

Sierra Recreation Association

June 2001

PARK NOTES

At the annual meeting, a few people said they'd like to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you are interested in getting the newsletter this way, send your e-mail address to the Secretary, Norrine Coyle, at nrcocyle@ainet.com. If there is enough interest, we'll see if we can put it into effect.



Keep your dogs on a leash with you hanging on to the other end. There is a State law that says you have to have them on a leash and tied in the back of your pickup so they don't jump out. And, **KEEP THEM OUT OF THE LAKE!**

Because of the extremely high fire danger, **DO NOT DROP CIGARETTE BUTTS ON THE GROUND IN THE PARK!** You may think they're out, but they may not be and could start a fire.

If you are planning to put a driveway or anything else that will encroach on park property, be sure and check with the Caretaker, and write a letter to the Board requesting permission.

The time for burning is over. If you didn't get your pine needles hauled to the burn area in the meadow, then you need to take them to Standard. All burn permits have been canceled. Bear Clover or bear grass needs to be removed as soon as possible because it is a fire hazard.



There is no doubt that there will be fires in the mountains this year. There has already one near us. The helicopters fighting the fires take water from our lake. If you see or hear the helicopter getting near, for your own safety, run--don't walk--away from the lake. We'd hate to see your blood getting mixed with our clean lake water.

There has been some concern expressed about the gate being open at different times. In May we had to replace a computer chip at the gate. We had to leave it open till the company that services the gate received the chip and could come up to install it.

When we transfer new card or remote numbers to the gate computer from the computer at the office the gate must be open. The gate will not work while data is being transferred.

The camera at the gate is a video camera that records all activity at the entrance. If there is a problem the tape can be played back to see exactly what happened.

When it is snowing or icy the gate may be open to prevent someone from sliding into it.

If you want your name to appear on the gate register you must contact Richard Bonner at 586-7727.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Board Meeting	Sun. July 15, 2001
Holiday dinner	Sat. Dec. 8, 2001

CARETAKERS PHONE NUMBER 586-3098

SIERRA PARK LODGE # 376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The second Saturday is a Business meeting. The fourth Saturday is our pot luck dinner at 6:00 P.M.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Speaking of cars, it is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

Signs:

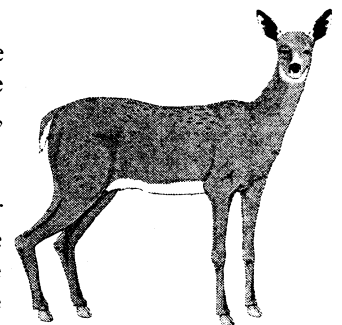
On a chiropractor's door: Crawl-ins welcome.

On the front of a repair shop: We repair what your husband fixed.

On an interstate billboard: Help the economy. Buy something. Anything!

If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong?

If the "black box" flight recorder is never damaged during a plane crash, why isn't the whole airplane made out of the same stuff?



Board of Directors Meeting, June 10, 2001

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Robert Snell. Present were Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, Raul Morales, and Ed Smith. Absent and excused were President Del Wallis and Greg Brown.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) the minutes of the May 13, 2001, meeting were approved as mailed.

Members before the Board: Charles & Patty Varvayanis who said they were considering purchasing the Boy Scout Camp and use one building for a home. Tom Clark with a letter from the County of Tuolumne saying the Odd Fellows Board had applied for a permit to use the five acres for a mobile home park. He was told the County was wrong.

Correspondence: A letter from Doris Kilgore asking if it would be possible to have a pot luck in the recreation hall on the second Saturday in November; a letter from Harold Little regarding a parking pad at the foot of his driveway on Rebecca; a letter from John and Marilyn Dahl regarding a driveway installation and a tree that is on Park property; a letter from Michael & Jan Hinton asking for permission to use a John Deere Gator to drive around the park; a copy of a letter from Attorney Roger Brown to Jesse and Marianne Worsham telling them to cease driving their ATV in the Park; a letter from the State Dept. of Health Services regarding electrical power interruptions; a letter from the P.U.C. regarding rotating black outs; and a letter from P.G. & E. regarding a rebate program for saving electricity.

Committee Reports:

Timber - Coleman: Will Dorrell said it is easier to get a State grant to help with the cost of removing slash if you apply after any logging has been done. He said the logging should be done this week and chipping finished later. There is some concern about letting people go into the woods to cut wood because of the fire danger. Mr. Coleman felt we should not let people go into the forest to cut wood until we have had some rain. By motion (Coleman/Morales, unan.) it was agreed that no one would be allowed to go into the woods to cut fire wood until there is some moisture. There was some discussion about getting rid of the star thistle. There are some trees on park property that need to be taken down. The Caretaker has been getting bids for the work. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) it was decided to hire Mark Patton of Tamarack Tree Service to take the trees out including using a crane as needed to do the work.

Water - Morales: One million gallons of water was used during the past month. The Caretaker said we will be certified by the State. The water may have to be tested for M.T.B.E. None has been detected but the gas pump was leaking and has been repaired. By motion (Morales/Coleman, unan.) it was decided to replace the pump. The apple orchard won't be watered this year in order to save electrical costs for pumping as well as save water.

