to help with this project. If you have an interest in this, please contact Shaun via the Park e-mail or the Park phone number, or see him at the annual meeting on May 30th. You do not need to be an expert computer person. What is needed is relatively easy and Shaun will help you.

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 30TH
9:00 A.M.
SIGN IN AT 8:00 A.M.

FISHING DERBY
SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

BAKE SALE

Don't forget the annual Bake Sale by Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200 at the Annual Meeting.

**INTERIM MINUTES - ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION
ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 15, 2010**

Meeting opened at 8:42 AM by President Worsham.

Invocation was given by Paul Emery.

ROLL CALL:

Jesse Worsham	President	Present
Fred Coleman	Secretary	Present
Shaun Velayas	Treasurer	Present
Charles Varvayanis	Gate & Water	Present
Alan Orth	Equipment	Resigned
Paul Emery	Health & Safety	Present
Mike Ford	Buildings	Present
Steve Wallace	Roads	Present
Friedhelm Peter	Member	Excused

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Larry Vaughn, Linda Clark, Karin Schultz, Brian Parker, Matt Anderson, Nancy Hawke. Brian Parker and Matt Anderson expressed a concern about a road that goes behind their property. The road comes from Jordan Way West and runs behind the Canales property and then behind their property. They said that Canales tries to control this road and sometimes blocks it refusing to allow them access to their property. Since this road is on Park property, they think they should have full use of this road. This problem has been turned over to the Park attorney. Linda Clark said that the newsletter needs to be mailed before the Annual Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2010 MEETING:

Motion by Varvayanis and second by Velayas to approve the minutes as presented. Carried and so ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Joe Nelson sent a letter thanking the Board for its action at the last meeting concerning our former caretaker.

Larry and Louanne Vaughn sent a letter agreeing with the Board's decision to replace our caretaker.

Joe Schultz sent a letter agreeing with the Board's decision to replace Gordy.

Karen Schultz sent a letter approving of the decision to terminate Gordy.

Steve Ralph communicated his concerns about the job Gordy was doing as caretaker.

Ron Spencer sent a letter expressing his concerns about Gordy as caretaker.

Tim Holden of Sierra Nevada Communications sent a letter expressing his concerns about working in the Park.

Gloria Harvey sent a letter expressing her concerns about the wood bidding process.

Roger Townshend communicated his concerns about the action the Board took concerning wood cutting.

Mike Perry communicated his unhappiness with the new wood cutting rule.

An anonymous letter expressed concern about the Park.

NOTE – THE RECORDER WAS TURNED ON AT 9:26 AM.

WATER – VARVAYANIS:

Well houses 2, 5 and 6 need immediate maintenance.

The 2009 Consumer Confidence Report must be ready for distribution in June or July at the latest. It is generated by Aqua Lab, our water tester, and certified by Gary, our operator.

The Emergency Response form for the California Health Department needs to be filled out.

There is a water leak by the creek near Camp Cedarbrook. Wallace to take care of the leak.

ROADS – WALLACE:

Calvin from George Reed was in and surveyed our roads and should have a proposal by Wednesday.

BUILDINGS – FORD:

Nothing to report.

TIMBER BOD:

A dangerous tree was noted behind private property on Sarah Circle. Wallace and Coleman to look at the tree and if it is on Park property, Ace Tree will be called in to take it down. There is also a problem with snags throughout the Park due to the storms this past winter. Many of these are on private property but should be taken down for safety reasons.

RECREATION:

Fishing derby – it is on June 19. Ford reported that as a result of losing Orth as a board member we lost our biggest contributor to the Fish Derby. He requested that the Board give \$400 for Fish Derby. Matt Anderson and Family donated \$100 for the fish derby. The lake is ready due to the work of several volunteers. It was reported at the April meeting that the buoys were ready to be installed. However, this was in error due to the number of crushed buoys that needed to be replaced. This has now been completed and the buoys are in place at the lake. Another set of buoys will be added from the dock to the pole where the buoys are attached. This is necessary to mark the deep water resulting from the dredging operation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY – EMERY:

A second outhouse will be put in place. The fire extinguishers need to be serviced as soon as possible.

DOG OWNERS – We live in the mountains but it is a residential area. Please carry bags and clean up after your dog. It is pretty nasty to leave your dog's mess for other to see or step in. The mess is your responsibility so please clean it up and help keep our home in the mountains clean and beautiful.

