

SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER
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Timber	Charles Varvayanis
Water	Ron Hawke

NOTES FROM THE BOARD
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enjoyed another wonderful fishing derby. Our thanks to Mike Ford who organized the event and to Jesse Worsham who prepared all the food. It was great to see so many families out having a good time. Over 300 hot dogs were served. The raffle prizes and children's prizes were well received. Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions and support for this annual event.

It is these events which help us feel like a community and help us know our neighbors. The new Board of Directors is proposing that we reinstate some of the social events which used to bring us together more often. To accomplish this we need your help. We ask that homeowners step forward to be chairpersons of an event and take on the responsibility to plan the event. Many hands make light work and with your help more events are possible without overloading any one person. Some of the events we would like to have this year are a Labor Day weekend Barbeque, an Oktoberfest in October and of course, our annual Holiday Dinner in December. Please contact the Board by e-mail or telephone if you can help with any of these events.

We wish to thank all who have placed their confidence in us by electing us to the Board. We value the trust you have placed in us and will serve OFSRA to the best of our abilities. We will continue to need your support and value your input. We regret that emails for some time have not been acknowledged. We assure you that we will respond to emails, phone calls and letters. So, if you have concerns, suggestions or even compliments, send them our way. If you see a situation you deem dangerous or discourteous and you cannot correct it, please notify us.

We wish to recognize the efforts of the 2009-2010 Board and thank them for their dedication to improve the park environment. We hope to serve with equal dedication.

Fire Season is here. Many of you have already cleared your lots. **The pine needle dump will remain open until 5 PM on July 5th.** **CALFIRE RECOMMENDS:** Clear all flammable vegetation and materials within 100 feet of your home or to the property line. Clear your roof and gutters. Remove all limbs within 10 feet of chimneys. Remove low branches, up to 6 feet on large trees, or up to one-third of the height of smaller trees. Other suggestions are available online at: www.readyforwildfire.org CALFIRE is currently issuing citations to individuals who do not clear their properties.

There are ten benches that are completed and ready to be placed around the Park. Two will be placed at either end of the playground, two on the outside of the dog park, four at the lake, one at the intersection of Jordan Way and Wheeler Road and one near the apple orchard. Many thanks to Bob Cloak for constructing the benches and his wife Sue for painting them. Thank you Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200 for sponsoring this project.

Sincerely, Gloria Harvey

REBEKAH'S CORNER

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge #200 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Boardroom. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

COMING EVENTS

PINE NEEDLE DUMP
CLOSES 7/5/2010 - 5PM

WOOD CUTTING
AT OLD CAMPGROUND
OPENS 7/14 - 8:00 AM
CLOSES 8/14 - 5:00 PM

THE 2009 WATER SYSTEM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE

on the website at: 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 the Board.



ODD FELLOWS

SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2010

NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SHORT BIOGRAPHYS

Gloria Harvey grew up on a farm in West Texas. She is a retired educator who spent many years in the classroom serving students from third to twelfth grades and college level adult education for future teachers. She was a public school administrator for twelve years. She and her husband, Wayne have lived in the Park full time since 1990. They have five children and three grandchildren.

Dick Barrett was born in Syracuse, NY, received his BSEE (Bachelor of Science/Electrical Engineering) from Syracuse University in 1961. He has held a variety of positions associated with computer systems in aviation and banking. Dick and his wife, Irene retired in 2000. They have two children and 2 and 1/2 grandchildren. They purchased their home in the Park in 1990.

Linda Clark was born in Woodland, California. She has two sons and four grandsons. She and her husband Tom moved into their longtime (since 1953) family cabin in 2004. Tom was Recreation Director for a time while serving on the Board. Since his death, Linda has continued to reside in the Park. She works part-time as a bookkeeper/secretary and is an active member of Dogwood Rebekah Lodge 200.

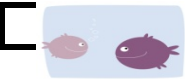
Nelson Fialho was born in Oakland, California. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics and his Masters degree in Public Administration from California State University, Hayward. Nelson is City Manager of Pleasanton. The City Council selected Nelson to be City Manager in October 2004, making him the youngest City Manager in the State. Nelson is now president of the Alameda County City Managers Association. He and his wife, Jodie have three boys and have owned their Park cabin since 2005.

