

Sierra Recreation Association

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Fire Damage Bill

Bill To: **Responsible Party** (property owner, guest, renter, contractor, or whoever did NOT THINK about safety in the Park. Property owner is ultimately responsible.)

Total Due: \$917.00

Expenses for fighting fire in the dumpster on June 10, 2007 due to improper disposal of ashes, charcoal, or other hot item capable of igniting the trash.

Mike Caropreso's time (caretaker)	\$ 77.00
Use of backhoe	\$160.00
Sand to suppress fire	\$100.00
Mike Rainwater's time (President)	\$ 40.00
Water usage (2 hours)	\$ 50.00
Refill 3 fire extinguishers	\$ 90.00
Extra expense for dumpster	\$400.00

Cost of potential damage and spread of fire if not spotted early:
Enormously Devastating!!!!

Remit payment to O.F.S.R.A. P.O. Box 116, Long Barn, CA. 95335. You may make your payment anonymously. Thank you for taking care of this matter and accepting your responsibility.

Signed: Doris Selman, Board of Director

Park Calendar

Board Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 A.M. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Board Meetings: July 21st, August 18th, Sept. 15th,
October 20th, November 17th

Bingo Night: Labor Day Weekend, September
1st thru 3rd

Lot Inspections

The Board of Directors contacted CDF to ascertain what will and will not be accepted concerning the clearing of lots for fire protection. Once this information was obtained, several Board of Directors inspected each and every lot and found numerous violations. The Board will be sending letters to these homeowners advising them of the violations and will be given a ten day grace period to correct the violation or violations. Upon the second inspection, if the violations have not been corrected, CDF will be notified and asked to issue a citation to the homeowner. Some of the violation noted was not clearing the lot 100 feet or to property line, removal of bear clover 30 feet from structure, pine needles on structure roof, limbs a minimum of 10 feet from chimney, and stove pipe caps on fireplace needs ½ inch mesh screen.

President's Corner

How time flies! It seems only yesterday when I wrote the first President's Corner newsletter. Those of you who are new homeowners, over the past two years, have no idea what I'm talking about. Several years ago, I was the President of the Board of Directors and I included an area in the newsletter to report the daily business of the Park to the homeowners. You receive the minutes of the Board of Directors each month in the newsletter but that really doesn't tell you what happens here in the Park on a day to day bases. That is the purpose of the President's Corner.

To start with, let me say it is a pleasure to be back on the Board and working with the other fantastic eight Board members. All of the Board members are dedicated to making Sierra Park a wonderful place to live or visit. Please help us in fulfilling this objective by following the rules and regulations of the Park.

Apparently, someone felt it was not necessary to worry about hot coals in the dumpster. You saw on the news what human error can cause regarding fire and destruction. We do not want a Lake Tahoe incident here in the Park. Never put hot coals in the dumpster or on the ground where you believe it to be safe. Just because the ground appears to be cleared and bare does not mean you can dump your hot coals out. We have had three fires in the past year and half, two in the dumpster and one in a bar ditch. We've been lucky and have caught these before they did any significant damage. Our luck will run out sooner or later; let's not rely on luck, do your part and be fire safe. The above article: **Fire Damage Bill** is not a hoax, we did incur those costs and we are very serious about collecting from whom-ever started that fire. I have had a lot of homeowners call me concerning the increase in the assessment; well, this is one reason why it can go up. Unexpected costs generated from someone being careless are not factored into the budget.

A few updates that might concern your plans for visiting the Park are: paving of roads to be done this year could start either the last week of July or the second week of August. What was originally planned as two projects has changed to five projects due to the great rate we received for the cost of asphalt, the lake has already stopped flowing over the spillway meaning that the lake will become very stagnant, green, and unhealthy and we will need to close it to swimmers in the near future, and for this reason, starting on the weekend following the 4th of July, adults will be permitted to fish the lake as per California state laws. Well, that's it for now, if you need to know about anything, check our web site or call me – Michael Rainwater 209-586-2792.

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2007**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30A.M. The invocation was offered by Alan Orth. Those present were Michael Rainwater – President, Steve Wallace – Vice President, Tom Clark – Treasurer, Doris Selman, Alan Orth, Mike Ford, and Charles Varvayanis. Clark Kellogg and Sue Collie - Secretary were absent and excused.

