

Sierra Recreation Association

July 1999

Rules of Chocolate

If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries count as fruit; eat as many as you want.

The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.

If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But, if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?

If calories are the issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.

If I eat equal amount of dark chocolate and white chocolate, isn't that a balanced diet? Don't they actually counteract each other?

Money talks. Chocolate sings!

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Because no one wants to quit.

If not for Chocolate, there would be no need for control top pantyhose. An entire garment industry would be devastated.

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

ATVs

Just a reminder that the only place in the park that ATVs can be ridden is from the dirt road at the end of the Abraham cul-de-sac up to the water tank. All ATVs need to be trailered to the end of the paved road. Also, remember that all off-road vehicles, as well as chain saws, must be equipped with spark arresters, in accordance with Department of Forestry rules.

Leash Law

For the health and safety of everyone in the park, including the animals, remember that there is a leash law in Tuolumne County that is observed in the park. If you find a dog wandering without a leash you can call the County Animal Control Department.



Snake Sightings

There have been a few sightings of rattle snakes within the park in the past several weeks. Please keep an eye out and be careful when hiking in the park.

Thank You

The family of Oliver Armstrong, who recently held a family gathering here in the park, donated their \$50.00 clean-up deposit to the park. A new flag will be purchased in Mr. Armstrong's memory.

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.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 11, 1999

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Those present were President Del Wallis, Vice President Jim Morrison, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, Greg Brown and Bob Snell. Absent was Ron Hawke, excused.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

MINUTES - Motion by Brown, second by Coleman, to approve the minutes of the June meeting as mailed. Motion approved and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Grant Deed from Bernard & Susan Horstkamp to Arthur Clemens.

Letter from Julie Hoyt enclosing rent an deposit for use of the lodge on September 18.

Note from Carolyn Minor regarding selling their lot.

Letter from Mildred Unger notifying the Board that she has sold her property to Dick & Lorraine Friedlander.

Letter from Norma, Chuck & Joyce Aston and Jeanette Parks concerning restroom facilities.

Letter from Judy & Dennis Caley complementing the caretakers for their work on the park and notifying the Board that they are selling their property.

Letter from Vern & Patty Shafer requesting the use of the picnic area on July 25.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage for the past month was 1,253,100 gallons. Increase was due to the timber harvest and the Fourth of July weekend. Copy of report attached to the original minutes. Because Mike Ford expressed an interest in helping, Randy will get the specs and bids for relining the water tanks to him for review. The Board expressed its appreciation for Mr. Ford's assistance.

ROADS - Snell - There will be \$53,000.00 available for road work this year. Snell will check on what roads most need repaving. Placing a one-way sign on Rebekah was discussed. It was decided by the Board that it would be too difficult to police and the liability it may impose on the park would not make the suggestion viable at this time. The one-

way signs on Miriam and Joseph are also difficult to manage and could be a safety problem. It was decided that the signs should be taken down on Miriam and Joseph. Ron Hawke checked with the County and they could find no record of Wheeler Road ever being named anything other than Wheeler. They discouraged taking any action to rename the road because all health and safety organizations in the county recognize Wheeler Road as the entrance road on their maps, etc. The Board agreed and will not take further action.

BUILDINGS - Hawke (absent) - Randy said they will relocate the building from the campground to the maintenance area. The back wall of the lodge building will be fixed.

TIMBER - Coleman - The Park's net payment this year for timber will be \$106,881.96. Cover will soon be dropping several dead, dying, or damaged trees in the park. We will be putting some gates in to close roads into the forest during the fire season. Wood cutting will start on July 15, and will close when the Forest Service notifies us that there is too high a fire risk. A conservation and management program will be looked into, starting with one timber compartment.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague - Reported a fire danger near the Wheeler Road gate because of a large number of cigarette butts there. The California Department of Forestry has cited three people for not clearing their lots and there is a potential for more citations to people who have had warnings.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - Randy said he will get estimates to repair front end of the pick-up from Kelly Motors.

