

# Sierra Recreation Association

August 1997

## From the Prez

No message this month. Life in the Sierras is good.

### Sierra Park Lodge #376

The lodge meets the second and fourth Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. All Odd Fellows are welcome

On Saturday, August 15, the Initiatory Degree was conferred upon Mike Caropresso, Larry Manning, and Hugh Jory. Welcome to the Lodge Brothers.

We hope to have another Initiatory Degree Day in October; exact date is yet to be set. Candidates will be notified.

Some discussion has been on the possibility of having the second Saturday as our business meeting, with the fourth Saturday as a potluck-social meeting.

Anyone interested in applying for Lodge membership please contact Ed Smith at 586-3471, for application.

## Thank You

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered their time this month to make our beautiful park a better place to live. There have been many volunteers over the last several months. This not only increases the beauty of our park, but brings us all closer together. This typist would especially like to thank Ed and Clare Smith and Richard and Glenda Bonner for helping to fold and sort the newsletters for mailing.

## Park History - by Clare Smith

The Board began looking into the water and pumping equipment and the value of the water being sold to the Sylvan Lodge and other property owners. They entertained the idea of selling the water and pumping equipment but County Officials recommended that the park not sell but set up a water district and incorporate the present water users within the district. The Association decided to purchase a 220-gallon tank at a price of \$50.00. Said tank is guaranteed to withstand 250 pounds of pressure. The tank was to be delivered to recreation site by the seller.

President Fay was authorized to employ Bob Lawrence as watchman of the property, at not more than \$1.00 per day.

Brother Fay reported a balance due of \$375.00 for road grading. He also presented timber cruising sheets, which indicated approximately 400,000 board feet of timber that could be cut. The timber cruiser McCready was paid \$48.00 for his report.

In July 1949, various topics were up for discussion, such as scheduling another potluck for the purpose of the membership bringing their friends to show them the park and the subdivision. They diligently worked on selling the lots. They looked into the cost of piping water to the campsite, which was developed for use while members built their cabins. A bill was paid for \$33.00 for watering of the roads and \$9.50 for rental of a typewriter.

The Board of Directors held monthly meetings, as they took care of varied and sundry problems. It was decided to prepare a petition and circulate it among the members in preparation for application to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, for electrical power in the subdivision, in October 1949.



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 10, 1997

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The invocation was offered by Richard Bonner. Those present were Del Wallis - President, Jim Morrison - Vice President, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Deena Hague - Secretary, Fred Coleman, Gene Reed and Greg Brown. Those absent were Robert Snell and Ron Hawke, both excused.

**MINUTES** - The minutes of the July meeting were read. Motion by Brown and Second by Morrison to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Stanislaus National Forest with a check for \$15,435.25 for road damages. A big vote of thanks goes to Congressman Doolittle and John Martini of his office, who were so helpful in their efforts to address our concerns.

**PARK MANAGER'S REPORT** - Water usage this month was 610,000 gallons (approximately 5,000 gallons per day was used for logging. Bid presented for power to the corporation yard. Projects complete in July:

Trimmed trees, chipped and cleaned, Jordan Way.

Well House #6 completed. Thanks for help by Gene Reed.

Two 4" Ball valves replaced on David.

Repaired water leak on Rebecca.

Mowed Park and apple orchard.

Weed-eating of ditch on Wheeler Road.

Insulated and replaced siding on Rec Hall.

Painted and trimmed well house #5.

Inspection of lots with CDF.

Installed Lock Box for Realtors.

Problems encountered for month of July:

Holidays - 10 cars were parked on Jordan Way.

Complaints of noise after 10:00 p.m.

Graffiti on water tank above David.

Garbage contained chairs, wood paneling, carpet, etc.

Dead trees on Rebecca and Jordan way with potential for falling on power lines. Request approval for removal if PG&E cannot.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WATER** - Morrison - Test results for the month show the system to be well within state standards. Water at swimming area also tested and is within normal limits. Will check into having tanks inspected.

