

Sierra Recreation Association

Calendar of Events

June 26, 2004 Homeowners' Volunteer Work Day 8:00 A.M.

July 17, 2004 Board Meeting 8:30 A.M.

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings held on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.

President's Corner

Once upon a time in a land of enhancement and paradise, a very large, intelligent group of forest dwellers gathered to pow wow their yearly business and select their new paradise leaders. As early morning treats turned to lunch time snacks, the forest dwellers continued through their quest to acquire their new leaders and their assigned duties. With the dweller's business complete, the group journeyed into their final decision of the day; that being the selection of the future leaders and who would oversee this haven of tranquility. After considerable thought, five great leaders were selected from the group and the dwellers congratulated them and wished them luck. The leaders gathered to select their new chief and low and behold; they must have thought that this role must be filled with an individual that bears the name of some Native American. I have never seen a nomination, a second, and a vote faster in my life. No, I'm only kidding, it took a little longer than what it took you to read this paragraph. I have no regrets as to the decision this group made; in fact, I truly look forward to being the President of the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association.

It is a new year and with that will come new ideas, new projects, and a group of leaders who will represent the dwellers of this paradise in the best possible manner. If you have any concerns, comments, or ideas; please don't hesitate to let one of the Board members know. Your ideas can make a difference. Please keep in mind the park rules and association's bylaws. We all have to follow these without exception. By the way, the Native American's name: Rainwater. The Board of Directors of 2004 – 2005 welcomes you to the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association.

Board of Director's Meeting June 12, 2004

Present were: President Michael Rainwater, Vice President Bob Cloak, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Roger Townsend, Members Charles Aston, Greg Brown, Tom Clark, Sean Kasper, and Robert Snell.

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Rainwater at 8:30 A.M.

The invocation was given by Norrine Coyle.

Members before the board: Neil & Doris Selman, Mike Van Gundy, Bill & Doris Williams

Correspondence: Manifest Fee Calculation Sheet from the California E.P.A.; note from David March thanking the Board for its work and asking that the ATV's be watched on our roads; letter from Vicki & Roger Smith thanking the Board, commenting that the new pine needle grinding plan is "excellent;" letter from Tuolumne Dept. of Public Works inviting the Homeowners Assoc. to a meeting on June 23 at 5:00 P.M. to address transportation issues in the County and call for projects for the 2004 Regional Transportation Enhancements Program; a notice about where and when California Drinking Water Workshops will be held during July – Dec., 2004; renewal form for "Tree Farm" magazine; form requesting worker's comp. for Gary Scarborough; Caldwell Insurance requesting payroll information; proof of claim from Statutory Liquidator of Legion.

Committee Reports:

Water – Bob Cloak – Barry Electric has completed the job started some time ago to remove wires from the top of the well houses. Service lines are now up high over the streets. Water used during the past 28 days was 1,029,800 gals.

Roads – Robert Snell – There is no money budgeted for work on the roads this year.

Buildings – Tom Clark – Mr. Clark was informed of his duties which include the main hall, caretaker's cabin, fire station, and well houses.

Timber – Roger Townsend – Bids for the timber harvest have been received from Kalkowski Lumber, \$248; Sierra Resource, \$204; and Gary Logging, \$193 per board foot. Will Dorrell will take care of getting rid of the bear clover. Board requested that Roger check with Will on a price for a complete clean up after cutting. The first mentioned prices did not include complete clean up. Roger mentioned that some trees were marked several years ago.

Health & Safety – Sean Kasper – There are signs now up prohibiting dogs from being in or near the lake. Other signs will be made about adults fishing at the lake. An additional sign is going to be placed at the gate notifying drivers to watch for speed bumps throughout the park.

Equipment – Greg Brown - Mike is going to get a bid on some new snow tires. The tractor is scheduled for its major servicing. A blade on one piece of equipment needs to be replaced. The Board needs to continue working on acquiring a generator.

Recreation – Charles Aston – The fish have been delivered for the fishing derby. Charles would like people to furnish four dozen cookies each for the lunch after the fishing derby. There are numerous prizes available for the derby to include four fish that have been tagged and if caught result in a \$50.00 gift certificate to each of the youngsters who catch them.

Finance – Roger Townsend – Mike Rainey is in charge of gate cards and clickers, which are \$40.00 each. The bills for the month totaled approximately \$20,000. By motion (Brown/Clark, unan.) the bills were approved for payment. The assessment this year is \$525.00 plus \$20.00 for grinding the pine needles. Income from assessments already paid is approximately \$11,000.

Old Business:

In the past, the Treasurer, gate keeper, and the person doing the newsletter were reimbursed their assessment for the duties performed. It was felt that the people should first pay their assessment so the records will show an accurate number and amount. After payment, the assessments will refund in the form of a check payable to the individual requesting payment for services rendered. Tom moved and Bob seconded, that we have an audit for the past year, and continue with the \$600.00 paper trail on an annual basis with a full audit when there is a change of President and Treasurer. Charles asked about the cost of a full audit. The motion was withdrawn. Then there was a motion (Clark/Cloak, unan.) that we do a one year audit for the past officers not to exceed \$2,000.

Michael Rainwater said he would be responsible for getting out the monthly newsletter with no reimbursement from the Board.

Tom and Sean will have keys to pick up the mail at the Post Office.

