

YOUR PARK NEWS

FOR JULY 1971
ODD FELLOWS SIERRA PARK

SUMMER NATURE HIKES AND CRAFTS:

Mrs Moody is keeping the children here at the Park busy on nature walks and making all sorts of craft things. Any older teen-agers or parents who could assist at times would be greatly appreciated. Contact her at the Park at the Craft Center in the picnic grounds.

AUTOMOBILE STICKERS FOR MEMBERS:

In your statement for annual assessment you find two decals - - these are for your automobiles. Their purpose is to be able to identify members while in the Park. If you have more than two family automobiles, more decals may be obtained by contacting the Park Caretaker - Tom Jones and paying 25¢ per decal to defray the cost of additional printing. These are for members and their immediate family members only! (See instructions concerning guests included with statement.)

MONTHLY POTLUCK PICNICS:

On Saturday night, July 3rd, over eighty people attended a very enjoyable evening with plenty to eat. The next Bar-B-Q will be Saturday night, July 31st, starting at 6:30. Rolls, butter, and coffee will be provided. Bring your meat to cook and a salad or dessert for the potluck - also your table service for your family & guests and a cloth or plastic to cover your area of the picnic table.

CAMP GROUND FEE SET:

Your Board has decided to set an exact fee for spaces in our camp ground. From now on a fee of \$2.00 per night per vehicle. Lot owners are exempt from any charge for camp ground use.

BEACH PATROL:

Volunteers are needed on weekends this summer to take turns in the lake and beach area to police for safety and vandalism. Older teens or adults contact Jeff Harmer. We've been asked to remind members that dogs are not allowed on the beach area unless on leash. We've had reports of dogs chasing children on the beach. No one has been bitten yet, but let's not wait 'til someone is.

GARBAGE - - A HEADACHE AND MESS:

Time and time again we've pleaded in this newsletter for members to please put their garbage in the cans in closed plastic sacks - - wet and can garbage only. Now the decision has been reached to discontinue this service. From now on members are asked to either take it home or drop it off at the County Dump on the way home. The County Dump is free and is reached by turning left opposite the lower Twain Harte turnoff at the top of the grade. The road is paved and only a few 100 feet off the highway. It isn't fair to have our caretaker spending almost every Monday being garbage man cleaning up other peoples' messes. We need him on roads and water instead.

LATE FLASH:

Pancake Breakfast - - Mark your calendars - - Sept 5th in the Labor Day Weekend will be a Pancake Breakfast starting at 7 AM to 12 Noon put on by the Kappa Epsilon Jr. Odd Fellows Lodge of Richmond. This is a 3rd Annual event. Be sure to . . . attend.

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASS'N - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JULY 4, 1971

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM, with Pres Bell presiding. All present.

CARETAKER'S REPORT: Cut and hauled wood from road right-of-way, laid water lines on Esther, burned dump, pulled transmission out of water truck, patched roads.

MINUTES were read and approved. FINANCIAL REPORT and budget comparison read and accepted.

MEMBERS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: Art Tombe, questioning the proposed purchase of a 1971 Scout, which was not considered in setting up the budget. This was replied to by several Board members, who said, first, the proposed purchase was not completed and would not be made. Secondly, the Board had not changed the intent of the budget, having deferred payment to 1972 and 1973 by the proposed financing. Said financing was defended on the basis that a loan, secured by our savings account, would cost only 6 1/4% simple interest per annum, while the savings would earn 4 3/4%, a net cost of 1 3/4% per year, while avoiding tying up capital budgeted for purchase of a multi-purpose heavy vehicle. The whole discussion was quite pointless in view of the fact that purchase of that particular vehicle already had been abandoned.

COMMUNICATIONS read and acted upon: letter from A G Colony, inquiring why escrow on sale of his lot had not been closed. Sec will write him, advising that we have just been informed this past week that his buyer has taken his initiatory degree and is eligible for membership. The Title Co. will be notified that escrow may now be closed. Letter from C L Andrus, requesting use of the picnic grounds for Kappa Epsilon Jr Lodge #73, Richmond, on Sept 5th for a pancake breakfast, with a \$10 donation. Moved, seconded and carried to approve reservation. Letter from Marian Reed, requesting adjustment of payment on lot contract. Request granted. Letter from Janet Forey, advising their lot was for sale. Letters from several members requesting additional windshield stickers and/or guest cards. Sec also read three letters which she had written to members.

BILLS, previously approved by the Fin Com were read and approved on M Hildebrand, S Garner, and carried. M Garner, S Hildebrand that \$3000 be withdrawn from savings account to pay bills, which were unusually large this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Roads - Moody reported work proceeding satisfactorily.

