

# Sierra Recreation Association

July 1997

## CDF Closes Forest

The Forest Service has closed the forest because of extreme fire hazard. This means no woodcutting, even in the back woods of the park, no campfires, no smoking out of doors. This also means that our burn area is closed, so please do not haul any more pine needles to the burn area. We anticipate that firewood cutting will be opened again sometime in September or October. We will let you know. Also, it is very important that cars do not park in any of the paved roadways. This also poses a fire hazard as the roads are not wide enough for parked cars and firefighting vehicles in the event that there is a fire.

Everyone's cooperation in these matters is very much appreciated as none of us would like to see this beautiful area destroyed by a forest fire!

## Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings are held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. All members are welcome.



## Gate Access

If you are having problems with people not being able to reach you from the gate to have you open it for them via telephone, please contact Richard Bonner at 586-7727. Your phone code will not work if your phone number at your cabin is not in our computer. This can be taken care of very easily if you let him know.

## Thank You

Again, our caretaker has made us aware of many people have volunteered time and hard work to help make our park a beautiful and safe place to live or vacation. We want them to know that their efforts do not go unnoticed and that we appreciate all their hard work in our behalf. Some of these people have been listed every month; they are like our own energizer bunny - they keep going, and going, and going. Thanks to Daryl Clark, Ben Hunter, Harold Babb, Cody (sorry Cody, they did not give me your last name), Josh Unruh, Richard Bonner, Ed Smith, and Jim Shoemaker.



## Park History - by Clare Smith

At the time of the initial sale of lots, the first Annual meeting of the membership was held at the Odd Fellows Sierra Park. The first order of business was to elect a permanent Board of Directors to carry on the business of the Association. As of June 26, 1949, the directors elected for a three year term were: Herbert Kerns - Stockton, Gene Bianchi - Oakdale, and Louis Florence - Tracy. The three directors elected for a two year term were J.C. Mundy - Ceres, Alvin Fay - Sonora, and Robert Nichols - Galt. The one-year term directors were Loren Hosmer - Modesto, James Spangle - Stockton, and Joe Brick - San Mateo.



Officers were elected from the new slate of directors with Herb Kearns as president, and J.C. Mundy as Vice President. It was moved and carried that a secretary and treasurer be elected at the next regular meeting of the Board.

A meeting was held on June 28, 1949, in the Odd Fellows hall in Stockton. At a general round table discussion, Brother Kearns stated his policies and gave a pep talk to his fellow directors. He spoke as being in favor of keeping expenses at a minimum. Each member was called upon to assist in the sale of lots.

Nominations were opened for secretary and it was moved and seconded that the secretary would serve without salary until such time as the association was in better financial condition. Brother Loren Hosmer was elected to this position and Brother L.E. Florence was elected to the position of treasurer.

They handled such business as correspondence from Sonora Pass Ski Slopes stating that they have a water tank for sale and a letter from Toomes Insurance Agency inquiring about the insurance renewal on a house and cabins on the property.

When the property was purchased, there was a house and three cabins on it. Roy Parks, owner of the sawmill adjoining the property, agreed to rent the house at \$40.00 per month, the first cabin at \$25.00 and the other two at \$20.00 each per month. He was to collect the rent, along with electric and water charges and agreed to vacate the property within 30 days in the event of sale of the same.

(To be continued...)

Just a reminder that Clare Smith would like any tidbits of information that anyone is willing to share for this history. They can be sent to her in care of the Odd Fellows Recreation Association at P.O. Box 116, Long Barn, CA 95335.



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 13, 1997

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. Those present were Del Wallis-President, Jim Morrison-Vice President, Richard Bonner- Treasurer, Deena Hague- Secretary, Fred Coleman, Robert Snell, and Gene Reed. Greg Brown was absent - unexcused. Ron Hawke was absent - excused.

**MINUTES** - The minutes were read and approved as presented for the June meeting.

**GUESTS BEFORE THE BOARD** - Bill Williams, Century 21 Realty, regarding access to listed properties. See new business. A representative of TC Stripping regarding a bid for paving.

**MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD** - Eric and Cathy Canales requesting exclusive access on the road to their property. A letter from them regarding this will be attached to the minutes on file. The B.O.D. does not approve the exclusivity requested. Until some official B.O.D. meeting minutes can be found approving such rights or an easement recorded documenting such action, no action/approval will be considered.