RECREATION - Coyle/Snell - The water in the lake has been tested and is still safe for swimming. Snell said they will wait until next year to see about planting black bass in the lake. It was agreed that there would be a holiday dinner during the Thanksgiving/Christmas time, and a corned beef and cabbage dinner in March 2000.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bonner reported that the bills for this month totaled \$12,746.91. By motion (Coleman/Morrison, unan.) Payment of the bills was approved. The Armstrongs had paid \$100 for rent and deposit for the park. They asked that, instead of refunding the \$50 clean-up deposit, it be considered a donation to the park in Mr. Armstrong's memory. It was decided to purchase a new flag in the name of Oliver Armstrong.

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FINANCE - (cont.) There have been 91 assessments paid to date. August 1 is the date on which late fees will be added and a small claims court action will be started immediately thereafter.

OLD BUSINESS - Randy will get a price for putting a railing on the bridge to the lake. The dock will also be resurfaced. The Board received copies of three letters from our attorney concerning possible legal action on private property. No action was necessary.

NEW BUSINESS - Mary Parker offered to donate an organ for the lodge. The Board appreciated her offer but felt that there is not enough room for it.

The pavement around the garbage area is breaking down. Snell will get bids for putting a slab of cement.

By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held on August 15, 1999 at 8:30 a.m.

Checks Disbursed for July 1999

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6/17	9168	Robert Snell	Fish Derby 998.07
6/27	9169	Acordia of California	Worker's Compensation Insurance 689.00
6/29	9170	Ceres Pipe & Metal	Pipe for gates 996.66
7/05	9172	Twain Harte Lumber	Misc. Supplies 127.48
7/11	9173	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 764.20
7/11	9174	General Plumbing Supply	Maintenance, Water System 783.96
7/11	9175	Canepa & Sons	Maintenance, Water System 884.25
7/11	9176	US Bank	Payroll Taxes 902.98
7/11	9177	Employment Development Dept.	Payroll Taxes 59.67
7/11	9178	Ron Hawke	Supplies for Rec. Hall 134.90
7/11	9179	Zaks	Maintenance, Equipment 42.98
7/11	9180	AquaLab	Water Testing 225.00
7/11	9181	Mother Lode Toilets	Health & Safety 191.18
7/11	9182	W.H. Breshears	Diesel 475.31
7/11	9183	JS West & Symons	Propane 87.75
7/11	9184	Mother Lode Equipment	Maintenance, Equipment 82.23
7/11	9185	PG&E	Electricity 688.85
7/11	9186	Village Mail & Print Stop	Newsletter 53.09
7/11	9187	Eric A. Carlson. Accountancy	Professional Services 1125.00
7/11	9188	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 800.70
7/11	9189	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 497.66
7/11	9190	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 800.70
7/11	9191	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll 497.66
7/11	9192	Valley Door & Entry	Service & Repair of Gate 89.00
7/11	9193	Pacific Bell	Telephone 61.79
7/11	9194	AT&T	Telephone 13.41
7/11	9195	Postmaster	Mailing Trust Fund 250.00
7/11	9196	US Bank	Employee Retirement 175.00
7/11	9197	Richard L. Bonner	Office Supplies 21.93
7/11	9198	Norrine Coyle	Mileage 36.00
7/11	9199	Jasper Morrison	Mileage 45.00
7/11	9200	Gregory Brown	Mileage 67.50
7/11	9201	Robert Snell	Mileage 37.50
7/11	9202	Deena Hague	Mileage 37.50

(Check # 9171 Void)

Total: 12,746.91

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Annual Meeting Minutes

May 30, 1999

Meeting called to order May 30, 1999, at 9:05 a.m. by Del Wallis.

Board Members Present: President Del Wallis, Vice President Jim Morrison, Secretary Fred Coleman, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Ron Hawke, Robert Snell, Greg Brown, and Deena Hague. Absent: Gene Reed - excused.

Odd Fellows/Homeowners Present: There were 77 Odd Fellows and 21 Non-Odd Fellow Homeowners present for a total of 98 in attendance.

Pledge to the flag was led by Raul Morales.

Invocation was given by Richard Wheeler.

