

ODDFELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES, JUNE 1, 1975

President Bell called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM, all members present.

CARETAKERS REPORT: Cleaned pine needles; repaired plumbing in the campground restrooms; started putting dirt for parking pads on Jordan; repaired plumbing on the water system. Pine needles to be covered, not burned.

Minutes of the May 4, 1975 meeting were read and approved as read.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD: Elwyn Wallis asked about cost of the sand for the beach. Ray Hawkes asked about firewood. He wanted to know about taking wood out of the park. He was told no. No park wood will be allowed to be taken out of the park. Mr. Allenwood said he hopes more people will attend the board meeting to see how the board operates.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Signed by the Johnsons, Blevins, Ricks, Westlakes, Bradleys and the Hagers. Request the board to gravel the road to the scout camp to help the dust conditions by their cabins. Bell advised two trees have to be removed and that graveling may be possible in 45 days. The county will do the job this year as soon as the trees are out. Discussion was held. Motioned by Cole - the road be rocked if the county will not act in 30 to 45 days. Seconded by Stephenson. Further discussion was held. Mrs. Moody said Alden Moody would run the water truck to help with the dust problem. The above motion carried.

2) International Harvester check for \$500.00 - the rebate on our leader purchase.

3) Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. data on water tank construction. They requested an outline drawing so that their company can bid on the construction of the proposed water tank.

4) Addressed to Hessler from Raymond De Lucca. Said his lot is for sale, Lot 54, Blk. 14. Call 209-634-0156.

5) Mrs. Archie Bal, postmarked May 19, 1975, wants to be placed on lot waiting list. No address or telephone number was on the communication. Board advises that the lot waiting list is for association owned lots only.

6) Arlis Butler, Modesto, postmarked May 21, 1975 wants to be placed on waiting list also.

7) Mrs. Ida Golding, request dirt and gravel be placed in front of her property where the park has raised the road grade 18 inches above the former grade. Park's responsibility. She said it's almost impossible to back out with her car because of our construction. She offered to pay for the gravel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Roads: Bert Johnson: Abraham construction is about to get underway. Harold Clements to do the work. Bell advised of 108 stumps that have to be removed. The project has been divided into three parts.

1) Road to be filled and compacted - bid \$1250.00 this will go the Y in the road.

2) To remove stumps and grade - bid \$1050.00.

3) From the Y in the road to Jordan - \$2900.00.

The contractor guarantees not to exceed \$5000.00 for the total projects. If the stump removal takes less than estimated, the park will receive credit. A discussion was held. Bert Johnson moved projects 1, 2 and 3 be awarded to the contractor. Seconded by Ed Cole. Motion carried. The park will do the project of road construction above the turn around to the proposed watertank sight.

Water: Bell: He said that digging for the water line installation and installing pump is estimated at \$3500.00. This project will connect the entire water system together. Del Wallis asked about getting another bid for the back hoe work. Bell said the work is based on an hourly rate for work and not bid by the job. Cole advised Harold Clements is the best man proven by past experience and that he has dealt with the park fairly in the past. Motioned by Cole - Clement be hired to dig the water lines. Seconded by Stephenson. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont.)

Equipment: Ed Cole: No bids were received on the CB radio units the park has for sale. He is looking for a low bid on the scarifier unit for the new loader. Cole advised the city of Dos Palos has a Caterpillar-type tractor for sale, no minimum bid. Bert Johnson gave a run down on it. Hessler asked what the anticipated need for such a machine is. Johnson advised it could be used for fire protection and road building plus stump removal, burying slash, etc.. Discussion was held. Several guests spoke in favor of the crawler. Hessler asked the board to be poled. Stephenson, yes, suggested possible bid of \$3750.00. Dean, yes, as long as we can afford it. Cole, yes; Harmner, yes; Hessler, yes; Johnson, yes; Del Wallis, yes; Cecil Walton, yes and Bell, yes. Stephenson suggested \$3755.00 bid be submitted for one 18A International Crawler and a 12 ft. Erie blade.