Maynard Wallin requesting that the sign limiting entrance to members/guests only be moved out by the gate. Also noting that people are parking where they should not, blocking Jordan Way East. Extra vehicles should park in the parking lot by the lake. Vince Ellis regarding member notification in the event there is not a quorum of Board Members. Meeting date changes will be noted in the minutes. Mr. Ellis, a prior owner of the Canales property for several years, stated he was given permission to enter his property via a lower road over park property, but was NOT given an exclusive right for the use of the road. This is the B.O.D. understanding.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - An estimate was received for repairing the chimney at the caretaker's cabin. No action was taken. The B.O.D. is waiting for other bids.

Letter from Clare Smith requesting the use of the Recreation Hall on October 18, 1997, with fee enclosed. Motion by Gene Reed, seconded by Fred Coleman, and carried to approve this request.

**PARK MANAGER'S REPORT** - 480,000 gallons of water were used this month. Projects completed were:

- Cleaning up after logging operations. (Three weeks.)
- Changed four-inch valve on David and Wheeler Road
- Three more four-inch valves on David back ordered.
- Mowed meadows, park, and apple orchard.
- Inspected 21 lots with the CDF VIP program.
- Met with CDF July 13, to tag lots.
- Trimmed up trees on Jordan Way West.
- Well #6 plans and slab with Gene Reed.
- Sharpened chain saws.
- Backhoe overheating, checked with Case.
- Repair clam bucket, back hoe.
- Clean air filters, back hoe.
- Made up water line to clean out culverts.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WATER - Morrison** - Gene Reed presented the plan he drew for the well house. Construction was approved as presented.

**ROADS - Reed** - Review of bids received for paving. Motioned by Morrison, seconded by Reed and carried unanimously to do Wheeler Road, the unpaved portion of Beersheba, and part of Jordan Way East. Motioned by Morrison, seconded by Reed and carried by a vote of all yeas with the exception of Snell, who abstained, to accept the bid from TC Stripping for paving these roads. Motion by Morrison, second by Coleman and carried unanimously to hire an inspector to oversee the operation for the period of time necessary to complete the job.

**TIMBER - Coleman** - One compartment is to be logged this summer, approximately sixty acres. The forester recommends we clear small brush on all roads back at least 15 feet as a fire break. Not cutting trees to within 100 feet of houses creates fire danger. He suggests we form a plan to educate home owners of this danger. The property lines are unclear. We need to have our property lines clearly set before we start logging. Coleman was authorized to talk to the local surveyors, get multiple bids, and have the proposed compartment for harvest surveyed. Cost is not to exceed \$3,000.00 Board members will be contacted to approve successful bidder and logging is to begin no later than August 1.

**RECREATION - Snell** - The next event planned is the Labor Day Picnic. It will be a pit barbecue again. We have Oak for the deep pit. Will need some supplies and meat preparation.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague** - Cars are parking on roadways, creating a safety issue. CDF is making inspections in the park at this time.

**FINANCE - Bonner** - All but 68 of the assessments due have been collected. Note that assessments are now past due and a late fee of \$10.00 per month will be charged effective August 1, 1997. Motioned by Coleman, seconded by Bonner and carried unanimously, that we pay Mr. Cover the amount of \$4235.00 for cleanup at the creek when we receive timber payment. The new accountant recommended we review our Worker's Compensation insurance carrier for price, service, etc. this is under review.. Motion by Morrison, second by Coleman, and carried unanimously to pay all bills.

We currently have reserve funds of approximately \$70,000 for roads and water, with \$28,700.00 of that coming out of the timber fund. This is the first CD that came due and the first part of the \$70,000 to be transferred from the timber account for road paving. Motioned by Bonner, seconded by Coleman to establish three reserve funds: Water - \$20,000, roads \$40,000, and equipment - \$10,000. Carried unanimously to proceed with the transfer of funds as above stated. The timber fund will remain as established. A complete accounting will be made available to the membership at the September meeting. Motioned by Morrison, seconded by Coleman, and carried unanimously to move the \$7260.00 gate assessment funds to road reserve fund. By way of additional information, the remaining timber CDS have approximately \$40,000.00 in one and \$73,000.00 in the other.