Members before the board: None

Correspondence: 1) Water information and newsletter, 2) Forests Families Newsletter, 3) letter from Glen Caldwell thanking the Board for a referral, 4) letter from Barbara van Riet re: property encroachment on Sarah Circle, 5) letter from Rocha family thanking the Board for the fishing derby, 6) letter from Karin Keller re: membership, 7) letter from Larry McNary re: certificates of A membership, 8) letter from Mark and Lois Mena re: gate cards, 8) letter from Edgar Williams re: assistance from the Park, and 9) letter from Donald McRitchie re: assessment.

Minutes of May 19, 2007 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2007 meeting was approved as presented for the newsletter.

Committee Reports

Water – Rainwater Water usage was 1.1 million gals. A new water line from Well 6 to the end of Jordan Way West was completed along with a new water line from the industrial yard to the dead end line behind the Lodge. There remain only two water lines that need connecting to complete the Park's water system.

Roads – Wallace Mr. Wallace reported that the price of paving was lower than expected and we will be able to complete five projects instead of the two as presented at the General meeting. Motion by Varvayanis and seconded by Selman that we pave the five projects presented by Mr. Wallace. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wallace also indicated that the Park needs barricades in order to close off roads as needed. Motion by Clark and seconded by Varvayanis that the Park purchase 12 barricades at a cost of \$23.00 each. Motion passed unanimously.

Buildings – Ford Mr. Ford reported that the corporation yard is full of material that needs to be removed. The phone booth needs removing in front of the lodge since it is no longer functional. Mr. Ford asked about the RV park area and indicated that it needs to be cleaned up. Further discussion concerning material needed for the construction of two new shade sheds was presented and a motion by Selman and seconded by Clark that the Park purchase enough oil stem pipe for two shade sheds at a cost of \$310.00 to be used at the lake. Motion passed unanimously.

Timber – Varvayanis Mr. Varvayanis contacted Will Dorrell regarding the timber harvest and reported that they should start in August or September. Signing a waiver for non-timber will terminate upon the sale of the property.

Recreation – Clark Mr. Clark reported that the fishing derby was a complete success. The pre-registration the night before was very helpful. Mr. Clark was able to collect \$1,500 worth of donations from the local merchants. There were 130 girls and boys participating and 126 fish were caught. One hundred and eighty-five adults were served lunch and a total of 298 hot dogs were consumed. Every child received a gift and there are plenty of gifts left for next year.

Health & Safety – Selman The Board agreed to allow adults to start fishing the lake as of July 4th. The Board also indicated that any adults fishing the lake must follow the State of California laws concerning fishing such as having a license, etc. Mrs. Selman indicated that she was preparing a bill for damages caused by the resident or guest who started the dumpster fire. The Board discussed placing a 50 gallon drum in the vicinity of the dumpster for residents who have hot coals that they need to dispose of before leaving. A railing will be installed in the Lodge around the fireplace for safety reasons. The last item concerning Health & Safety is in regards to the fire break that is being developed to the south of the Park's property. There is a lot of timbering being conducted for the purpose of a fire break but, the timbering is also causing the rattlesnakes to migrate to other areas. If any residents are out walking, **please** be very careful as one resident has had the need to eliminate one from his backyard.

Equipment – Orth Mr. Orth reports that the back-hoe needs maintenance re: leaks on the hydraulics. The snow plow/dump truck needs inspection and the Board should consider selling the chipper. A discussion concerning the snow plow/dump truck being licensed for the road was presented by Mr. Orth and the Board agreed that it should be licensed for the road. Motion by Varvayanis and seconded by Ford to license the snow plow/dump truck was passed unanimously.

Finance – Clark Motion by Orth and seconded by Ford to pay the bills as presented. There was \$14,750.60 in bills. Motioned passed unanimously.

Old Business: 1) President Rainwater asked about billing Cedarbrook for their portion of road maintenance and it was reported that they will be receiving a bill for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 together next week. 2) The time schedule for paving Sarah Circle is approximately the last week of July or the first week of August. 3) The Long Barn – Sugar Pine Road through Cedarbrook was discussed at the last meeting and after some research by President Rainwater; it was decided that the Park did not want to have anything to do with the chain that is extended across that road for liability purposes.

