



# SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

ODD FELLOWS —LONG BARN, CALIFORNIA, USA

JUNE 2008

## 2008-2009

### ◀ Directors ▶

- President ➤ Jesse Worshan
- Vice Pres. ➤ Steve Wallace
- Secretary ➤ Andrea Miller
- Treasurer ➤ Paul Emery
- Gate ➤ Charles Varvayanis
- Safety ➤ Mike Rainwater
- Recreation ➤ Sue Collie
- Water ➤ Charles Varvayanis
- Timber ➤ Charles Varvayanis
- Timber ➤ Jesse Worshan
- Roads ➤ Steve Wallace
- Equipment ➤ Alan Orth
- Buildings ➤ Mike Ford
- Member ➤ Mike Rainwater

### ◀ Rebekah's Corner ▶

The Dogwood Rebekahs will resume sponsoring summer potlucks on Saturday, **July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M.** As usual, attendees should bring their place settings and a dish of one sort or another to share. The Rebekahs are also planning potlucks to be held on **August 16<sup>th</sup>** and **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. All park residents are invited to attend.

### ◀ Coming Events ▶

- **Assessment Vote**  
August 30, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.

The **Compiled Financial Statement for the Association** for the just ended fiscal year may be reviewed on the Park's web site, [www.varvayanis.com/sp](http://www.varvayanis.com/sp).

The **2007 Water System Consumer Confidence Report** is now available on the website at [www.varvayanis.com/sp/water.htm](http://www.varvayanis.com/sp/water.htm). If you do not have access to the web and would like a copy mailed to you, please contact us.

### Park Information

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## Notes from The Board

### SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT VOTE

**August 30, 2008**

**9:00 a.m.**

We apologize for the error in the date in the last Newsletter. This is the true date—see you there!

Also—immediately prior to the Special Assessment Meeting we will hold a pancake breakfast. Bring the family and enjoy! Anyone willing to help with set-up, cooking, and/or clean-up please contact either Sue Colley or Jesse Worshan, or communicate through our website.

### Pancake Breakfast

7:00 a.m.—Pancake Breakfast Starts

8:00 a.m.—Meeting Sign-in Starts

9:00 a.m.—Meeting Starts

### Bingo Night

An evening of Bingo will round out the events of August 30<sup>th</sup>. Time to be announced in the next Newsletter.

### E-Mail Newsletters

Thanks to the ten families who have newly chosen to have their Newsletters delivered by e-mail. This will save money and assure that you get your Sierra Park News timely!

### Park Services Abuses

On several occasions over the last few months private contractors performing services for the residents of the Park have been seen either bringing in trash, needles, and tree cutting slash to dump in the Park, or removing wood for use outside the Park. The Board is looking at means by which to control these behaviors, but they need your help. If you are using a private contractor, please do not provide them with an entry card that they keep in their possession beyond that needed to perform the service for which they are hired. Our Park is a treasure to us, but some of these contractors recognize the savings to them and their outside customers if they can dump in the Park's dumpster or burn pile, or if they can pick up firewood for sale elsewhere at no cost to them. *This costs us money* that we shouldn't have to spend. Be vigilant and report any unacceptable practices to your Board for action!

*\*\*\* For those of you who would like to receive your Newsletters more promptly and directly, and to save the money we are now spending on postage, please provide an e-mail address to the Sierra Park email address listed to the left. Remember, every Newsletter that we have to mail costs the Association \$.42, and with over 250 lot owners who do not receive it by e-mail we spend \$102.00 each month to be sure you are kept informed. Your help in reducing this cost would be greatly appreciated.*

# BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 2008

## Odd Fellows Sierra Homeowners' Association Board of Director's Meeting Minutes June 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 am by President Jesse Worsham. The invocation was offered by Al Orth. All Board members were present except Paul Emery, Treasurer, and Sue Collie, both of whom had excused absences.

The minutes of the May Director's meeting were read and approved by a unanimous vote. Motion: Mr. Rainwater; Second: Mr. Wallace.

### Correspondence:

An e-mail was received from homeowner Roland Possentini regarding removal of trees and installation of a Dish television receiver. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Worsham will respond.

The Rocha Family send an e-mail expressing their appreciation for the Fishing Derby.

### Committee Reports:

**Water** - Varvayanis. 1,020,900 gallons of water were used in the last month. No leaks were identified. Homeowners must be given notice of the testing error so it will be printed in the newsletter. It is also necessary to provide the homeowners access to the Consumer Confident Report regarding our water which will be done through posting on the Web site.