Roads - Snell: The roads have been oiled. George Reed is ready to start paving.

Health & Safety - Hague: There have been some dogs in the lake, which is illegal. There is an extreme fire danger this year. People are still finding lots of cigarette butts around on the ground. There has been one fire near us for which the helicopter took water from our lake. If the helicopter is coming in to get water, it is unsafe to be near the lake.

Recreation - Snell/Coyle: Saturday, June 16, is the fish derby. There will be hot dogs and chili afterwards. It is free for the kids, \$1.00 per hot dog for adults. Danny Vierra is donating prizes for the fish derby.

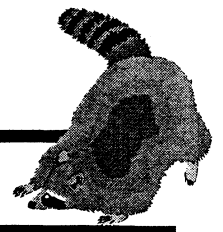
Finance - Bonner: Bills for the month amounted to \$16,460.67, including \$6,200 for oiling the roads. By motion (Coleman/Smith), the bills were approved for payment. Mr. Bonner mentioned lots of assessments have been paid.

Caretaker's Report: The burn area is closed. No pine needles can be taken to the burn area nor into the back country. They must be hauled to Standard. All fire permits have been canceled.

New Business: Appreciation was expressed for all the work Daryl Clark does in the park. By motion (Coleman/Smith, unan.) the request from Mr. & Mrs. Hinton to use the John Deere Gator in the park was rejected unless they get it licensed by the D.M.V. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) the two requests for driveways were approved as long as they abide by the "Conditions and Restrictions" of the Park. The Caretaker will check with the people who have made the requests.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on July 15, 2001, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary



Checks disbursed for June 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
06/01	9938	Signs Right Now	Signs for Park 32.10
06/01	9939	Postmaster	Stamps 108.90
06/09	9940	Mother Lode Portables	Health & Safety 161.85
06/09	9941	J.S. West & Symons	Maintain water system 167.42
06/09	9942	J.S. West & Symons	Propane 92.37
06/09	9943	General Plumbing	Maintain water system 376.64
06/09	9944	AquaLab	Water tests 134.00
06/09	9945	AT&T	Phone 20.45
06/09	9946	Pacific Bell	Phone 55.09
06/09	9947	Twain Harte Lumber	Buildings & general park maintance 788.02
06/09	9948	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting 550.00
06/09	9949	USBank	Payroll taxes 1,287.00
06/09	9950	Void	-0-
06/09	9951	Village Mail & Postage	Member communications 53.16
06/09	9952	James Shoemaker	Newsletter 06/01 - 05/02 450.00
06/09	9953	Glenda Bonner	Accounting 450.00
06/09	9954	USBank	Employee retirement 175.00
06/09	9955	Richard Bonner	Mileage, office supplies 48.47
06/09	9956	George Reed, Inc.	Maintain roads 68.92
06/09	9957	George Reed, Inc.	Maintain roads 6,200.00
06/09	9958	Employment Development	Taxes-Payroll 115.94
06/09	9959	W.H. Breshears	Fuel 836.51
06/09	9960	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Maint. equipment 56.50
06/09	9961	Roger A. Brown	Professional service 344.21
06/09	9962	PG&E	Power 771.62
06/09	9963	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 927.89
06/09	9964	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 639.47
06/09	9965	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 927.89
06/09	9966	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 639.48
06/11	9967	Robert Snell	Auto Mileage 51.75
06/11	9968	Norraine Coyle	Auto Mileage 49.68
06/11	9969	Deena Hague	Auto Mileage 51.75
06/11	9970	Randy J. Tolbert	Mileage, etc. & petty cash <u>215.03</u>
Total Monthly Bills			\$16,460.67

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Del Wallis.

Board Members Present: President Del Wallis, Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Greg Brown, Deena Hague, Raul Morales and Ed Smith.

Absent: Fred Coleman, excused.

There were 54 Odd Fellows and 30 Non-Odd Fellow Homeowners present for a total of 84 in attendance.

The pledge to the flag was let by Raul Morales. The invocation was given by Richard Wheeler.

By motion (Daryl Clark/Doris Kilgore-Williams, unan.) the minutes of last year's meeting were approved as mailed.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Water (Morales): The total water used during the past year was 11.9 million gallons, or about 100,000 gallons a month, a daily average of 32,513 gallons. New testing required this year was for MTBE, nitrate, lead and copper. The swim area at the lake is tested monthly. The water storage tanks were re-coated and fences built around all of the tanks. A fire hydrant stand pipe and some valves were replaced and water boxes rebuilt.

Equipment (Brown): Thanks to on-going maintenance, all of the equipment is in good repair and no new equipment will be needed this year.

Roads (Snell): Some roads were oiled recently and some maintenance and repair work will be done in July. Costs keep going up and the \$44,000 that is spent each year gets less work done. In answer to a question about the speed dip, it was stated that the snow plow will "float" over the dip. Ice should not be a problem because that area is the first in the Park to melt. Because of the road signs constantly being stolen, it was suggested that the Board look into changing the name of Wheeler Road, putting a sign saying "Odd Fellows Park" near the mail boxes, put up a bus stop shelter, or put up a post at Wheeler Road and paint it orange.

