

Sierra Recreation Association

July 1998

Prez Sez

This year we will continue to take all reasonable opportunities to improve our Park. Much of what has and will be done centers on our addressing deferred maintenance. Within the past few months, we have rewired and replaced electrical switches, etc., in our recreation hall and picnic area so that we meet building codes and eliminate hazardous conditions. There are still areas in the Park where we are unable to control water flows so we will continue replacing valves in advance of winter. We are in the process of closing down/sealing wells that have not and can not be used. They are an unnecessary blight on the Park, but more important, they should be sealed to meet health and water standards. Our road paving/overlay work will begin within the month.

Our 210,000 gallon water tank has been inspected and much to our chagrin, there is more deferred maintenance we hadn't planned for. The inspection report is available for your review at the office, but the bottom line is we are faced with a \$20,000.00 maintenance expenditure that is not included in our budget. Our water storage is meeting health standards, but we need to remedy some deferred maintenance and bring our storage facility into compliance with current codes. Now some of you might take this



message with some concern. Don't -- at least not yet. Your Board of Directors is viewing this as an opportunity to continue improving the Park we own, earn the "Big Bucks" we are getting (for those of you

who aren't aware, the Board gets free coffee at Board meetings) and plan on managing the budget items within our assessment resources. If our plans go awry, you will be among the first to know.

For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to come up to the Park this summer, you are missing out. The park is beautiful.



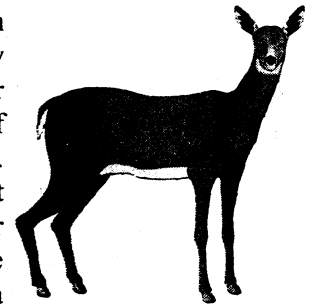
Del Wallis
President, Board of Directors

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. There is a potluck held the fourth Saturday before the Lodge meeting, to which all are welcome. This month, on Saturday, July 25th, at 1:00 there will be an initiation. The potluck will be at 6:00 that night.

Our Beautiful Forest

We recently had the opportunity to share the beauty of our Park with family members from Utah, Arizona, the Bay Area, and northern Mexico, when 41 of my husband's family gathered for our biannual family reunion. It was our turn to host this event. All were very impressed with the beauty of our forest and the great variety of trees and plants that grow here. One of the trees they were most impressed with was the Sugar Pine because of the size of the cones that it bears. Take a moment to look up in the forest



while you are here and you can spot the Sugar Pine very easily. It is the tree that has the foot-long cones hanging from the ends of its branches near the tops of these very tall trees. Through research I learned that the cones average a foot in length and weigh about 4 pounds each when green. Squirrels like to cut them when they are green, to harvest the seeds found inside. They make quite the noise when falling on your roof from over 150 feet in the air. It takes 2100 sugar pine seeds to make one pound. The sugar pine got its name from the sugary resin that exudes from wounds on the trunk and crystallizes into candy-like kernels. John Muir wrote that he liked it better than maple sugar. You might want to try some sometime, but don't chew too much; when it is eaten in quantity, it has a laxative effect. I also learned that sugar pines often live to the age of 500 years and commonly grow to over 200 feet tall with trunks 6 to 7 feet thick. Take time while you are here to notice the great variety of our forest and learn more about the plants and animals that live here. I believe it is one of the most beautiful places on earth.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 12, 1998

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Invocation by Richard Bonner. Those present were Del Wallis - President, Jim Morrison - Vice President, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Deena Hague, Ron Hawke, Gene Reed and Greg Brown. Those absent were Robert Snell and Fred Coleman - excused.

MINUTES - Motion by Hawke, second by Bonner to approve the minutes of the June meeting as mailed. Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (1) State Fund regarding Worker's Compensation insurance. (2) Notice of Worker's Compensation Insurance cancellation for Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. (private contractor). (3) Insurance policy from Acordia of California. (4) Tuolumne County Assessor/Recorder -- Value notification. (5) Galen Hays Insurance regarding general liability insurance. (6) Santos, lot consolidation and resulting assessment. (7) Check from Boy Scouts for \$250.00. (8) Request by Vern and Patty Shafer for use of the picnic area July 26.

CARETAKER'S REPORT: Wells number 1 and 3 are capped off. Discussion about the cleaning, coating, and painting of the water tank. This work is scheduled for early September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage was 180,000 gallons. Movement of dirt at the spring. Need backhoe in to release water flow.