**Roads** - Wallace. George Reed will begin paving in September pursuant to contract. We need to trim trees along the road to prevent interference with winter snow removal. Mr. Wallace recommending contracting with party who offered to perform the service for \$125 per hour with an estimate or no more than two days to accomplish all trimming. Motion to approve contract proposal: Mr. Rainwater; Second: Mr. Wallace. Approved by unanimous vote.

**Buildings** - Ford. Installation of the dishwasher purchased some time ago for the caretaker's house needs to be accomplished. The Lodge needs to be thoroughly cleaned up before the Winter season.

**Timber** - Varvayanis, Worsham. We received a check for \$58,925 from the timber harvest. We expect to receive something additional as there was a hold-back to cover any outstanding billings associated with the harvest. Mr. Varvayanis will verify that the clean-up from the activity has been completed in line with State requirements. There was discussion that merely meeting the State requirements is not likely to satisfy Park residents who must look at piles that are not required for removal there under. Mr. Varvayanis will provide information regarding the Agency involved to Mrs. Miller who was instructed to contact the proper Agency regarding ongoing fire danger from large piles that may lead to compression combustion. Although we have been unsuccessful in seeking grants since we received one in 2003, we will seek a grant specifically for acquisition of mastication equipment to allow the Park to do its own clean-up, but in the absence of grant will continue to rely upon the harvesters.

**Recreation** - Ford. The Fishing Derby was a great success. We purchased an additional 200 lbs. of fish based upon a promise of funding from a homeowner that was not received. Those fish remain in the Lake and homeowners should be encouraged in the Newsletter to get the kids fishing and try to get as many out as possible before the Lake heats too much to sustain life. Statistics on participation and numbers of fish caught were provided and will be reported on in the Newsletter. Mr. Ford would like a special tanks to the volunteers who stayed until the bitter end.

**Health & Safety** - Rainwater. The coyotes are multiplying rapidly. Six new cubs were spotted on Rebecca and sitings have been made in other areas as well. We should remind homeowners to keep a close eye on kids using the Lake to avoid unnecessary injuries and accidents. The new fire extinguishers have been received and installation should occur shortly.

**Equipment** - Orth. The old grader was sold at auction but we don't have the final figure yet since the cost of transport must be deducted from the ultimate purchase price. Discussion was held regarding equipment acquisition. The Special Assessment meeting will be held on August 30 at 9:00 a.m. and notice should be given through the Newsletter.

**Gate** - Varvayanis reported in the absence of Mr. Emery. Paul Emery reports that he cannot handle both the finances and the gate. Mr. Varvayanis will split responsibility for the gate with Mr. Worsham for the time being.

**Finance** - Rainwater reported in the absence of Mr. Emery. The Budget Report was presented. Total expenditures for the month were \$6,994.70.

### Old Business:

Unpaid assessments remain at three (3). The one that was in escrow dropped out.

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Williamson Act. We need to acquire the original application for inclusion in the Act and any subsequent amendments or renewals that have been file with the County. After discussion it was determined that once all the information is gathered from the County we will turn the matter over to Will Dorrel for his recommendation.

Gary Maris Letter status. Mr. Maris was invited to attend the meeting but did not appear. The letter notifying him that his gate card has been deactivated and that he is being fined \$500 for misuse of Park privileges (dumping outside material into Park pile) was not sent. Mr. Varvayanis spoke with him and told him about the problem. He continues to deny that he did anything wrong. Although none of his statements are supported by witnesses, it was decided that we will issue him a new card at the normal cost to permit tracking and to determine through use of the cameras soon to be installed in abuse is continuing. Discussion was had regarding notice to homeowners of contactor abuse and need to be vigilant as there is a penalty on the Association if our property is used for dumping or if timber products are removed.

## **New Business:**

Mrs. Miller raised the issue of developing a list of annual maintenance requirements in order to create an institutional memory as we go forward. Mr. Worsham will be in charge of making assignments to the caretaker and will seek to acquire a list from him of those repetitive duties that must be taken into account annually.

Bereavement leave for the Mike Caropresso was raised by Mr. Ford. After discussion it was decided to extend him a one week bereavement leave.