Concerning the caretaker's position, it was agreed that the bills for utilities for the caretaker's cabin should be put in Mike & JoJo Carpress name.

Workers' Comp. Fund has said it is ok to use volunteers, such as Mike Rainey and Larry Vaughn, as long as they have been trained on the equipment, which they have been, but they have to be paid minimum wage. The Workers' Comp. Fund people would like to have someone come and talk to the Board about our insurance in connection with part-time help. This would be Caldwell Insurance Company and they will send someone to the July 17 meeting.

The money that is collected with the assessments for the grinder should be kept in a separate account.

It was also mentioned that the only authority for approval of any service or addition to a present service is by approval of the Board, not by any one individual.

New Business:

By motion (Brown/Aston, unan.), it was agreed to retain Aqua Lab to collect and test water in the water system. It will cost approximately \$114.00 a month.

A property owners "Volunteer Work Day" was discussed. It was agreed to set June 26 as a Volunteer Work Day to get some old wood and brush to the grinder pile before they start grinding. July 10th would be another Volunteer Work Day to do some general cleaning, painting, and whatever else might be required on park property and buildings.

The grinder will be in the Park either the last week of June or the first week of July. President Rainwater and caretaker Mike will check lots to see whether they have been raked properly.

After discussion about the Association's computer, by motion (Clark/Aston, unan.), it was agreed to authorize Roger Townsend to spend up to \$2,000 to purchase a new computer and whatever software is needed.

Tom Clark presented a document from Tuolumne County Records Dept. that indicated that Sean Kasper is a property owner in the park. Also, Tom presented a copy of a stop order on a project because it crossed Park property and no building permit had been obtained. A letter had been received from Jeff Cook regarding paving his driveway. He has been told that it is O.K. to proceed.

Social Calendar:

Holiday Dinner: Saturday, December 11, 2004
St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Saturday, March 19, 2005
Fishing Derby: Saturday, June 18, 2005
Annual Meeting: Sunday, May 29, 2005
Summer Potluck: Sunday, September 5, 2004*
Rainwater's Open House Saturday, December 18, 2004 (all property owners invited)

* Potluck; bring and cook your own meat. BBQ will be available.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M. The next meeting will be on July 17, 2004. at 8:30 A.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary

Homeowners: Reminder, if you have contractors or workers coming into the park, please contact the caretaker or one of the Board members several days before they are scheduled to start work. This helps Mike Rainey make an appointment with the contractor in order to acquire a gate card. In addition, the caretaker is then aware of who is supposed to be in the park and who might not be authorized around our homes. We have a very safe and secure park and we don't want unwanted individuals in our community.

Summer is upon us and fire safety is a high concern. The forest is becoming a very dry tender box and we all need to do our part to protect the forest as well as our homes. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Reminder, there are no fireworks allowed in the Park at anytime, especially during 4th of July celebration.

Checks Disbursed Thru June 12, 2004

Date	Number	Name	Memo/Account	Amount
6/10/04	342	State Compensation	Insurance	\$789.68
6/10/04	343	Employment Develop.	Taxes/Payroll	\$155.18
6/10/04	344	U.S. Bank Taxes	Taxes/Payroll	\$1,434.63
6/11/04	345	Mike Caropreso	Payroll	\$889.50
6/11/04	346	Phillip Rainey	Payroll	\$87.53
6/11	347	Larry Vaughn	Payroll	\$352.21
6/12/04	11162	Mike Caropreso	Medical	\$439.24
6/12/04	11163	David Wood	Professional Serv.	\$1,204.93
6/12/04	11164	Eric Carlson	Accounting	\$735.00
6/12/04	11165	Norrine Coyle	Office Supplies	\$32.24
6/12/04	11166	Aqua Lab	Water Testing	\$241.00
6/12/04	11167	Waste Management	Garbage	\$1,004.61
6/12/04	11168	SBC	Telephone Bill	\$103.10
6/12/04	11169	Roger Townsend	Office Supplies	\$54.02
6/12/04	11170	Robert Snell	Fish Derby	\$1,010.00
6/12/04	11171	Valley Dopr & Equip.	Gate Expense	\$1,608.75
6/12/04	11172	Barry Dugan Elec.	Pump Houses	\$3,086.00
6/12/04	11173	American Tree Farm	Dues/Subscription	\$18.00
6/12/04	11174	J.S. West Propane	Propane	\$157.87
6/12/04	11175	Twain Harte Lumber	General Park Main.	\$55.32
6/12/04	11176	Calif. Reforestation	Timber Expense	\$1,950.00
6/12/04	11177	PG & E	Utilities	\$39.77
6/12/04	11178	Simunaci Construction	Maintain Water	\$411.75
6/12/04	11179	Tom Clark	Supplies	\$150.21
6/12/04	11180	Barbara Rainey	Gate Expense	\$545.00
6/12/04	11181	Ruth Townsend	Accounting Serv.	\$545.00
6/12/04	11182	Roger A. Brown	Professional Serv.	\$8,266.33
			Total	\$25,266.87

Please drive safely in the park and drive the speed limit and respect the other park rules.
 Fishing in the lake is for only those individuals who are 15 years of age or younger.
 Dog owners, please follow the rules and keep your dog on a leash and away from the lake.
 Any comments, complaints, or other- Please call Mr. Rainwater 209-358-0694 or 209-586-2792