Ron Hawke is a fifth generation Californian. He and his wife, Nancy first owned a cabin on Esther in 1983, they later built their present home on East Jordan Way. They moved here after Ron retired from the University of California's Lawrence Livermore Lab in 1995. They raised five daughters who have provided them with 9.1 grandchildren. While Nancy parented the girls, Ron had fun blowing things up and calling it "Experimental Physics". Ron and Nancy both enjoy travel, camping and flying their small Grumman plane out of Columbia.



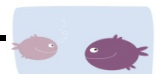
RAFT

The Board determined that a stationary raft will be constructed during the coming fall/winter months to be ready for installation in the lake by spring of 2011. Due to insurance constraints, the raft cannot be free floating.



FISHING DERBY

There will be a full recap of the terrific Derby in the next newsletter.



EXERCISE CLASS

The Board approved a request to use the Lodge for an exercise class beginning sometime in July. There will be an introductory meeting on **Wednesday, July 7th at 9 AM**. This will be to decide on the days, times and the program. A notice will be put on the Bulletin Board at the Lodge as soon as the details are available. Please check when you are in the Park. This is open to all Park homeowners and residents.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please read the future newsletters for more information as to dates times and content of upcoming community events. We hope a lot of you will volunteer to help with these endeavors.

SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, ETC.

Please do send in your suggestions, comments, etc. to your Board so that we know what you think.



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY !



**ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 19, 2010**

INTERIM MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 PM by President Harvey. Board members present: Dick Barrett, Linda Clark, Nelson Fialho, Gloria Harvey, Ron Hawke, Friedhelm Peter, Charles Varvayanis, and Shaun Velayas. Board member excused: Paul Emery.

The Invocation was given by Ron Hawke

HOMEOWNERS OR GUESTS PRESENT:

President Harvey recognized the following homeowners:

Cliff Opland, Yvonne Peter and Maynard Wallin.

Mr. Opland expressed his concern regarding the willows at the west end of the pond. He would like to help pay (along with two of his neighbors) for the cost of having them cut back so that his view of the lake is clear. The Board will address this issue under New Business.

Mrs. Peter presented a letter from a park resident requesting use of the lodge building for an exercise class for park residents. She also presented a letter from the Rebekahs regarding the ongoing bench project and requesting approval for the locations. The letter also was requesting that a pest control company be contacted to treat the lodge for insects and possibly mice or bats. The Rebekahs are also requesting additional funds (\$250.00) to further refurbish the area around the flagpole. The wood fence around the flower bed portion is rotted and in need of replacement. The Board will address these concerns under New and Old business during the course of today's meeting.

Mr. Wallin congratulated the new Board and expressed his hopes that the Odd Fellows Sierra Park will become more community oriented throughout the year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary Clark paraphrased a letter from Barbara Johnson regarding Joseph Ventimiglia which stated her feelings that he has paid his debt to society at this time. A letter from Louie and Cleo Kazas regarding the abuse of motorcycle riders trespassing on their property and asking if the Board can do anything about this problem. A notice was received from Scottsdale Insurance Company regarding a claim from Paul M. or Heidi Gustin for damage done to his vehicle by our grader on May 30th. Another notice was received from AAA Insurance Company who represents the Gustins regarding the same incident. A notice from Tuolumne County Community Development Department was received stating that both Conservation and Wildlife Handbooks are now available.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2010 MEETING:

A correction to the May minutes was noted by Varvayanis regarding the water usage which was omitted in the May minutes. Usage for the period was 323,900 gallons. **Fialho moved, second by Barrett to approve the minutes as corrected. Carried and so ordered.**

At 3:17 the Board went into executive session.

After the executive session the regular meeting was resumed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WATER – HAWKE: Ron presented a synopsis of reports submitted by the Park licensed water man, Gary Scarborough of things that need to be addressed in order of need. Ron has taken a tour of the water system with Charles and Gary. A lot of little things need to be addressed. Friedhelm and Ron will get together to determine what Mark will need to do on the items that need attention. Gloria has signed a

contract with the company in Colorado that will be coming to inspect our tanks no sooner than July 2nd. There is the probability that the State could come to inspect our tanks with as little as a days notice, so the things that need to be corrected, need to be done soon.

Well House #5 - sample port for wellhead testing needs to be installed. Clutter needs to be cleared out, molding around floor and holes in walls need repairing. Grounds around house need to be cleared.

Well House #6 – Small leak in pipe on wellhead needs fixing. Old chlorine tank and injector need to be removed. Sample port needs to be changed. Wall needs to be finished and grounds around house need to be cleared.

