

**Sierra Recreation Association**

August 2003

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Enjoy the rest of the summer.**

9/17 Odd Fellows Potluck theme is Hawaiian.

Calendar of Meetings

**BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m. Sat. Sept. 20, 2003**

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

**Potluck on - 9/17 6:30 p.m.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Aug. 16, 2003**

**Attendance:**

|                          |         |                           |           |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------|
| President: Fred Coleman  | Present | Vice Pres. Robert Snell   | Present   |
| Secretary: Norrine Coyle | Present | Treasurer: Richard Bonner | Present   |
| Ed Smith                 | Present | Sean Kasper               | unexcused |
| 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 (Snell/Smith, unan.) minutes of the July 19, 2003, meeting were approved as corrected to show that Sean Kasper does not have permission to use the Park's backhoe.

Members before the Board: John Bordes asked about the agreement on the Wallace property. He would like a copy of the agreement and was told he could get it through his attorney.

Correspondence: Letter from Michael Rainwater regarding a dead tree he thinks is on Park property. It appears that the tree may be on his neighbor's property. Also received more notices about P.G. & E.'s bankruptcy.

**Committee Reports:**

Water - Selman: During the previous month, 1.54 million gallons of water was used. The pumps were used a lot during the unusually hot weather. Water sampling was pure and clean. There were no breaks or leaks. He has notified the Drinking Water Field Operations Office that Randy has resigned and that Gary Scarborough was hired. He has ordered a set of videos and booklets needed to get a water testing license.

Roads - Snell: George Reed will start work in September. They will try to stay within \$48,000-\$52,000.

Buildings - Smith: Roger got a new microwave for the kitchen. Mike reconditioned the oil building and now has a place to store chain saws and other equipment. Ed has called plumbers to come and work on the bathrooms, but hasn't heard back from them. He will get prices for putting new windows in the recreation hall.

Timber - Coleman: Work is complete on the timber harvest. Clean up looks better than last year. Our share will be around \$25,000-\$30,000. Will Dorrell found a few dead trees near the water tank. He will have the timber company take care of them.

Health & Safety - Kasper: Some home owners have asked about the raft and unsupervised children on the raft. It was decided to leave the raft in the lake. There are signs at the lake to remind people that no lifeguard is on duty and that the lake is

**QUICK NOTES**

1. Loren Lacy resigned as caretaker. Gary Scarborough replaced him as of Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. Timbering has been completed except for a few dying trees up by the water tanks.
3. Oiling of roads is deferred to 2004. Paving will be after Labor Day.
4. Read minutes for info about investigating plans to replace burning needles in Park.

unsupervised. People need to watch their children. There are still lots of cigarette butts along the road. Some persons have been dumping old boards and other materials along West Jordan. The President and another Board member will talk to the neighbors and send a letter to each of the responsible people and ask them to clean it up. Three witnesses saw someone in a Ford Explorer with a handicapped plate and a Chevrolet Silverado on Monday, August 11, putting mattresses in the dumpster and got the license plate numbers. The people will be billed for the extra cost for the garbage. One Park resident hit a sign and knocked it down.

Equipment - Brown: Batteries have been charged. No new equipment is needed.

Recreation - Townsend: The new microwave has a 4 year warranty. He would appreciate donations of craft items to be sold during the holiday dinner for money for the fishing derby. He has made some copies of the Park layout sign. He needs kitchen utensils that are longer to use in the big pots. Roger was asked to look for a double sink for the kitchen and get a price.

Finance - Bonner: Bills for budgeted items were \$12,774.49. \$93,547.00 was mainly due to land sales. Taxes for the year for the Timber Fund were \$1,986.00. A C.D. in County Bank of \$97,000 was turned over at 1.2%. We have one in another bank at 4.9%. By motion (Townsend/Selman, unan), bills were approved for payment.

Old Business: The President reported that in telephone calls to Board members, eight voted for the deeded access, one abstained. This gave Wallace four feet of park property. The attorney is drawing up the paper that will be recorded. Loren Lacy resigned after one week. C.N.A. Insurance Co. has said it will represent the Park in the suit with the Boy Scouts. They will refund the Park the money that we have spent on our attorney on this matter. At the meeting of the 108 Fire Safety meeting, it was learned that we can bring a grinder into the park for \$2,000 plus \$350 per hour with a 10 hour minimum, to grind the materials we have been burning in the past. We probably could sell the materials resulting from the grinding. We would have to set a deadline for taking needles, etc., to the area. The grinder would come in for one day. By motion (Bonner/Smith) it was agreed to continue looking for more information. With the grinder, we would not need to burn any longer. It appears that C.D.F. is going to stop all burning at some time in the near future.