ROADS - Reed - George Reed will be in July 30, and 31, to do the scheduled road work. These two days will complete the work for this year. People on Jordan Way East will need to park in the area down by the bridge.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - No problems on buildings.

TIMBER - (Coleman absent) - Del read letter from Sierra Resources Consultants regarding brushing project with additional bar ditch and gate work. Referred to timber.

RECREATION - Snell - Discussion regarding changing the line of roped area as per CDF suggestion to allow for flow of debris in the lake.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - Motion by Morrison for Tamarak Tree Service to remove nine trees as per bid presented. Second by Hawke. Motion carried. PG&E was notified regarding brush and slash left after crews did line clearing. Portable toilet will be set up near picnic grounds when large groups are scheduled. Forty-five Fire Inspection Safety notices have been sent to homeowners. Be sure to clean your lots as soon as possible to avoid fines from CDF. The burn pile will be closed July 31 or sooner if the fire danger increases.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills for this month are \$14,800.42. Motion by Hawke and second by Morrison. Motion carried. Motion by Hawke to move \$741.25 from the Timber fund to the General Fund. Motion carried. Motion by Hawke to put \$7260 gate assessment into the Timber Fund. Second by Hague. Motion carried. Note: Road work done last year - 50% capitalized and 50% maintenance.

EQUIPMENT - Brown (absent) - No problems.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

Meeting closed at 10.15 a.m. The next meeting will be held August 9, 1998, at 8:30 a.m.

Checks disbursed for July 1998

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
7/01	8782	Robert Snell	Fish Derby Expense	769.44
7/01	8783	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintenance, roads	93.35
7/02	8784	J.S. West & Symons	Roads, Water, Recreation	541.02
7/12	8785	Village Mail & Print Stop	Member communication	133.67
7/12	8786	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Maintenance, equipment	20.00
7/12	8787	George Reed, Inc.	Maintenance, roads	128.16
7/12	8788	PG&E	Utilities	569.36
7/12	8789	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	779.14
7/12	8790	JS West & Symons	Propane	53.53
7/12	8791	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Roads	304.00
7/12	8792	Pacific Bell	Telephone	59.92
7/12	8793	Zaks	Supplies, shop	160.44
7/12	8794	AT&T	Telephone	6.00
7/12	8795	Sonora Pumps	Maintenance, water	1034.97
7/12	8796	Canepa & Sons	Maintenance, water	1600.00
7/12	8797	S&K Automatic Gates	Gate service charge and repair	102.50
7/12	8798	Modesto Welding	Supplies, shop	21.45
7/12	8799	AquaLab	Water testing	75.00
7/12	8800	General Plumbing Supply	Maintenance, water	258.20
7/12	8801	Mother Lode Toilets		63.73
7/12	8802	W.H. Breshears	Diesel & Gas	334.16
7/12	8803	Cedar Ridge Electric	Buildings, maintenance	2507.93
7/12	8804	US Bank	Payroll Tax	862.71
7/12	8805	Deanna Mooney	Cleaning deposit refund	25.00
7/12	8806	Bryan Hofmann	Cleaning deposit refund	50.00
7/12	8807	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
7/12	8808	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.08
7/12	8809	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
7/12	8810	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.06
7/12	8811	US Bank	Employee Retirement Account	175.00
7/12	8812	Eric A. Carlson, Accountancy	Accounting	120.00
7/12	8813	Postmaster	Member communication	105.00
7/12	8814	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
7/12	8815	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
7/12	8816	Jamar Company	Maintenance, buildings	73.75
7/12	8817	Randall J. Tolbert	Water, Health & Safety	95.61
7/12	8818	Acordia of California	Worker's Compensation Insurance	632.00
7/12	8819	US Bank	Payroll Tax	106.32
7/12	8820	Employment Development Dept.	Payroll Tax	361.52
7/12	8821	US Bank *	Timber Tax	4633.00
7/12	8822	Franchise Tax Board *	Timber Tax	3273.00
7/12	8823	World Savings *	Deposit of gate assessment to timber fund	7240.00

*These three checks were not actually part of the monthly expenses. Checks 8821 and 8822 were reimbursed from the Timber Fund. Check 8823 was from the gate assessment that is to go to the timber fund rather than the general fund. Their amounts are not added into the total operating expense.

Total 14,800.42

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