Weekly maintenance needs to be established and both buildings need repairs to ceilings and floors.

All tanks need to be looked at for valve box replacement or repair and restaining, insulation replaced if needed.

Ron presented a new worksheet for reporting all water incidents, which will help in the record keeping and make it easier for both Mark and Gary to do their jobs. Ron also presented a list of specific items that need to be addressed in the near future.

Water usage will be reported at the next Board meeting.

Charles mentioned that the water system Consumer Confidence report, prepared by Aqua Labs, for 2009 is now available and needs to be noted in the June newsletter as all homeowners must be notified by July 1st.

ROADS – EMERY:

Friedhelm read report from Director Emery: Paul recommends that George Reed be hired to perform crack fill for a cost of \$11,800 plus \$2,450 for repairs of damaged areas for a total cost of \$14,250 based on a quote by George Reed dated 5/14/2010. There is a map of the areas that need to be worked on. After lengthy discussion it was determined that George Reed is the only local vendor available to do this work. **Varvayanis moved to accept the recommendation made by Paul. Peter seconded. Carried and so ordered.**

BUILDINGS – BARRETT:

Dick turned this over to Director Peter as he has more information at this time. Friedhelm reported on the caretaker's cabin issues that need to be addressed: Roof area where old chimney was needs to be repaired and sealed, steps or deck need to be installed outside sliding door where old fireplace was, siding needs to be replaced within a year. At the Annual General Membership meeting on May 30, 2010 approval was given for \$40,000.00 to be borrowed from the Timber Fund to finish repairs to the caretaker's cabin. After lengthy discussion it was decided that Barrett and Peter will meet to inspect the cabin and determine what needs to be done on a priority basis and will report back at the next Board meeting. Barrett and Peter will also inspect the Sand Shed and the roof of the Corporation Yard building. They will report back at the next Board meeting as to their finding of what issues need to be addressed.

EQUIPMENT – PETER:

Friedhelm reported that the snowplow needs to have the plow attached, oil and filter changed and the glass for the hydraulic fluid tank is broken and needs replacing. He will have this done on Monday or Tuesday of next week. He will also have the mechanic prepare an estimate for repairing the hydraulic system and attaching the 12 foot blade.

TIMBER – VARVAYANIS:

Charles reported that Will Dorrell will have the Vegetation Management Plan for the meadow available in August.

HEALTH AND SAFETY – FIALHO:

Nelson read a report from Paul Emery (the former Health and Safety Director): The Park fire extinguishers need servicing. Gloria has the information on which vendor should be contacted to do this service. In discussion it was mentioned that the grass along all of Jordan Way needs to be cut to avoid

possible fire hazard in the dry months. Additionally, it was brought to several people's attention that the portable bathrooms should have been serviced the week before the Fishing Derby. This will be scheduled in the future.

RECREATION - CLARK

Linda mentioned reinstating some of the activities that used to occur during the year for the community such as the Labor Day week-end Potluck and an Oktoberfest. She also would like to replace the volleyball net and clean up the basketball court. A report on the Fishing Derby will be presented at the next Board meeting.

EVACUATION PLAN – HARVEY:

Gloria reported that she will be defending the grant application on July 12th. She has confirmed with Tuolumne County that the Long Barn/Sugar Pine Road is a county maintained road. Although it is low maintenance, Barry Byron of the county assured her it will be passable for an evacuation situation.

FINANCE - VELAYAS:

Shaun passed around a listing of all general ledger accounts to help the board members in understanding to what accounts expenses are charged. He reported that the current bills to be paid amount to \$9,320.85. **Varvayanis moved, Fialho seconded that the bills be paid as presented. Carried and so ordered.** Charles reported that he received \$360.00 from the gate box. He presented some pertinent financial questions regarding the transfers of monies between funds. Shaun will address the issues and report back at the next Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Equipment Disposition:** Flatbed truck is unsafe to drive. Friedhelm stated that the park does not need a flatbed truck. **Peter moved, Fialho seconded that the flatbed truck be disposed of. Carried and so ordered.** The mower is not usable. **Peter moved, Fialho seconded that the mower be disposed of. Carried and so ordered.** The tractor is possibly not usable. Friedhelm will look into this to see if it can be repaired.

2. **Raft:** After discussion, **Varvayanis moved, Velayas seconded that an anchored raft be built and installed by next summer. Carried and so ordered.**

3. **Rental agreement for caretaker's cabin:** After discussion, it was determined that Nelson will look at the agreement and make suggestions to the Board on how to proceed with a viable agreement. This will be addressed again under unfinished business at the next Board meeting.