EQUIPMENT

Varvayanis reported that the grass needs to be mowed and our equipment no longer works. We either need to rent the equipment for the job or hire someone to come in and mow. Wallace noted the old tractor has a water leak, possibly behind the water pump. Emery said that there is a used tractor at Kolpacks we should take a look at. We should check with Orth to determine what he has available. Our auto insurance has been canceled. Coleman talked to Caldwell and before the insurance expires, he will have something in place for us. Mark Higgins and Larry Vaughn checked the snow plow out

and it needs lots of work, repair and maintenance. For example, it needed two gallons of motor oil. The damage to the Toyota also needs to be repaired.

FINANCE:

Motion by Varvayanis second Wallace to pay the bills of \$5632.29. Carried and so ordered.

Velayas reported that our accounts at Wells Fargo have been taken care of . Every six months a CD is maturing. The highest rate was 1.3%. Velayas will contact Conrad, our representative at Wells Fargo, and point out that he does not have the right to share our financial information with anyone but the names on the account. Members have a right to look at certain things but they must follow the procedure in the By-Laws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Caretaker:
Mark Higgins had been hired on a temporary basis. Varvayanis expressed the opinion that he far exceeded our expectations. Motion by Coleman second by Varvayanis that Mark be hired as the full time caretaker for the Park. Discussion about the motion. A letter from Friedhelm Peter supporting the hiring of Mark. was read. Carried and so ordered. He will be brought in to discuss salary and benefits.
2. Dog Park:
Motion by Coleman second by Wallace for the Board to make a one time only donation of \$100 to the dog park. Carried and so ordered.
Coleman questioned the use of Park equipment for the dog park since it was to depend entirely on volunteer labor and the Park was to stay out of it. The backhoe was used to move dirt to fill a space under the large gate.
The dog park will cost an additional \$75 a year to insure. The insurance Company wants it kept clean of dog feces. Bags and a disposal site must be provided. We also need signs explaining the rules for using the dog park.
The dog park will be brought up at the Annual Meeting to determine if the membership is willing to pay the insurance cost of \$75.
3. Mileage:
Paying mileage is a better way than paying for fuel used by a board member. Motion by Coleman second Wallace to pay mileage at the rate paid by the Federal Government. Carried and so ordered.
4. Accounting for the grader and the caretaker cabin:
Velayas does not have this yet.
5. Evacuation Plan:
Ford, Varvayanis and Coleman understood that Barry Rudolph said that officials would lead us out rather than having us go out on our own if there is a need to evacuate the Park. Nancy Hawke and Emery disagreed and did not hear it that way. Barry Rudolph to be contacted by Wallace and this disagreement settled. If we will be led out, there is no need to have combination locks on our gates which compromise our security or the signs designating the routes to take.
The meeting on May 1 was misleading. It was called as a meeting to discuss the evacuation plan and it was almost entirely on defensible space and fire safety. A number of people in the audience voiced this concern to board members. Board members tended to agree with this assessment.
6. Minutes:
Someone is needed to take the minutes at the annual meeting. Ford suggested hiring a student from Columbia College. Agreed that we would pay \$200 for someone to take and produce a final copy of the minutes. Coleman to check on this.
7. Fish Derby:

Motion by Coleman second Velayas to give \$400 to the Fish Derby. Carried and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Law Suit:
The Park is being sued by Joe Ventimiglia for damage due to items appearing in our newsletter and a motion to not hire him for Park work. It is in the hands of our insurance company. An attorney in Sacramento is handling the case for us.
2. Sierra Nevada Communications:
They have made a construction request but we need a copy of the franchise agreement or negotiate one with them. This is necessary to protect the Park. Emery and Varvayanis to take care of this.
3. Depreciation Schedule:
Varvayanis said that there are things that need to be removed from this schedule. Our accountant will be contacted about this.
4. Preparation for the Annual Meeting:
Ballots and an agenda need to be produced.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Proxy response to be brought up at the Annual Meeting.
2. When the caretaker cabin is vacant Mark's wife will be offered the job of cleaning it at the hourly rate of \$15 an hour and must have it done five days after Gordy vacates.
3. Ford wants to be able to make a power point presentation at the Annual Meeting.
4. Ford said that the plow tore up his drive and Wallace said that the Park does not pay for this type of repair due to the construction.
5. The Board appreciates any help homeowners provide in cleaning the ditches in front of their homes. This should only be done in conjunction with the Park cleaning of the ditches. If you want to clean your ditches during this time, contact Mark and he will pick up your ditch piles along with the rest of the debris in your area. This is not a pick up for needles and slash from your lot. If you decide that your ditch needs to be cleaned up after Mark has finished in your area, then it is your responsibility to haul the debris away. Please, do not leave piles along the road – they will not be picked up. As the anonymous letter writer pointed out, we live in the mountains not the city. As a result, we do not have debris pick up ever two or three weeks. We appreciate your help and understanding in this matter.