Minutes submitted,

Andi Miller

Secretary

June 23, 2008

## **CHECKS DISBURSED FROM 5.22.2008 - 6.27.2008**

DATE	NUMBER	PAYEE	MEMO	AMOUNT
5/27/2008	718	State- Farm Bank	Payroll Deductions IRA	\$50.00
5/30/2008	716	Caropreso, Michael W.	Payroll	\$721.60
5/30/2008	717	Cloak, Robert B.	Payroll May	\$91.55
5/31/2008		Oak Valley Bank	Interest & Bank Charges	\$15.00
6/4/2008	719	EDD	State Tax Liability	\$89.36
6/4/2008	720	Oak Valley Bank	Federal Tax Liability	\$1,131.07
6/11/2008	723	State- Farm Bank	Payroll Deductions IRA	\$50.00
6/13/2008	724	Caropreso, Michael W.	Payroll	\$125.93
6/13/2008	722	Caropreso, Michael W.	Payroll	\$1,058.62
6/13/2008	721	Caropreso, Michael W.	Payroll	\$0.00
6/24/2008	725	A & A Portables Inc.	Health & Safety	\$156.56
6/24/2008	726	AT&T	Telephone	\$91.81
6/24/2008	727	AquaLab	Water Testing & Fees	\$290.00
6/24/2008	728	Blue Shield Of California	Employee Benefits	\$516.00
6/24/2008	729	Calaverous Trout Farm	Fish Derby	\$1,918.00
6/24/2008	730	Eric A. Carlson Accounting Corp.	Accounting Services	\$937.68
6/24/2008	731	J. S. West	Utilities	\$344.90
6/24/2008	732	Miller, Andrea M.	Member Communications	\$200.08
6/24/2008	733	PG&E	Utilities	\$439.82
6/24/2008	734	Sierra Instant Printing	Office Supplies	\$43.64
6/24/2008	735	Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware	Maintain Equipment	\$185.68
6/24/2008	736	Waste Management of Cal Sierra Corp.	Garbage	\$1,274.10
6/24/2008	737	Worsham, Jesse R.	Fishing Derby	\$992.95
6/27/2008	738	Caropreso, Michael W.	Payroll	\$815.33
6/27/2008	739	Cloak, Robert B.	Payroll June	\$91.55
6/27/2008	740	State- Farm Bank	Payroll Deductions IRA	\$50.00

**Total Disbursements** **\$11,681.23**

# ANNUAL FISHING DERBY REPORT

**M**ike Ford characterized the 2008 Kids' Fishing Derby a smashing success! 169 fish were caught by 113 kids. Two tagged fish were caught 12 minutes apart—one by a 10-year-old boy and the other by a 12-year-old girl. Boys and girls were represented in near equal numbers with breakdown by age as follows:

5 and Under	22 boys and 12 girls caught 29 fish
6 to 8 Year Olds	17 boys and 15 girls caught 43 fish
9 to 11 Year Olds	14 boys and 11 girls caught 61 fish
12 to 15 Year Olds	11 boys and 10 girls caught 36 fish

In addition one girl fisherperson caught a turtle which was carefully disengaged from the hook and returned to its habitat.

The Raffle returned \$1,272 thanks in large part to the special efforts of Linda Clark who carried on Tom's work to collect raffle prizes from businesses throughout the area. \$301.00 were paid for hot dogs and refreshments, and a great time was had by all.

200 additional fish were planted for this year's Derby. We believe that most, if not all, of them are still in the Lake. ***Please get your kids down there fishing and get those fish out of the Lake and onto your dinner plates before the temperature in the Lake causes their demise!*** Bon appetite.



**So, California Is On Fire.**



## Here are some tips from the American Lung Association to help you protect yourself:

- People living in fire-stricken areas should remain indoors and avoid inhalation of smoke, ashes and particulate matter in the air.
- It is recommended that people in the immediate and surrounding areas of the fires refrain from exercising outdoors; particularly if they smell smoke or notice eye or throat irritation.
- When driving your car through smoky areas, keep your windows and air vents closed. Air conditioning should only be operated in the "recirculate" setting.
- People with respiratory problems, including asthma, emphysema and bronchitis, who live in immediate and surrounding areas of fires should:
  - Stay indoors as much as possible, with doors, windows and fireplace dampers shut and preferably with clean air circulating through air conditioners and/or air cleaners and purifiers. Use air conditioners on the recirculation setting so outside air will not be moved into the room.
  - If outdoor trips in smoky areas are necessary, breathe through a damp cloth to help filter out particles in the air.
- People with asthma should optimize their use of medication during this time and be sure to have medication(s) (pills, inhalers) available in case of asthma attacks, and should consult with their physicians regarding appropriate dosages for asthma prevention.
- People using oxygen should not adjust their level of intake before consulting their physicians.
- If pulmonary symptoms are not relieved by usual medicines, seek medical attention. Symptoms to watch for are: wheezing; shortness of breath; difficulty taking a full breath; chest heaviness; light headedness and dizziness.
- If you develop a persistent cough, or difficult or painful breathing, contact your physician. It is important to be aware that the onset of symptoms can appear as late as 24 to 48 hours after exposure and that smoke can remain in areas for many days after the fires have ended.