4. **Benches:** Rebekahs have seven benches ready to be installed at this time. There will be a total of ten once they are all finished. The locations that the Rebekahs would like Board approval for are: Two at either end of the playground, four at the lake (three on the south side, one on the west side), two on either end of the dog park on the outside of the fenced area, one at the junction of Jordan Way and Wheeler Road and one near the apple orchard. All locations are not in the way of mowing, plowing or sprinkler heads. **Fialho moved, Varvayanis seconded that the Rebekahs request for placement of the benches be approved. Carried and so ordered.**

Other: The Rebekahs also requested that an exterminator be contacted to determine if there are mice and/or bats in the Lodge. Gloria will contact vendors to get some prices for treatment. The Rebekahs request \$250.00 for replacement of the sign and the railings around the flowerbed at the flagpole. \$200.00 has already been approved for the sign.

5. **Wood Cutting Policy:** After discussion, **Varvayanis moved, Peter seconded that park residents be allowed to cut wood that is in the old camp ground on a pre-announced schedule to be announced in the newsletter. Carried and so ordered.** This year the area will be open from July 24th at 8 AM through August 15th at 5 PM.

6. **Pine Needle Dump:** After discussion, **Varvanis moved, Nelson seconded that the last day the pine needle dump will be open this year will be Monday, July 5th at 5:00 PM. Carried and so ordered.** This information will be in the newsletter and on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Exercise Class:** A letter was received from several homeowners requesting use of the Lodge for an exercise class to be held three times a week. This would be open to all homeowners and a donation of \$1.00 per person per session would be collected to help pay for the utilities used during the sessions. They would like to use exercise videos and a television set for this activity. These would be provided by the participants. There would be no impact on the Park insurance. They would like to do this from July through the end of the year to determine if this is a viable project and if so, they would then like to return to the Board in the spring to request further use of the Lodge. **Clark moved, Peter seconded that the homeowners be allowed use of the Lodge for an exercise class three days a week beginning in July through the end of the year. Carried and so ordered.**
2. **Driveway on Esther:** This driveway is on Park property. Steve Wallace and other members of the previous Board had planned on putting a chain across to block this access. Due to the extensive snow storms, that did not get done. Steve has asked if the new Board still wants this to be done. After discussion, **Velayas moved, Barrett seconded that a chain be installed at this location. Carried and so ordered.**
3. **Part time help for the caretaker:** After discussion, it was decided that Director Peter would have the authority to hire someone as necessary. Pay scale would be up to a maximum of \$15.00 per hour. The person would have to be an employee of the Park. **Clark moved, Velayas seconded that Friedhelm be allowed latitude to hire temporary help at a maximum of \$15.00 per hour as necessary. Carried and so ordered.**
4. **Tools:** Many tools are missing and new inventory needs to be established. After discussion, **Peter moved, Clark seconded that a line item budget of \$1500.00 be established for the replacement of tools as needed. Carried and so ordered.**
5. **Sierra Nevada Communications:** Varvayanis addressed this issue. This will be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.
6. **Annual assessment reimbursed for work done.** Discussion regarding Steve Wallace's reimbursement. The agreement between the previous Board and Mr. Wallace was for his assessment to be paid for two years for work done in the Park in the absence of a caretaker. This current Board will honor that agreement. The usual accepted procedure is for a person to pay their assessment and then be reimbursed at year end. This has applied to some Board members in the past, depending on the amount of time and work involved. This will be further discussed at a future Board meeting.
7. **Minutes of Annual Meeting:** President Harvey passed out copies of the minutes taken at the May 30, 2010 Annual meeting. There are many errors and she asked all Board members to review the minutes and to make recommendations as to how to proceed. Whether or not to true them up, or leave as is.
8. **Willows at Lake:** After discussion, it was decided that Director Varvayanis will contact forester, Will Dorrell regarding the willows then he will contact homeowner, Cliff Opland as to Mr. Dorrell's recommendation. Charles will report back at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM

Linda Clark
Secretary

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 30, 2010

INTERIM MINUTES

The new Board of Directors met in executive session immediately following the Annual Meeting on May 30, 2010. Those present were: Dick Barrett, Linda Clark, Paul Emery, Nelson Fiahlo, Gloria Harvey, Ron Hawke, Friedhelm Peter, Charles Varvayanis and Shaun Velayas. After the executive session, the new Board held a brief meeting. The new officers for the ensuing year are: President, Gloria Harvey; Vice President, Friedhelm Peter; Secretary, Linda Clark; Treasurer, Shaun Velayas. The new organizational directors are: Buildings, Dick Barrett; Equipment, Friedhelm Peter; Gate, Charles Varvayanis; Recreation, Linda Clark; Roads, Paul Emery; Health and Safety, Nelson Fialho; Timber, Charles Varvayanas, Water, Ron Hawke.