New Business: The committee met with Gary Scarborough, who started working in the Park on August 14, 2003. He had already scheduled a vacation in October. After Labor Day, the workers will be doing some work on the office upstairs in the Recreation Building. It was suggested that a "Welcome Package" including a letter and a copy of the Park's Rules and Regulations be prepared and given to people purchasing property in the Park. A question was asked about allowing any one to fish in the lake the two weeks before the lake is drained. This was tabled to be discussed at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be September 18, 2003, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norrine Coyle, Secretary

## Checks Disbursed for August 2003

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Ck.#</u> | <u>Payee</u>            | <u>Discription</u>            | <u>Amount</u>       |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8/14/03     | 10340       | USBank                  | Fed. Income Tax               | \$ 72,802.00**      |
| 8/14/03     | 10341       | Franchise Tax Board     | State Income Tax              | 20,745.00**         |
| 8/14/03     | 10342       | Loren Lacy              | Payroll                       | 511.93              |
| 8/14/03     | 10343       | Michael Caropreso       | Payroll                       | 745.56              |
| 8/14/03     | 10344       | USBank                  | Payroll Taxes                 | 762.00              |
| 8/14/03     | 10345       | Employment Developement | Payroll Taxes                 | 50.92               |
| 8/16/03     | 10346       | Sierra Village Chevron  | Maintain Equipment            | 284.17              |
| 8/16/03     | 10347       | Eric A. Carlson         | Accounting                    | 650.00              |
| 8/16/03     | 10348       | Michael Caropreso       | Payroll                       | 745.57              |
| 8/16/03     | 10349       | Angels Pest Controll    | Maintain Buildings            | 120.00              |
| 5/16/03     | 10350       | Roger Brown             | Professional Services         | 3,478.56            |
| 5/16/03     | 10351       | A&A Portables           | Health & Safety               | 143.36              |
| 8/16/03     | 10352       | MidState Rentals        | Maintain Equipment            | 112.22              |
| 8/16/03     | 10353       | Twain Harte Lumber      | Maintain Water                | 16.92               |
| 8/16/03     | 10354       | Doherty Tire            | Maintain Equipment            | 8.00                |
| 8/16/03     | 10355       | Cal Sierra Disposal     | Garbage                       | 1423.40             |
| 8/16/03     | 10356       | Village Mail & Print    | Newsletter, Etc.              | 108.00              |
| 8/16/03     | 10357       | J S West Propane        | Propane                       | 53.61               |
| 8/16/03     | 10358       | Zaks                    | Shop Supplies                 | 258.43              |
| 8/16/03     | 10359       | PG&E                    | Caretakeer's Cabin            | 26.91               |
| 8/16/03     | 10360       | AquaLab                 | Water tests                   | 675.00              |
| 8/16/03     | 10361       | SBC                     | Phone                         | 59.90               |
| 8/16/03     | 10362       | PG&E                    | Utilities                     | 1390.39             |
| 8/16/03     | 10363       | State Farm Bank         | Employee Deduction            | 100.00              |
| 8/16/03     | 10364       | Richard Bonner          | Mileage & Office Supplies     | 62.16               |
| 8/16/03     | 10365       | Postmaster              | Stamps                        | 37.00               |
| 8/16/03     | 10365       | Robert Snell            | Mileage                       | 54.75               |
| 8/16/03     | 10367       | Norrine Coyle           | Mileage                       | 52.56               |
| 8/16/03     | 10368       | Roger Townsend          | Mileage & Building Supplies   | 222.86              |
| 8/06/03     | 10369       | Greg Brown              | Mileage                       | 98.55               |
| 8/16/03     | 10370       | Fred Coleman            | Mileage                       | 58.40               |
| 8/16/03     | 10371       | M.W.Caropreso           | Employee Benefits--Medical    | 212.84              |
| 8/16/03     | 10372       | California Rural Water  | Permits & Fees--Annual Dues   | <u>250.00</u>       |
|             |             |                         | <b>TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$ 12,774.49</b> |
| 8/16/03     | 10373       | Calif. Reforestation    | Timber Expense                | \$1,968.00          |

\*\*Money held in reserve for Property Tax Sales and timber income tax



Again and again and again we remind you to be Fire Safe.

If you choose to smoke, that is your business but when you throw the cigarettes on the ground around the lake and along the roads, that is a danger to all of us. They can smolder and cause a BIG fire.

The Park and forest is not your ashtray!

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