**From the Prez**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES**  
(Continued)

**OLD BUSINESS** - Negotiations have taken place with the USFS to resolve the issue of damage to our roads during the Rogge fire. Final word on a settlement of approximately \$15,000.00 is expected this coming week.

Different types of gates that could be used on the road to Long Barn were discussed and some research will be done on this subject.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Motion by Bonner, second by Coleman, and carried unanimously to modify and install the lock box at the main gate for the use of realtors showing property in the park. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged for use of this lock box. Next Meeting will be August 10, 1997.

Being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deena Hague, secretary.

This last month, we renegotiated a swap of some selective cut trees primarily in the one way split (East Jordan) for clearing our creek bed last year. In short, we requested a net bill for work done and conducted a small harvest with the same contractor for logging. With some superb volunteer work, the even swap became a net plus of approximately \$5,100.00 to the park. The money is considered "Timber Money" and will be deposited in the road reserve fund as part of the \$70,000.00 timber reserve money we were authorized to transfer for road work.

The bookkeeping process is being worked. We will have the necessary accounting tools in place within the month. The audit will begin the latter part of this month. The reserve fund split will allow us to effectively plan/fund our future requirements. The transferring of gate assessment money to the road reserve fund makes sure the money does not get lost (?) In the general fund. We anticipate future gate assessment dollars will be applied to the timber reserve fund. Once the audit is complete, we may need to reevaluate where the gate assessment money has/will be applied.

-- Del

**Checks disbursed for July 1997**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
6/26	8364	Staples	Newsletter copies	84.94
6/30	8365	Mark Pesce	Pig for volunteer appreciation BBQ	125.00
7/10	8366	State Compensation	Worker's Compensation Insurance	717.62
7/10	8367	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	431.92
7/13	8368	J.S. West Propane	Propane	70.18
7/13	8370	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	280.82
7/13	8371	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	664.66
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7/13	8373	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	280.82
7/13	8374	Sugar Pine Hardware	Maintenance - Water/Health & Safety	12.97
7/13	8375	General Plumbing	Maintenance - Water	873.94
7/13	8376	Cal-Line Equipment	Manual for chipper	67.65
7/13	8377	AquaLab	Water Testing 6/25	125.00
7/13	8378	W.H. Breshears, Inc.	Gas and Diesel	464.71
7/13	8379	Lawrence Hawn	Professional services	90.00
7/13	8380	George Reed, Inc.	Sand for Beach	213.21
7/13	8381	Flavin & Associates	Accounting Services 4/14 - 6/17	751.96
7/13	8382	Hales & Symons	Maintenance - Water and Shop Supplies	49.54
7/13	8383	PG&E	Utilities	797.08
7/13	8384	Modesto Welding	Shop supplies	74.40
7/13	8385	Zaks	Shop supplies	20.21
7/13	8386	AT&T	Telephone - Long distance service	5.17
7/13	8387	Pacific Bell	Telephone - Office/gate	57.98
7/13	8388	S&K Automatic Gate	Service Call	75.00
7/13	8389	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	64.20
7/13	8390	Mainly Copies	Printing By-Laws	29.11
7/13	8391	Richard L. Bonner	Mileage & Postage	12.22
7/13	8392	Randall J. Tolbert	Health Insurance Reimbursement	250.00
7/13	8393	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
7/13	8394	Ron Hawke	Costo, Rolls for Annual Meeting	24.95
7/13	8395	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50
7/13	8396	Randall J. Tolbert	Reimbursement, petty cash	141.01
7/13	8397	Deena Hague	Mileage & Secretarial supplies	72.23
7/13	8398	Groban Manufacturing	Parts for generator	365.00
7/13	8399	Jon Ogden	Overpaid assessment reimbursement	70.00
7/13	8400	Edward Pyzak	Overpaid assessment reimbursement	100.00
			<b>Total Bills for 6/26/97 to 7/13/97</b>	<b>9,010.66</b>



June Income - \$79,014.50 - \$16,000.00 transferred to checking  
 July Income - \$47,392.57 - \$12,000.00 transferred to checking.  
 Total of \$125,404.07 deposited into Money Market account.  
 Total of \$28,000.00 transferred to checking to pay bills.

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