The meeting reverted back to water. Discussion was held on where the proposed water tank should be placed. Much discussion was held on possible locations. Surveyors are on the job today finding elevations of possible sights. This information will help determine location. All agreed to wait until the survey information is received. Hessler said that this should not prevent a decision on which side of the park the tank will be located. The board was poled. All were in favor of a sight above Abraham with Johnson and Cole abstaining. The new tank will be placed above Abraham. Wallis asked about what was being done about acquiring a consultant to verify our water requirements as decided on and reported at the last meeting of the board. Bell said that in the last month, control over our water system was moved from county control to state control. Bell said that we may not need an additional well right away after the new tank is built for up to 5 years. The state will advise us of our requirements.

Meeting reverted back to equipment. Stephenson advised that two months ago authorization was given for tires to be purchased for the park pick-up truck. The tires on the truck are smooth and should be replaced now. Discussion was held.

Recreation: Hessler: Bert Johnson introduced Bill Furman who presented a sample picnic table for the boards approval. The estimated cost of material is \$60.00. Mildred Moody spoke extensively on Hessler's management of the campground project and severely criticized Hessler's efforts. Bert Johnson motioned that the tables proposed last meeting for the campground be revised to metal and wood tables as constructed by Bill Furman. Six units to be provided by Bill Furman, not to exceed \$60.00 per unit. Seconded by Don Stephenson. Motion carried. After more tongue lashing from Mildred Moody, Hessler resigned from the recreation committee, offering her his chair. Hessler suggested Del Wallis be appointed in his stead. Dean reported for Jeff Harmner who had to leave. Campground users to include a possible 20 trailers, Friday, June 6th. June 28th, Abbot Ames, two trailers. Hessler stated no reservations for the campground should be accepted without a deposit. Mildred Moody to put on a fish derby, requested \$200.00 for fish. Hessler suggested \$300.00 approximately be made available to the park recreation committee, to make a purchase of a juke box for the recreation hall. This request came through Hessler from Tom Jones from the recreation committee of park residents. Hessler suggested three of their members be formed into a committee to make a purchase, as Mildred Moody had a source for one. Tom Jones had a different source and Bill Furman, a third source for a Juke box. The board okayed the project. The board rescinded the motion past at the last board meeting for the purchase of 2000 brd. ft. of lumber. Ann Ferreira sent in a price list on tables for the rec hall which Al Dean read. The proposed tables prices are provided from her son. The proposed tables would replace the tables bought used by Hessler for \$20.00 per table which included 5-five foot, one six foot and one eitht foot table. Ann proposes we purchase eight foot tables at approxiamtely \$54.00 each. She also submitted a bid of \$6.29 each for the already approved purchase of 125 folding chairs. Del Wallis moved that a hold on the purchase of folding chairs be made until used chairs can be investigated. Seconded by Dean. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont.)

Real Estate: Land swap still in limbo.

Health and Safety: Ed Cole asked about a hard hat for Tom Jones to wear when he is working on equipment. Wallis asked about keeping dogs out of the lake. He also asked about having the board provide someone to supervise motorcycles and dogs in the lake and other infractions of the rules. Stephenson related his experience Saturday as to the confronting of persons whose dogs were swimming in the lake. He said he received verbal abuse. Hessler suggested we try to get the sheriff's department to put our park on a regular patrol, as we are paying taxes and should receive services.

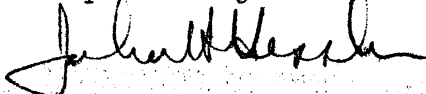
Financial Report: Stephenson: Bills \$1760.05. Moved by Cole. Seconded by Dean the bills be payed. Motion carried. Checking account balance \$2408.08. Savings \$64,973.83. Accounts receivable \$2049.60. Assessments of \$125.00 are now due and payable. Delinquent date, October 1, 1975. Checking account balance after payment of bills, \$648.01.