Motion by Elsie Manning, second by Norrine Coyle to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports:

Buildings: (Hawke) - Mike & Randy have made significant improvements to the Lodge, Caretaker's cabin, Well houses, Corporation Yard and Firehouse. The Hall has, at times, been left in disrepair after being rented by members, resulting in the board raising the cleaning deposit to \$250.00, refundable only if left clean and in good repair. Bob Hintz recommended more secure railing on the bridge across the creek, referred to Health and Safety.

Water: (Morrison) - The large (250,000) gallon water tank was inspected and lined. The four new tanks are not lined. Will be epoxy-coated this year. Electrical upgrade, as well as insulation and heating have been added to the well houses to prevent freezing. Pipe and valve replacement continues. Water testing is being published. Water in the lake has been tested also and will be tested again this year. Randy passed the water inspection examination. The upstairs room at the Lodge Hall has been turned into a Water Center. John Morganroth questioned water level in the four new tanks. Because of elevation, tanks can only be filled to about 2/3 capacity. This year \$5,700.00 was replaced to the water reserve fund. Richard Wheeler questioned the taste of the water now compared to previous years. Randy stated the new well high in iron and manganese. This does not affect water safety as it is well within safe limits, but you can put filters in your homes for this. Discussion on inspection schedule. Mike Ford offered to give advice on the lining of the small tanks as this is his area of expertise.

Recreation: (Snell) - We have traditionally been having seven yearly events, six dinners and the Fish Derby. The board is considering cutting back on the number of events due to lack of attendance. We are having a harder time getting fish for the derby - 250 12"-14" fish at a cost of \$700.00. Along with the derby, there is a BBQ and lots of prizes through the Ed Smith Family. This is held the Saturday before Father's Day (June 19). It was suggested that a list of events

and dates for the year be listed in the newsletter so people can mark their calendars ahead of time and plan for them.

Health & Safety: (Hague) Thanks to everyone for cooperation on all issues. Asked specifically that people slow down in the park and keep animals away from the lake. Requested that anyone seeing a problem to contact the board. Comment was made on the nice speed-limit signs that have been made by Mike.

Equipment: (Brown) - Everything is in good condition. Routine maintenance schedules have been established, helping to keep all equipment in good repair and prolong the life of the equipment. No major purchases coming up this year.

Roads: (Reed absent, report given by Wallis) - Last year overlays were done on Jordan Way West & East and Abraham, all out of reserves. Bids are going out on Esther, Rebecca, and Ruth for this year. David won't happen this year in order to wait until timber harvest is complete so as to not ruin it right after having it done. Question by Wallin regarding the name of the main street into the park Wheeler Road to Odd Fellows Drive. Del will bring it to the board and ask committee to review. Suggestions by DeWayne Lein made as to looking into making Rebecca Road a one-way to prevent accidents. Gordon Greene suggested the same for Deborah Way.

Timber: (Coleman) - Decisions have to be made by the membership - anticipated lots of questions. Timber has been harvested from Park Property since 1800s. The 1980 timber Management plan NTMP states we can harvest 220,000 board feet as per 10-year plan. Compartment #2 harvest scheduled for last year did not happen. After this is done, we will have taken 50% of the state-allowable up to the year 2006. We have taken out 3,500,000 board feet, 850 logging truck loads, for a total income of \$516,000. There are less "big money" trees left than cedar and white fir which regenerate faster and choke out the more highly marketable trees. The cedar trees with the black trunks are not healthy and will not grow any more. Compartment 2 harvest needs reapproval because the time frame that was previously approved has run out. (Rain did not allow last years harvest of this compartment.)

Option 1 - No longer look to timber as an income source.

Option 2 - Maintain as a financial resource. This will require investment and time. It takes 30-60 years from seedling to money, if maintenance happens.

Discussion of what expenses and benefits would be to maintain the forest as a financial resource
Discussion of new compartments to be presented for harvest approval. Compartment 4, which runs along ridge top - with discussion regarding sanitation cut versus a shaded fire break, Compartment 6 which is behind the new water tank for sanitation cut, and Compartment 5 which runs along Highway 108 for sanitation cut.