Water - New lines going in as quickly as possible, but many leaks in the old lines are hampering water supply. Quantity of water in the spring is not quite sufficient to keep up with demand. Suggested the old meadow well be "blown" to supplement and the old well toward the Youth Camp, which is not producing any water might be dynamited to reopen strata which was altered when the new highway was built. Water Chrm empowered to act on either or both of these suggestions.

Health & Safety - Garner reminded that the County has requested the "privy" in the campground be replaced. Hopefully, we can squeak thru this year and can propose a facility to the next Annual Meeting. Reported there is garbage and debris around some of the cabins, which must be cleaned up. La Grace reported dogs running loose around the lake, should comply with the regulation requiring leashes. Life rings, that had been offered as donation, were not forthcoming, so they will be purchased and installed next week. The outlet pipe in lake must be marked to avoid a diving accident. Reported several items around the caretaker's cabin need repairing, especially the floor tiles. Pres named a new Com, to be called Building Com, and named Lowell Jackson Chrmn. He is empowered to do what is necessary to repair caretaker's cabin, and will take charge of all building maint and repair.

Recreation - Harmer reported request by Tuolumne Lodge # IOOF, for use of the picnic grounds for July 12th, with \$10 donation. Request granted. He reported a fine potluck and barbeque at the picnic grounds last night, with over 100 attending. Tremendous enthusiasm for the improved beach area. Pete Geringer offers the Park a reconditioned freezer for \$40. M Garner, S Lee that we purchase for Rec Com use in the refreshment stand at the picnic grounds. Motion carried.

MINUTES - JULY 4, 1971 - CONTINUED

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED: Recreation - M Jackson, S Garner that a set fee of \$2 per vehicle, per night, lot owners excepted, be established for campground use, the money earmarked for campground improvement. Motion carried.

Equipment - La Grace read 5 bids for equipment, 1 of them for a ^{used} 1½ ton heavy-duty dump truck w/snow plow for \$4750 ~~plus trade in of Ford pickup and Jeep.~~ The other 4 bids were for a 3/4 ton pickup, the lowest from Dow-Hammond for \$2760, plus trade-in. Pres reminded that the snow plow we have can be installed on a 3/4 ton pickup, ~~supplemented by the trailer, skid loader, etc. heavy work light high light heavy plow, etc.~~ Much discussion was held re our needs and what vehicle goes farthest in meeting these needs and just how much use can still be obtained from our old water truck and GI dump truck. Generally agreed that a 3/4 ton pickup is the best answer. M Garner, S Hildebrand that we purchase the Intl 3/4 ton from Dow Hammond for \$2760 plus trade-in of Ford and Jeep at \$1500, total cost \$4260, including tax and license. Board was polled on vote and it was unanimously carried. M Garner, S Lee that we finance the \$2760 with a loan from B. of A, secured by our savings account to be repaid in two annual payments (July 1972 and July 1973) with simple interest not to exceed 6½%. Meanwhile, our savings account draws a normal interest which goes a long way toward offsetting the interest charged and does not require capital outlay now. Again the vote was polled and found unanimously in favor. Matter of insurance was discussed. M Lee, S Garner that we ask our agent to put a collision binder on the truck and give figures on various forms of deductible collision insurance. Motion carried.

Finance - No report other than referring to the current financial report and projecting this month's expenditures into the budget comparison.

Legal - Akers reported on conference with atty re changes in the By-laws.

By-laws - Pres reported that he has divided this large Com into 4 groups, geographically, with the following members appointed: Akers, temporary chrmg.
Park group - Al Dean, Alden Moody, Robert Morris.

Bay Area group - Doris Kilgore, Everett Akers, Margery Lee, Don Moody, Wm Beaugard.
Central Valley group - Lowell Jackson, Breen Hildebrand, Francis Bell, Patrick Grimshaw.

North Valley group - Art Tombe, Ray Hawkes, Donald Allenwood, Wm Remington.
Recommended each group meet as soon as possible, appointing a Sec to keep minutes of each meeting. Kickoff meeting of whole Com scheduled for July 31 at the Park at 9 AM. Sec will write to all appointees.

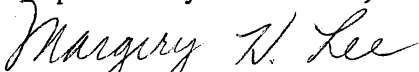
OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A member who is delinquent and has refused to accept service from Small Claims Court by mail will be served in person.

The caretaker has been here 1 year and is entitled to a raise. M Hildebrand, S Garner that he be given a raise of \$50 per month. Motion carried by unanimous poll.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Margery H Lee, Secretary