OLD BUSINESS: Cole for Everett Ackers: The lawyers were contacted (Gant and Gant) and instructed to proceed at all speed on our corporation papers.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of executive committee for the 1975-1976 year. Dean nominated Francis Bell for president. Wallis moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Johnson. Nominations opened for vice-president; Dean nominated Don Stephenson; Johnson nominated Ed Cole. Wallis moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried. Nominations for Secretary-treasurer. Walton nominated Ed Cole; Dean seconded; Cole nominated Don Stephenson; Stephenson declined the nomination. The chair declared the nominations out of order until a Vice-president was elected. Johnson moved where only one person is nominated for an office he be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. A secret ballot for vice-president was held. Stephenson--5 votes; Cole--3. Stephenson declared vice-president. Dean nominated Ed Cole for Secretary-treasurer's job. Stephenson nominated Cecil Walton. Walton declined. Wallis moved nominations be closed. Cole elected by acclamation.

Committee appointments: Hessler appointed recording secretary; Del Wallis appointed to real estate and recreation; Hessler to health and safety; Stephenson to finance; Dean to buildings; Cole equipment; Johnson roads and Bell water. Walton bookkeeper responsible to Ed Cole, Secretary-treasurer. Stephenson asked about moneys authorized to investigate spring development last year and whether we can use it. Bell said he will check with the state as to the requirements under the Pure Water Act. Johnson asked about street signs. He was told it will be looked into by Bell. Boy Scout property dispute was discussed. Hessler motioned an attorney be employed to pursue the land dispute problem. Bert Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Del Wallis appointed to the committee. Hessler requested a 60 day target date be established for a committee report on the scout dispute. Stephenson moved the board meeting for July be called on the 13th as some of the members of the board will be out of town over the Fourth of July week-end. Seconded by Dean. Motion carried. Del Wallis suggested that a count of the vote be reported in the minutes on all motions made by the board. Minutes were read back. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Hessler
Recording Secretary

PARK NEWS NOTES:

Don't forget the Labor Day Week-end Barbecue to be hosted by the park recreation committee.
Your assessments of \$125.00 are now due and payable.
Let's make an effort to try and follow the park rules and regulations

PARK NEWS NOTES (cont.)

You all know what they are! Members children and guests are the big offenders. Have a little consideration for your neighbors, OK!

This will be the last newsletter I will be doing for the park. I undoubtedly will be criticized for printing the following, but my letter of resignation from your board would probably not be made available to you otherwise.

In the past year, I have worked diligently in your behalf to try and improve our park. It seems however, no matter how honest one's efforts are, there has to be those among you who can contrive all kinds of slanderous statements to plant in passing to other members of our park. For example, the statement that I tried to get Tom Jones fired from his job so that a friend of mine, who was unemployed, could have Tom's job. Of course, you can imagine Tom's reaction to this.

Such statements of inuendo, as one of the board members financed his business because of his manipulation of park funds, and many other things, such as a sign posted in the campground recetly stating, "\$3.00 a night for Odd Fellows and ASSES!".

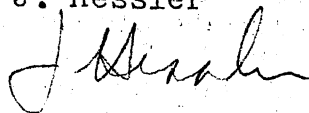
I have tried to make some progress in the recreation area and have run into a stone wall. I have abundant responsibility, but no authority. Everyone knows how to do it better and cheaper.

It is in my opinion, an impossible test of wills among the board members. I would emphasis, a board position is without salary and completely voluntary. Your board has it's problems, but all in all, it is doing one heck of a job for you. Every member on that board is doing his best to reaffirm the faith in him you had when you elected him. It, at best, is a thankless job. After much consideration I have decided that the strain of a board postion is not worth the compensation I have received for my efforts. Thus I tender my resignation at this time fo you all.

In closing, I would suggest that because of the growing complexity of running the park, a professional manager be employed to operate our park, answerable to the board. It's just too much to do on a part time basis for any man. And that the above person not be affiliated with the organization in any way.

To those of you who have supported me, Thank You, I did my best.

J. Hessler



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