



# SIERRA PARK NEWSLETTER

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## 2010-2011

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Timber	Charles Varvayanis
Water	Ron Hawke

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Labor Day weekend BBQ was attended by more than 60 people and it was a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. We encourage you to mark your calendars for the Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 16th for another social event. Festivities will begin at 5 pm at the Club House.

Summer seemed far too short but fall has arrived in the Park. We awake to brisk fall temperatures and realize that winter will soon be here. Snow removal equipment has been serviced and is being prepared for use this winter. PG&E has been active in the Park removing trees which endanger power lines. The wood is being moved into the old camp ground and will be available for homeowners to cut. Before cutting any wood, call the Forest Service at 209-532-5601 to be sure of wood cutting days and follow the rules established by them for wood cutting.

The foreclosure of the property adjoining our Park, formerly know as Camp Cedarbrook BSA Camp has presented a unique opportunity to again investigate the possibility of purchasing the property.

Your Board of Directors have spent many hours researching the feasibility and advisability of such a purchase. Time does not permit calling a special meting to inform the members of the Association of the issues involved in such a decision. We ask your support for whatever decision is reached. Please, realize that this decision is not made without much deliberation.

~ Gloria Harvey

## **REBEKAH'S CORNER**

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge #200 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Boardroom. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## **\*\*\*\*\* SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING \*\*\*\*\***

ON **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010 AT 9:00 AM** THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TO ADDRESS THE PENDING SALE AT AUCTION OF THE CAMP CEDARBROOK PROPERTY. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS. AFTER MEMBER INPUT, THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO MAKE A DECISION

## **COMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER 16**

**OKTOBERFEST**

**Beginning @ 5 PM  
at the Club House**

## **EVACUATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Evacuation Committee has announced that a RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) grant in the amount of \$38,770 has been awarded and will be used to reduce fuel and promote defensible space in the Park. The work will be ginnext spring.

**FISHING AT THE LAKE  
IS STILL OPEN TO ALL**

## **GATE ACCESS**

If you have been experiencing trouble with your remote access clicker opening the gate, you may need to install a new battery in your clicker. Batteries for the remotes are generally good for 2 years. Recently a new receiver and antenna were installed in the gate to insure its proper operation.

**WOOD CUTTING  
AT OLD CAMPGROUND  
CONTINUES  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **THE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE**

on the website at: [www.varvayanis.com/sp/finance.htm](http://www.varvayanis.com/sp/finance.htm) If you do not have access to the web and would like a copy mailed to you , please contact the Board.



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## OKTOBERFEST

The *Oktoberfest* committee is hoping to have a super turnout for this fun event. There will be a smorgasbord of German delicacies, including German sausages, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, warm pretzels, applesauce, sour cream and dessert. Due to the extensive menu, it is necessary that **reservations be made by October 2nd**. The cost for the dinner will be \$5.00 per person by reservation. It will be \$10.00 at the door. Please call in your reservations to either Yvonne Peter 209-586-5950 or Linda Clark 209-586-0257 or by e-mail to the park e-mail address.

In addition to the wonderful food, there will be music provided by Joe and Gladys Freitas on accordion and keyboard. If you have an accordion and would like to participate in the music you are invited to join in. If you can, German attire is encouraged.

Wir sehen sie uns aut dern Oktoberfest!

## EXERCISE CLASSES & YOGA

The exercise classes are going well. Everyone is welcome. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 for about half an hour to forty-five minutes. Some go for a walk afterward to enhance the experience. Also, on Saturday mornings at 9:00 Claire Velayas is leading an hour of yoga exercise. Please come join in the fun any day.

## PARK RULES

Everyone in the Park needs to be aware of and follow our Park Rules. A few infractions have occurred during the summer that need to be addressed. One was the occurrence of a motor home being used at night while in the lake parking lot. This is akin to camping and is not allowed. Another incident occurred involving the use of unlicensed motor bikes speeding on the Park roadways and riding along the beach area. Additionally, there were incidents of a pickup truck speeding and doing wheelies on Park roads. The CHP was called and came to the Park to speak with the offenders. The property owners where the offenders were staying were contacted. One other incident was noted that involves a pickup with a trailer of OHV's parked blocking the gate near the water tank on Isaac which could be a cause of great concern in an emergency. Because of these recent incidents, as a reminder, it is everyone's responsibility to be aware of our rules and to be sure that any guests or other users of your property are also aware of our rules. If you do not have a copy of the current rules, they are available on the website for downloading. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Board and we will see that a copy is sent to you. If you do observe something going on that shouldn't be, please document the incident and contact caretaker, Mark or a Board member as soon as possible. Observation, communication and cooperation are key to a community that works well.

## SEPTEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Please note that the September regular Board of Directors' meeting has been changed to

**Saturday September 25th at 8:30 AM**

## SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, ETC.

Your Board welcomes your suggestions, comments, etc. So, please do let us know what you think.

## RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please contact the Board via phone or e-mail.



**ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR  
MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2010**

**INTERIM MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Vice President Peter. Board members present: Dick Barrett, Linda Clark, Paul Emery, Nelson Fialho, Ron Hawke, Friedhelm Peter, Charles Varvayanis, and Shaun Velayas. Board member excused: Gloria Harvey. Caretaker Mark Higgins was also present.

**INVOCATION:** Given by Ron Hawke

**HOMEOWNERS AND/OR GUESTS PRESENT:**

Vice President Peter recognized the following homeowners: Larry Vaughn, Joyce Aston, Fred Coleman, Karin Schultz and Bob Hintz.

Joyce Aston had some suggestions regarding use of ATV's on a limited basis; making available a listing of available services, items for sale, etc via an article in the newsletter or on the website; opening the pond for fishing for seniors. *These items will be addressed under New Business at the next regular BOD meeting.*

Fred Coleman stated that on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> he was coming into the park and a Toyota pickup with a camper shell ran him off the road. Previously Larry Vaughn had seen the same pick up speeding and doing wheelies by the pond. Mark Higgins called the Highway Patrol who came into the park and tried to contact the people. The people did not respond. Mark contacted Friedhelm and they turned off the water. Larry Vaughn reported that the people had mini bikes and rode them onto the beach, tearing up the sand. They also were belligerent and kept speeding in the park. The owner of the property was contacted. Her son and friends were using the cabin. Another instance is the person who has a trailer by the gate at the water tower on upper Abraham with ATV's and is parked blocking the gate. It is suggested that in the future, we need dates, incident, license numbers and a short description of the incident to document the occurrence. *This will be addressed under New Business at the next regular BOD meeting.* Mr. Coleman stated that dog walkers are not picking up their dogs' waste.

Bob Hintz spoke about the road grader not being safe – he has information regarding a Bob Cat and the possibility of renting this piece of equipment. All rental costs would go toward purchase. Mr. Hintz has spoken with Vice President Peter in regard to this. *This will be addressed under New Business at the next regular BOD meeting.*

Larry Vaughn spoke about a motor home being used in the parking lot at the pond. It is a policy of the park to not allow the use of motor homes, trailers, tents or any other type of camping on park property. Director Hawke suggested that anyone noticing infringements of park rules document such information in writing. Mr. Vaughn suggested signs be erected stating the rules. *This will be addressed under New Business at the next regular BOD meeting.* Mr. Vaughn questioned voting process regarding membership in the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs. He also had questions regarding the By-Laws. Director Hawke suggested that Mr. Vaughn bring a copy of the By-Laws with his questioned areas highlighted to the next regular BOD meeting.

Karin Schultz stated she had received a reminder of the assessment notice from Carlson Haff & Associates and was pleased to see the due date and penalty for late payment appeared on the statement.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Secretary Clark acknowledged the donation of some Christmas placemats for the next raffle from Vickie Smith along with a letter. Also a letter was received from Beverly Adams regarding the sale of her cabin. A postcard was received from the California Secretary of State regarding the annual State of Information Filing. She will follow up and see that the document is filed by the October 31, 2010 deadline.

## **MINUTES OF THE JULY 2010 BOD MEETING:**

**Hawke moved, seconded by Fialho to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2010 BOD meeting as presented. Carried and so ordered.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **WATER – HAWKE:**

Director Hawke presented a written report stating there were two water line breaks in July and one in August. One of the homeowners was unreachable due to their listed phone number no longer being in service. *It is essential that all property owners have current contact information on file with the Park.* In all of the cases, the water was turned off. During the leaks, the rate the storage tank's water level decreased was alarming. A test was done and it was found that a broken 3/4 inch pipeline could leak at nearly a gallon per second. This means one leak could drain our full system in about 3 days without any other usage. Because our system is a key factor in dealing with a possible fire, he suggested that an alarm system that would provide early warning of leaks be looked into. Director Hawke stated that our licensed water operator, Gary Scarborough has taken a job in Wyoming and his backup operator Paul Krawchuk has taken a job with TUD. Paul will continue with the required reporting and he has a backup operator, Don Nussle. The BOD will be evaluating our Park's needs and the most suitable way to meet those needs. Director Hawke will bring some information to the next regular BOD meeting. Water usage for the month of July was 1,284,400 gallons. This is a large amount, partly due to the water leaks. In further discussion it was recommended that caretaker Mark Higgins work toward getting his water license. Director Fialho will obtain information for Mark.

#### **ROADS – EMERY:**

Director Emery reported that George Reed Company did not complete the job in July. No final walk through was done. A bill has been received in the amount of \$11,800, plus \$2,450 for fog seal which was not done. Director Emery will send a certified letter to the George Reed Company stating the work was not complete and stating they have ten days to comply or we will contact another company to complete the job and deduct those costs from the George Reed billing.