Motion by Gordon Greene, second by Donald Moody to separate the vote for the three-unit harvest from the decision regarding shaded fire-break versus sanitation cut. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mark Bradley, second by Gordon Greene to approve a sanitation harvest of compartments 4, 5, and 6 within the next six years. Motion passed by a vote of 72 yes, 5 no.

Discussion of the five-acre parcel and county requirements for development. County required an exit road, with considerable improvements and maintenance to their road by us in the future. Maintenance requirements could change at their will. Total costs for improvements about \$70,000.00 Question to the membership as to whether we walk away from it, do nothing with it, and cut our losses, sell it as one parcel, or still subdivide and meet the County Requirements. Motion made by Gordon Greene to abandon plan to subdivide the five acres, Second by Tom Greene, and passed unanimously.

Motion by Gordon Greene, Mark Bradley second to retain the property, and not sell for the time being. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gordon Greene, second by Hintz, to approve 50% of the profit from sale of timber to go to road maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on shaded fuel break for compartment 4. Discussion on which way fire is likely to come and how much protection could be expected to be gained from this break.

Motion by Gordon Greene, second by Hintz to table the shaded fuel break until such time as the Federal Government does something about a fuel break along the rest of the ridge. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance: (Bonner) - The proposed budget was printed and handed out to everyone. The proposed assessment would be the same as last year's assessment, \$427.00 per lot. The gate assessment is up this year. Suggested that we keep the \$20.00 amount that was going to the gate, and put that money into the reserve funds.

We have a new accountant this year, which is working out very well. Reserve Fund is for emergency situations and cannot be used for budgeted expenses. Discussion of Money Market Funds that our money is in and how they work. Our money is being kept in Money Market Funds and moved to the Checking Account as needed for bills.

Motion by Gordon Greene, second by Richard Wheeler that we keep the \$20.00 assessment that was going to the gate and put that money in the reserve fund. Motion passed with one no vote. The four smaller tanks need to be lined this year, and a ladder and gage added on one of the tanks. This will cost approximately \$17,000.00.

Motion by Gordon Greene, second by Ed Smith to take \$17,000.00 from the timber fund to do the tanks and anything over that be taken from the General Fund to complete the project. (This amount equates to the past two years' interest plus the interest projected for this year on the Timber Fund). This motion passed with 53 yes votes, 20 no votes, and 1 blank.

Motion by Ray Coyle, second by Tom Greene to approve the budget and assessment as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

Del Wallis read a statement which informed us of our insurance coverage.

Raul Morales questioned attendance by some board members at the Board Meetings.

Nomination of new board members:

Those wishing to run for reelection were Greg Brown, Bob Snell, and Gene Reed. Bob Hintz nominated Norrine Coyle and Raul Morales. The vote was counted as follows:

Bob Snell - 52 votes

Norrine Chyle - 49 votes

Greg Brown - 44 votes
Raul Morales - 39 votes
Gene Reed - 37 votes

The three open seats will be filled by Bob Snell, Norrine Chyle, and Greg Brown. If a board member has to resign, the seat will be filled by Raul Morales, with a second vacant seat being filled by Gene Reed.

Gordon Greene stated that he would like the board to look into what the easement is to the Boy Scout property and findings noted in the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

Gordon Greene recommended the 1999 Annual Meeting be dedicated to the memory of Stanley Goff, a long-time resident of the Park. So ordered by the president.

Motion by Gordon Greene, second by DeWayne Lien to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Executive Session

May 30, 1999

Those present were Del Wallis, Jim Morrison, Fred Coleman, Richard Bonner, Deena Hague, Robert Snell, Greg Brown, Norrine Coyle. Absent was Ron Hawke, excused.

Nominations for Offices:

President - Del Wallis
Vice President - Jim Morrison
Secretary - Norrine Coyle
Treasurer - Richard Bonner

Since there were no other nominations, all were approved.

Committee appointments:

Roads - Snell
Timber - Coleman
Recreation - Coyle & Snell
Buildings - Hawke
Equipment - Brown
Health & Safety - Hague
Water - Morrison
Finance - Bonner

Fred Coleman - Secretary