**ROADS** - Reed - The bid approved for road work was \$83,833.70, with 1/3 down and the remainder to be paid upon completion. Repairs and paving are to begin at the gate to the intersection and include the unpaved portion of Beersheba. Sugar Pine road to be checked with thoughts of having the road widened. This must meet county specifications for turnouts, ruts and roadway smoothed, road base brought in, spread, and compacted to county requirements as far as pavement near Long barn. Possibility of having this done by the paving company when they are in. In September, Wheeler Road will be closed for two days for this work. Alternate access will be available.

**EQUIPMENT** - Brown -Randy will contact CASE dealer regarding continuing problems with the backhoe. Routine

maintenance is planned before winter.

**BUILDINGS** - The chimney in the Caretaker's cabin was repaired. Thank you to Glenda Bonner and Ann Coleman for cleaning and organizing they did in the recreation hall. The recycling shed is open again at the corporation yard. NO building materials, furniture, carpet or other household items. WET GARBAGE ONLY is to be put into the dumpster.

Swimming at the lake is for MEMBERS and GUESTS ONLY.

**TIMBER** - Coleman -The authorized survey will be done in three increments and notice filed with the county. One map will be drawn when the survey is complete. Fire safety is an important issue. Our forester wants to meet and walk through Park property and make recommendations.

**RECREATION** - Snell -Plans were discussed for the Labor Day BBQ. Date is to be Sunday August 31. Jim Morrison and Del Wallis will contact Robert Snell regarding a shopping list, etc.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**- Hague - At least one rattlesnake has been killed in the park. Please be alert to this danger. Also, the dead trees in the park. There is a concern about young children without supervision at the lake.

**FINANCE** - Bonner - Bills for the month total \$10,567.42. Coleman motioned and Morrison seconded that all bills be paid. Motion approved. Monies were moved and individual funds established for water, timber, roads and equipment. The first draft of the income/expense statement was reviewed. September 1 the first profit and loss statement go out to the membership. This will continue quarterly until the annual meeting next May. The audit is in progress and is due in September.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Moved by Coleman and seconded by Morrison to approve prior requests for use of the picnic grounds and recreation hall. Requests were by Richard Bonner for July 25, 1998, and by Tracy Bowman for July 15, through July 19, 1998. Motion carried. Automatic gate proposal for egress only on the road to Long Barn. Coleman motioned and Reed seconded to accept this proposal to meet county requirements for developing the five acres. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Bids will be obtained for building a fence around the new water tank to prevent vandalism.

Motion by Coleman, second by Morrison to take legal action against Charles Hendon for encroaching on Park property. Motion carried. Principals of Business - Coleman motioned and Bonner seconded to test the water quality at the lake monthly during the months of June through Sept for health and safety of users and to satisfy county and state regulations. Motion approved. The park rules and regulations are to be updated and posted. The following items are being reviewed by our attorney: (1) Speed limits, (2) fishing in the lake, (3) parking on roadway during snow removal, (4) licensed drivers and vehicles only, (5) leash law, (6) cutting of downed trees only on park property.

Motion by Coleman, second by Morrison to prevent parking of private vehicles on park property. Motion carried with Wallis opposing and Reed abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35. Next meeting Sept. 14, 9:00 a.m.