Buildings (Smith): The caretaker's cabin was power washed and painted, some work was done on the hall, and windows replaced with double pane glass in the Board Room. A new shade was been built at the beach closer to where the children play. The park and lake look better and are being used more than ever.

Health & Safety (Hague): She thanked everyone for being careful and keeping the Park clean. Everyone was urged to be extra careful with fire -- barbecues, cigarettes -- because it is an extra dry year. President Del report on a problem with C.D.F. who said we had the wrong permit, which is the same permit we've had for 50 years, but C.D.F. couldn't find the "right" permit. They said we needed to get the County's Air Quality Dept. out to look over our burn area. The Air Quality people said we could no longer burn any building materials, only pine needles, tree branches, etc., but said our burn area looked fine. President Del said he finally called on Assemblyman Dave Cogdill who helped us with our fire permits. He said he would write a thank-you letter to Assemblyman Cogdill. We do have to stop burning by June 1. About 70% of the lots have been cleared. C.D.F. fines are very heavy for properties where the pine needles have not been raked at least 30 feet away from cabins.

Timber (Coleman): In Fred Coleman's absence, President Del reported that our current standing volume of timber is 9.9 million board feet. This is nearly 1 million board feet more than we had at the time the non-industrial management plan was approved in 1995. Between 1995 and 2000, 1.7 million board feet were harvested. Our forest is growing approximately 2% more timber a year than what is harvested. A mechanical thinning project under the California Improvement Program will be conducted to remove small non-productive trees, dead vegetation and to clean up some of last year's harvest. We pay \$4,725 of the \$18,900 cost of the project, and the State will pay the rest. Chips will be sold to a co-generation plant. Steps are being taken to prevent erosion. Timber work is scheduled for July and August. The trucks will go out the back way, not on the Parks' roads.

Recreation (Snell/Coyle): Holiday and St. Patrick's Day dinners were held. The fishing derby will be held on Saturday,

June 16, the day before Father's Day. We have a permit from the State. We will get 225 12-14" trout from Snelling at a cost of \$860. Donations toward the cost of the fish will be gratefully accepted. It is getting more and more difficult to get the permits and the Dept. of Fish and Game will approve fish from only a few places because of a disease some trout have. The lake was drained and algae, moss and other growth has been cleaned out of it. The lower valves in the lake have been fixed so the lake will drain better. It took 5 or 6 laborers raking the bottom of the lake to get it cleaned.

Finance (Bonner): We came close to being even with last year's budget. A report was made on the C.D.'s and other investments the Park has. All assessments for the 2000-2001 year were paid, and Mr. Bonner thanked everyone for this. Our attorney congratulated us on the reserves we have and said they are where they should be. By motion (Tom Clark/Doris Kilgore-Williams, unan.) the budget and assessment for 2001-2002 were approved.

Old Business

Attorney Roger Brown (no relation to Greg Brown) has been hired to help with the Soares lot foreclosure. Our other attorney is too busy to handle this. We had taken the lot and then some liens were placed on it. The C.P.A. is working with the I.R.S. to get something in writing, in addition to the verbal statement saying they don't have a claim on the property. We will eventually have to go to a judge to get final approval. It is lot 59, block 14, on Rebekah. Park property owners will be given first chance to bid on the lot. By motion (Gordon Greene/Richard Wheeler, unan.) the Board was directed to proceed with the foreclosure.

Gordon Greene asked about the use and rental cost of the recreation hall. He was told there is a \$50 rental fee plus a \$250 deposit which is returned to the renter if nothing has been damaged or stolen. Renters also have to provide a Certificate of Insurance showing liability insurance of \$500,000. There is a maximum of 50 people who may use the hall for an event. If the people prefer to get the insurance through the Parks insurance company instead of their own company, they may do so.

Mr. Green also asked about the possibility of an Eagle Scout doing a project in the Park.

Mark Bradley said he'd heard that the Boy Scout Camp was going to be put up for sale. It was stated that signs have been placed on our roads stating that the right to use the roads can be revoked at any time. We will not continue plowing the road for the Scout Camp but will use the area for stacking snow. It was asked if the Park could purchase the camp and lease it to groups. It would probably cost 3/4 of a million dollars for the 26 acres, and it would be impossible to break even.

New Business

There was a discussion of the possibility of getting the monthly newsletter with the minutes and list of the month's checks by e-mail or on a web page. Charles Varvayanis volunteered to set up a web page. It was

decided we might try sending it to those who wish it by e-mail. Anyone interested needs to get his or her e-mail address to the Secretary. The Board will discuss this further at its next meeting.

The three incumbent Board members had announced that they planned to run for another term. There were no nominations from the floor so, by motion (Richard Wheeler/Bob Manning, unan.), the three candidates were elected by acclamation.

Margie Cox announced that a friend, Dr. Bill Donahue, will give free treatments on carpenter ants. Contact her and she will get in touch with him.

Wayne Thornton asked if there was a deadline for removing diseased trees on private lots. It was suggested that the quicker they are removed, the less chance there is of the disease spreading to other trees.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norraine Coyle, Secretary