New Business: 1) The purchasing of a portable generator was discussed and it was recommended that Mr. Orth research the size and cost of a generator that would best benefit the Park

Other Business - None

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Collie, Secretary

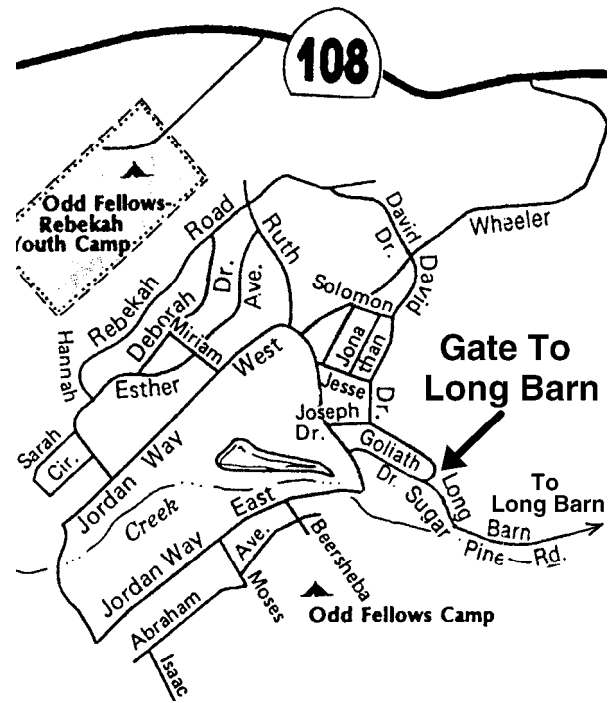
Checks Disbursed 5/22/07 – 6/26/07

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number/Payee</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/8/07	368 Michael Caropreso	Payroll-vacation pay	\$ 300.91
6/8/07	369 Michael Caropreso	Payroll 5/21 – 6/3/07	\$1,188.39
6/8/07	370 State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$ 50.00
6/6/07	371 EDD	State Tax	\$ 90.34
6/6/07	372 Oak Valley Bank	Payroll Taxes	\$ 991.58
6/22/07	373 Michael Caropreso	Payroll 6/4 – 6/17/07	\$1,084.91
6/22/07	374 Robert Cloak	Water Testing	\$ 91.75
6/22/07	375 State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$ 50.00
6/26/07	382 C & W Supply	Maintain Water – pipe/fittings	\$3,419.80
6/26/07	383 Mark Hughes	Maintain Water – repairs	\$ 458.00
6/26/07	384 Jason Wallace	Maintain Water – repairs	\$ 400.00
6/26/07	385 Steve Wallace	Maintain Water – repairs	\$ 257.98
6/26/07	386 Mike Caropreso	Employee Benefits	\$ 126.00
6/26/07	387 Edwards & Associates	Playground woodchips	\$2,800.00
6/26/07	388 Brookstone Transportation	Maintain Roads – sand	\$ 450.00
6/26/07	389 Sonora Rentals	Maintain Roads – Sand	\$ 459.80
6/26/07	390 Eric Carlson	Accounting	\$ 890.74
6/26/07	391 Sue Collie	Fish Derby Prizes	\$ 41.47
6/26/07	392 J. S. West	Utilities	\$ 104.87
6/26/07	393 Mike Ford	Fish Derby Prizes	\$ 98.68
6/26/07	394 A T & T	Telephone	\$ 76.52
6/26/07	395 Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain Water – supplies	\$ 120.05
6/26/07	396 Mike Rainwater	Fish Derby Prizes	\$ 95.84
6/26/07	397 PG & E	Utilities	\$ 404.31
6/26/07	398 A & A Portables	Health & Safety	\$ 189.59
6/26/07	399 Calavaras Trout Farm	Trout for Fish Derby	\$1,237.00
6/26/07	400 Valley Entry Systems	Gate Cards	\$ 643.50
6/26/07	401 Waste Management	Garbage	\$1,124.34
6/26/07	402 Village Mail & Printing	Newsletter/processing	\$ 133.16
6/26/07	403 Tom Clark	Fish Derby Food Supplies	\$ 855.48
6/26/07	404 Postmaster	Member communications	\$ 200.00
6/26/07	405 California Reforestation	Weed spraying/timber inspection	\$2,858.00
6/26/07	406 Charles Varvayanis	Playground maintenance	\$ 58.92
6/26/07	407 General Plumbing Supply	Maintain Water – Supplies	\$ 641.87
6/26/07	Robbie Bettencourt	Playground Maintenance	\$ 40.00
6/26/07	Arlen Santos	Playground Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Total Disbursements:			\$22,073.80

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge No. 200
Post Office Box 205, Long Barn, California 95335

Lodge meetings are held at the Lodge in the Sierra Park on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon, and the social meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. followed by a potluck dinner. For information contact: Dorene Eggleston dor@sonnet.com or (209) 532-6710

Road Maintenance
July 26th, 27th, & 28th
Sarah Circle, Esther, Miriam,
Parking Lot by the Pond,
Intersection of Wheeler and
Jordan Way East and West
Please be prepared



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