**Checks disbursed for July/August 1997**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>  | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| 7/17        | Deposit       | Net stumpage hazard sale                                  | 9,334.52      |
| 7/17        | 8401          | Joe cover and Sons - Timber expense                       | 4,235.00      |
| 7/17        | 8402          | For deposit to the reserve account                        | 5,099.52      |
| 7/24        | 8403          | Employment Development Dept. - Payroll Taxes              | 197.06        |
| 7/24        | 8404          | Staples - Printing of newsletter                          | 44.29         |
| 7/24        | 8405          | World Savings for deposit to gate account                 | 7,260.00      |
| 8/1         | 8406          | Signs Right Now - Signs for Logging Operation             | 353.92        |
| 8/6         | 8407          | Hales & Symons - Maintenance, Building and Water          | 106.01        |
| 8/06        | 8408          | Sugar Pine Hardware - Maintenance, Building, Water        | 136.16        |
|             | 8409          | VOID - Misprint   |               |
| 8/11        | 8410          | Postmaster - Postage for newsletter                       | 225.00        |
| 8/11        | 8411          | AT&T - Long distance                                      | 6.59          |
| 8/11        | 8412          | Pacific Bell  | 67.25         |
| 8/11        | 8413          | J.S. West Propane - Fuel                                  | 52.64         |
| 8/11        | 8414          | Cal Sierra Disposal - Garbage                             | 1,093.80      |
| 8/11        | 8415          | General Supply Company - Equipment                        | 19.20         |
| 8/11        | 8416          | General Plumbing Supply - Water                           | 1,223.60      |
| 8/11        | 8417          | PG&E - Utilities  | 1,174.83      |
| 8/11        | 8418          | Lawrence Hawn -Professional services                      | 30.00         |
| 8/11        | 8419          | Angels Pest Control - Spray buildings                     | 100.00        |
| 8/11        | 8420          | Sonora Pumps -Repair, pump                                | 90.00         |
| 8/11        | 8421          | Tracy-Manteca-Tuolumne Chimney - Repair, Caretakers Cabin | 400.00        |
| 8/11        | 8422          | Zaks - Shop Supplies                                      | 75.95         |
| 8/11        | 8423          | George Reed, Inc - Road Base                              | 129.77        |
| 8/11        | 8424          | Eric A Carlson - Accounting                               | 90.00         |
| 8/11        | 8425          | State of California - Filing fee, Homeowners association  | 10.00         |
| 8/11        | 8426          | Mother Lode Equipment - Filters, etc.                     | 50.20         |
| 8/11        | 8427          | Doherty Tire of Sonora - Tires and repairs                | 474.26        |
| 8/11        | 8428          | AquaLab - Testing 7/2 and 7/16                            | 75.00         |
| 8/11        | 8429          | Duane StClare Trucking - Delivery of Road Base            | 144.00        |
| 8/11        | 8430          | Gene Reed - Materials for building/pump house             | 1,235.97      |
| 8/11        | 8431          | Richard L. Bonner - Stamps and newsletter                 | 35.25         |
| 8/11        | 8432          | Twain Harte Rotary - Tickets for Caretaker and Assistant  | 44.00         |
| 8/11        | 8433          | Deena Hague - Mileage                                     | 37.50         |
| 8/11        | 8434          | Greg Brown - Mileage                                      | 67.50         |
| 8/11        | 8435          | Jasper Morrison - Mileage                                 | 45.00         |
| 8/11        | 8436          | Fred Coleman - Timber expense - to order signs            | 10.00         |
| 8/11        | 8437          | Randall J. Tolbert - Health insurance reimbursement       | 250.00        |
| 8/11        | 8438          | Randall J. Tolbert - Petty Cash                           | 33.19         |
| 8/11        | 8439          | Randall J. Tolbert - Payroll                              | 664.66        |
| 8/11        | 8440          | Michael W. Caropreso - Payroll                            | 280.82        |
| 8/11        | 8441          | Randall J. Tolbert - Payroll                              | 664.66        |
| 8/11        | 8442          | Michael W. Caropreso - Payroll                            | 280.82        |
| 8/11        | 8443          | U.S. Bank - Payroll Taxes                                 | <u>548.52</u> |
|             |               | Total expenses  | 10,567.42     |

Checks 8401 and 8402 were not included in the total expenses. We received \$9334.52 for our stumpage sell on 7/17, paid Joe Cover for the expenses of this sale (8401) and transferred the remainder of this amount to the timber fund (8402).

Check 8405 was not included in the total expenses. This money was from the gate assessment and was transferred on 7/24 to the timber fund account to pay back this account.

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