

Sierra Recreation Association

July 2003

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

To enjoy the summer.

Be fire safe, clear the needles & slash away from cabins.

Beware of snakes, good & bad.

Drive safely for kids & animals.

Calendar of Meetings

BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m. Sat. Aug. 16, 2003

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.**Potluck on – 8/20 6:30 p.m.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 19, 2003

Attendance:

President: Fred Coleman	Present	Vice Pres. Robert Snell	Present
Secretary: Norrine Coyle	Present	Treasurer: Richard Bonner	Present
Ed Smith	Present	Sean Kasper	Present
Roger Townsend	Present	Neil Selman	Present
		Greg Brown	Present

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Fred Coleman.

Invocation by Richard Bonner

By motion (Townsend/ Smith, unan.) the minutes of the June meeting were approved as mailed.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD: Steve Bordes asked for an update on the status of the driveway in front of his lot. He was told that the matter is now in the hands of the three attorneys.

Bob Hintz asked for more information about putting a well at the big tank. He also mentioned that some time ago, a title company would not let the sale of a piece of property go through because of a driveway in front of the property.

Correspondence: 1. Grant deeds from Randy & Becky Tolbert to Gregory & Heidi Collins, and from Douglas & Jeannie Eddy to Eric and Nancy Lefebvre. 2. Notice about a California Drinking Water workshop. 3. Notice regarding a hearing on Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s bankruptcy case. 4. Letter from Karl & Laurinda Vargas regarding closure of the burn area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water - Selman: 1.46 million gallons of water was used since June 17. We had one more break at Deborah and authorized Simunaci Construction to repair it. There was a discussion of having Simunaci on a "standby basis" to take care of water problems. No retainer is required, and he has agreed to get to the Park within two hours after being called.

Roads - Snell: George Reed is running two shifts on the big highway job he has. Work on our roads will be delayed until sometime after Sept. 1. Notice of when it will start will be included in a future newsletter.

Buildings - Smith: He picked up some supplies from Costco, and had been asked to get a new microwave for the kitchen in the recreation hall. Bathrooms still need repairs.

Timber - Coleman: Will Dorrell said a new State law requires us to sign a form saying we will not push any dirt into the creek. We got two bids for doing the timberwork. Randy Gray Logging's bid was \$157.61 per thousand board feet. Sierra Resource Management was about \$70 higher. Fred said Jolene O'Leary of P.G. & E. had been checking on dead trees in the Park. If they top trees that are close to PG& E wires, the trees will die. So, we are asking them to take the whole tree out rather than topping. Then the Park will not have to take the tree out when it dies. PG & E is going to try saving the trees behind the fire station by rerouting their wires.

Health & Safety - Kasper: Someone put a ramp on the end of the dock and kids were riding bikes off the ramp and jumping into the lake. This is dangerous because the lake is relatively shallow in this area and there is a good chance of injury. There was a fire on Jordan East caused by someone dumping charcoal briquettes at the base of a tree, which then started burning. Mike caught it just in time to put it out and keep it from spreading. Sean will take over taking the water samples from the lake.

Equipment - Brown: New batteries and battery charger were purchased.

Recreation - Townsend: Everything done.

Finance - Bonner: Bills were \$13,919.73. They were higher than usual because of workers compensation. This spring we were notified that our carrier was going to cancel us. The carrier decided it would cover us and wanted to cover the Board members and Odd Fellows members. We finally got them to leave out all the extra people. Zenith is our new carrier. Last year the premium was approximately \$4,500. This year it is \$7,987. There have been 255 assessments paid out of 364. By motion (Smith/Townsend, unan.) the bills were approved for payment.

Old Business: Our request for law enforcement on Park roads was turned down by the County Board of Supervisors. Mike will take care of the sign on Deborah and Rebekah.

Concerning the Aldama property, the strip of land discussed at the previous meeting is not an easement but does belong to another property owner.

C.D.F. did give us a burn permit, but now all burning permits have been revoked. President Fred distributed copies of "Regulations and Rules for Odd Fellow Sierra Park Burn Area" put together by C.D.F. and the Tuolumne County Pollution control District. When we are permitted to burn, we still cannot burn slash. We can only burn pine needles and small limbs—anything you can rake with a garden rake. Copies of the rules will be made and sent out with newsletters starting in December or January.

Copies of proposed Park employee vacation and sick leave policies were distributed. By motion (Brown/Kasper, unan.) it was agreed to take the policies to the Park's accountant for review.

Mike has been inspecting lots to see if the pine needles have been raked. Only 26 have not been raked to C.D.F. satisfaction. There was a discussion about getting an up-dated map of the Park area with lot and block numbers as well as street addresses. **New Business:** By motion (Smith/Selman, unan.) it was agreed to accept the bid from Gray Logging.

A woman in Long Barn was concerned about the locked gate on the road into the Park from Long Barn. She was told that we would not permanently open the gate. In case of a fire or some other emergency, the gate will be opened. After the timber operation is finished, the gate will be moved to the Park property line.

Regarding storage of trailers, no trailers longer than 10 feet, no recreational vehicles and no boats will be permitted in the storage area. Storage is on a first-come basis for trailers used by their owners for hauling pine needles.