It was decided that Gloria Harvey and Shaun Velayas will contact attorney Roger Brown in regard to legal action on outstanding legal issues in the park.

The next Board meeting will be on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 3:00 PM, after the Fishing Derby.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM

Linda Clark, Secretary

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
CHECKING ACTIVITY
As of June 25, 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
						10,002.94
06/02/2010	1423	EDD Payroll taxes	074-1658-9	-SPLIT-	-20.78	9,982.16
06/02/2010	1424	Oak Valley Bank-Payroll taxes	94-1181950	-SPLIT-	-231.38	9,750.78
06/02/2010	1425	Fred Coleman		705 · Auto Mileage Expense	-30.00	9,720.78
06/02/2010	1426	Gross, Randi		767 · Outside Service	-300.00	9,420.78
06/04/2010	1422	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.		-SPLIT-	-1,250.70	8,170.08
06/07/2010	1427	Glenn S. Caldwell Insurance Services	inv 14952,14951,14950	744 · Insurance	-8,328.54	-158.46
06/07/2010	1428	Sierra Motors		773 · Maintain Equipment	-1,000.00	-1,158.46
06/07/2010	1081	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assn.		133 · Oak Valley Comm Bank M.M.	10,000.00	8,841.54
06/18/2010	1429	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.		-SPLIT-	-1,290.64	7,550.90
06/23/2010	1430	Debbie Higgins		772 · Maintain Buildings	-165.00	7,385.90
06/23/2010	1431	AT&T	telephone	-SPLIT-	-88.56	7,297.34
06/23/2010	1432	AquaLab	8298	794 · Water Testing & Fees	-240.00	7,057.34
06/23/2010	1433	Capital Insurance Group		744 · Insurance	-1,911.00	5,146.34
06/23/2010	1434	Carlson, Haff & Associates	15762	756 · Accounting Services	-878.20	4,268.14
06/23/2010	1435	Linda Clark	Fish Derby & Ofc exp	-SPLIT-	-296.72	3,971.42
06/23/2010	1436	El Dorado Septic Service, Inc.		740 · Health & Safety	-147.98	3,823.44
06/23/2010	1437	Ford, Mike		731 · Fish Derby	-264.99	3,558.45
06/23/2010	1438	Great American Insurance Co.		744 · Insurance	-1,302.00	2,256.45
06/23/2010	1439	J. S. West	260951	792 · Utilities	-193.12	2,063.33
06/23/2010	1440	PG&E		792 · Utilities	-659.90	1,403.43
06/23/2010	1441	Peter, Friedhelm		-SPLIT-	-560.60	842.83
06/23/2010	1442	Roger A. Brown	10-04-1501	755 · Professional Services	-702.00	140.83
06/23/2010	1443	Scarborough, Gary		794 · Water Testing & Fees	-1,165.00	-1,024.17
06/23/2010	1444	Sierra Instant Printing	88348	-SPLIT-	-234.85	-1,259.02
06/23/2010	1445	Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware	63098	780 · General Park Maintenance	-454.67	-1,713.69
06/23/2010	1446	Postmaster		758 · Member Communications	-100.00	-1,813.69
06/23/2010	1447	Velayas, Shaun		-SPLIT-	-290.61	-2,104.30
06/23/2010	1448	Wallace, Steve		-SPLIT-	-264.70	-2,369.00
06/23/2010	1449	Waste Management of Cal Sierra Corp.		736 · Garbage	-916.48	-3,285.48
06/23/2010	1450	Worsham, Jesse R.		731 · Fish Derby	-598.31	-3,883.79
06/23/2010	1451	Zaks	5000	773 · Maintain Equipment	-71.33	-3,955.12
06/23/2010			Funds Transfer	133 · Oak Valley Comm Bank M.M.	13,000.00	9,044.88
					-958.06	9,044.88
TOTAL					-958.06	9,044.88