Board adjourned to executive session at 11:37 AM

Meeting opened at 11:42

President Worsham resigned because he thought that a group had worked to get rid of Al Orth. Because of this, President Worsham no longer wanted to serve on the Board and also resigned. Coleman and Wallace asked that their names be removed from the ballot for the same reason.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Coleman
Secretary

3:03 PM
05/19/10
Accrual Basis

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
Account QuickReport
As of May 19, 2010

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount	Balance
						10,665.50
Check	04/26/2010	1390	Scarborough, Gary A.	794 · Water Testing & Fees	-106.45	10,559.05
Liability Check	04/27/2010	1391	EDD	payroll taxes	-520.80	10,038.25
Check	04/29/2010	1392	Paul Emery	516 · Dog Park	-260.00	9,778.25
Liability Check	05/03/2010	1393	EDD	payroll taxes	-210.01	9,568.24
Liability Check	05/03/2010	1394	Oak Valley Bank	payroll taxes	-1,204.56	8,363.68
Check	05/18/2010	1395	Angels Pest Control	772 · Maintain Buildings	-130.00	8,233.68
Check	05/18/2010	1396	AT&T	telephone	-85.98	8,147.70
Check	05/18/2010	1397	Carlson, Haff & Associates	756 · Accounting Services	-701.00	7,446.70
Check	05/18/2010	1398	Linda Clark	758 · Member Communications	-67.92	7,378.78
Check	05/18/2010	1399	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	786 · Taxes and Licenses	-192.00	7,186.78
Check	05/18/2010	1400	El Dorado Septic Service, Inc.	740 · Health & Safety	-45.00	7,141.78
Check	05/18/2010	1401	Paul Emery	516 · Dog Park	-100.00	7,041.78
Check	05/18/2010	1402	Ford, Mike	731 · Fish Derby	-400.00	6,641.78
Check	05/18/2010	1403	J. S. West	792 · Utilities	-351.92	6,289.86
Check	05/18/2010	1404	Modesto Welding Products	773 · Maintain Equipment	-30.49	6,259.37
Check	05/18/2010	1405	PG&E	792 · Utilities	-573.89	5,685.48
Check	05/18/2010	1406	Roger A. Brown	755 · Professional Services	-208.00	5,477.48
Check	05/18/2010	1407	Scarborough, Gary	794 · Water Testing & Fees	-525.00	4,952.48
Check	05/18/2010	1408	Secretary of State	786 · Taxes and Licenses	-20.00	4,932.48
Check	05/18/2010	1409	Secretary of State	786 · Taxes and Licenses	-25.00	4,907.48
Check	05/18/2010	1410	Sierra Instant Printing	758 · Member Communications	-282.48	4,625.00
Check	05/18/2010	1411	Sonora Regional Medical Center	728 · Employee Benefits	-113.00	4,512.00
Check	05/18/2010	1412	Sonora Rentals & Sales	780 · General Park Maintenance	-45.00	4,467.00
Check	05/18/2010	1413	Tweedy Tire Service, Inc.	773 · Maintain Equipment	-61.89	4,405.11
Check	05/18/2010	1414	Postmaster	758 · Member Communications	-100.00	4,305.11
Check	05/18/2010	1415	Union Democrat	702 · Advertising	-180.40	4,124.71
Check	05/18/2010	1416	Charles P. Varvayanis	766 · Office Supplies	-102.91	4,021.80
Check	05/18/2010	1417	Wallace, Steve	buoys, caretaker cottage	-620.91	3,400.89
Check	05/18/2010	1418	Waste Management of Cal Sierra Corp.	736 · Garbage	-1,076.94	2,323.95
Check	05/18/2010	1419	Zaks	773 · Maintain Equipment	-51.86	2,272.09
Check	05/18/2010	1420	Fred Coleman	766 · Office Supplies	-163.11	2,108.98
Paycheck	05/19/2010	1421	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	payroll	-1,136.53	972.45
Check	05/19/2010	1080	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assn.	133 · Oak Valley Community Bank M.M.	9,000.00	9,972.45
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