By motion (Townsend/Selman, unan.) Simunaci Construction was designated as the one to be called for emergency water problems.

By motion (Selman/Bonner, unan.) it was agreed to purchase a new microwave for the kitchen. Roger will take care of the purchase.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:30 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:00 a.m.

After the closed session, there was a motion (Snell/Townsend, unan.) to offer the caretaker job to Loren Lacy.

By motion (Bonner/Selman, unan.) it was agreed to increase Mike's salary to \$2,700 plus the \$250 for health insurance; Loren Lacy's salary was set at \$2350 plus \$250 for health insurance and \$100 when he gets his water license. We will have the Park's attorney draw up paperwork to this effect, and there will be a meeting with Lacy on July 25th.

Sean will clean up areas in the Park, using the Park's backhoe, on a volunteer basis.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting will be on August 16, 2003, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary

Quick info

1. **Conserve Water**, Waste lowers the water supply & increases the electric bill.
2. **Play Safely** not foolishly. (Jumping bikes into the lake is foolish & against rules.)
3. **Practice Fire Safety** – Hot coal burns "duff" and tree roots.
4. We will probably have a burn permit again for the burn Area **BUT** it will not allow any burning of slash, **ONLY** pine needles and twigs. **No burning** now as the Forest is closed to burning.
5. **Roadwork delayed** until after September 1st.
6. **P.G. & E** has Asplundh in to cut trees and our timbering has also begun.
7. We will have **another caretaker**, Loren Lacy, after the first of August.
8. **No Fishing** by people over 15 years of age. Teach the kids to fish but don't fish with or for them

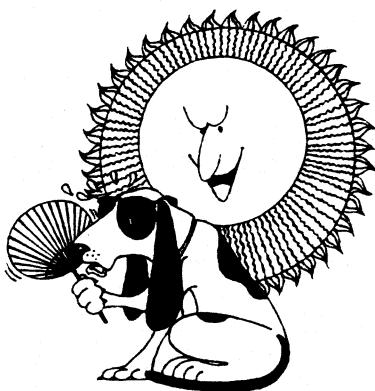
CHECKS DISBURSED JULY 2003				
DATE	NUMBER	NAME	MEMO/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
7/2/03	10810	Michael W. Caropresso	Incentive Bonus	\$500.00
7/2/03	10811	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll July 15, 2003	663.86
7/2/03	10812	USBank - Taxes	Taxes Payroll	791.79
7/2/03	10813	Employment Developmnt	Taxes Payroll	53.49
7/2/03	10814	Twain Harte Lumber	Bldgs & Water	314.24
7/10/03	10815	Simunaci Constrctn	Maintain Water System	2,339.77
7/20/03	10816	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll July 30, 2003	663.86
7/20/03	10817	Mike's Mowers	Supplies for shop	30.03
7/20/03	10818	Village Mail & Printg	Member comm/newsltr	95.56
7/20/03	10819	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Tire Repair	44.00
7/20/03	10820	SBC	Telephone	58.51
7/20/03	10821	Zak's	Supplies for shop	43.60
7/20/03	10822	Roger A Brown	Prof. Serv	2,076.20
7/20/03	10823	PG &E	Caropresso home	48.79
7/20/03	10824	PG &E	Utilities	1,076.04
7/20/03	10825	J. S. West Propane	Propane	38.56
7/20/03	10826	AquaLab	Wtr testing & year end report	221.00
7/20/03	10827	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	1,423.40
7/20/03	10828	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction- Mike	100.00
7/20/03	10829	Richard Bonner	Mileage	47.82
7/20/03	10830	Michael W. Caropresso	Medical for June	18.97
7/20/03	10831	Michael W. Caropresso	Office Supplies	17.10
7/20/03	10832	Zenith Insurance	Workers comp	2,908.00
7/20/03	10833	Postmaster	Office Supplies/stamps	37.00
7/20/03	10834	Edward Smith	Supplies for Rec. hall	20.72
7/20/03	10835	Roger Townsend	Mileage	52.56
7/20/03	10836	Neil Selman	Water Testing/ mileage	29.00
7/20/03	10837	Norrine Coyle	Mileage	52.56
7/20/03	10838	Robert Snell	Mileage	54.75
7/20/03	10839	Gregory Brown	Mileage	98.55
			TOTAL	\$13,919.73

Yes, it has been a warm (HOT) summer. Enjoy our beautiful park and follow the rules to protect it and

keep everyone safe.

Lodge members, if you are here on the 3rd Wednesday of the month come to the Lodge meeting and join everyone after for potluck. They are delicious. We will be starting theme dinners. Last month was Cajun, the meal included Shrimp E'touffee, Cajun Pork Roast, Spicy fried catfish fillets, cornbread, Cajun coleslaw, Hot fudge sundaes. & more. NEXT POTLUCK 8/20 BBQ

Bring your own choice of meat and a salad, veggie or dessert





Park Philosophy

In any community rules are necessary in order to create a safe environment and promote harmony between all residents. By following the rules and helping in the enforcement of them, all residents will contribute to making our mountain community a pleasant and enjoyable place. Members are responsible for understanding and following the rules as well as being responsible for the actions of family members, guests and renters.

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