#### **BUILDINGS – BARRETT:**

Director Peter reported for Director Barrett's that work has begun on the caretaker's cabin. The facial has been removed for repair to the sub-structure. Next week the repairman will be putting in the concrete piers for the walkway out of the sliding door, the dormer and the minor repairs needed to the well houses. Discussion was held regarding putting in a wood burning stove in the caretaker's cabin. Due to the price of propane, it would be less expensive for the caretaker if there were a wood burning stove available. Discussion was held regarding a plan being established to continue with what still needs to be done to the cabin. *This will be addressed under Old Business at the next regular BOD meeting.*

#### **EQUIPMENT – PETER:**

Director Peter reported the old dump truck has been serviced and is now usable and insurable. The snow plow truck will be serviced and the hydraulics replaced and the front differential looked at as soon as the old truck is insured. Discussion was held as to the use of the 12 foot blade and the use of the grader. The big generator is being serviced.

#### **TIMBER – VARVAYANIS:**

Director Varvayanis reported that Forester Will Dorrell has been contacted regarding the willows at the pond. Mr. Dorrell says there is no problem in trimming them. Director Varvayanis passed the information on to the Oplands. They will probably not trim the willows until next year. There is a dangerous tree on Esther that is on Park property that needs to be removed. **Director Varvayanis will contact Ace Tree Service to remove the tree.** The Meadow Management Plan is still not available. Charles will contact Mr. Dorrell.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY – FIALHO:**

Director Fialho had nothing to report.

## **RECREATION - CLARK**

Secretary Clark reported that the Labor Day pic nic is on schedule. She presented Treasurer Velayas with a check in the amount of \$25.00 from the exercise class participants as a donation toward the utilities bills.

## **GATE - VARVAYANIS**

Director Varvayanis reported that some people are still experiencing problems with their gate clickers not working. He purchased a new receiver and a new directional antenna. He installed them on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that people check their batteries if they are experiencing difficulty in getting the gate to open. He also stated he has purchased new clickers. The remote clickers sell for \$50.00, the cards for \$30.00

## **EVACUATION - HARVEY**

Secretary Clark reported that two evacuation signs have been removed by someone. They will need to be replaced.

## **FINANCE - VELAYAS:**

Director Velayas reported that the bills presented for the month came to \$12,503.49. Director Varvayanis brought up the fact that the Park is paying \$21.54 per month for long distance charges to AT&T. He suggested that we drop the long distance plan. He also addressed the other phone bill and suggested we change it from business metered rate to residential rate which will be less expensive. **Varvayanis moved, seconded by Hawke to drop the long distance and change the regular to residential rate. Carried and so ordered.** George Reed is not being paid at this time. **Hawke moved, seconded by Emery to approve payment of the bills as presented. Carried and so ordered.**

**At 10:45 a.m. the Board went to closed session to discuss some legal issues.**

**The regular session of the meeting reopened at 12:20 pm.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Comcast:** Director Varvayanis suggested a letter be written to Comcast to invite them to come into the Park. He will do so. After discussion, it was decided that an invitation letter also be sent to Sierra Nevada as well. Varvayanis presented a survey form regarding television, internet and telephone usage to be sent out with the next newsletter.
2. **Dead Tree Removal** – Vice President Peter reported that President Harvey has been in contact with PG&E and about 43 trees have been identified that need to be removed. PG&E will remove most of these trees at no cost to the Park.
3. **Audit vs. Financial Review** – Vice President Peter reported that President Harvey has been in contact with Clay Maddox about doing an audit. They would charge \$5,000 to do a review and \$2000 per year to do a full audit. *After discussion, it was decided to defer this until the next regular BOD meeting.*
4. **Water License Agreement: - Varvayanis** – Director Varvayanis will work on this in the very near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Property access signs** - Signs have been posted on properties where access is through Park property. The signs indicate that access may be denied. *This issue will be agendized for the next regular BOD meeting.*
2. **Upgrade of office computer system** – Director Varvayanis reported that he has found a good price for a new computer for the office. The present office computer will be moved to the gate house for faster, more efficient access to the gate videos. He has purchased radios and wire for internet access for the office.
3. **Purchase copy/fax machine for the office** – Director Hawke recommends a “Brother” brand. After discussion, **Barrett moved, seconded by Fialho that Hawke purchase the machine. Carried and so ordered.**

4. **Access ramp to lodge building for handicapped.** – Because there is now a handicapped individual living in the park, the question arises as to whether or not a ramp needs to be put at the front entrance to the lodge building. *This will be moved to Old Business for the next regular BOD meeting.*

5. **Drainage system for front of lodge building** – a drainage system needs to be put in at the front of the building on the parking lot side to prevent further water damage to the siding of the building. This is something that Mark can do.

6. **Bob Cat** – Director Peter would like to lease a Bob Cat for three months beginning December 1, 2010 for the purpose of determining if that is a better way of taking care of the Park's needs for snow removal and additional park work the rest of the year. *This will be moved to Old Business for the next regular BOD meeting for further discussion.*

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Secretary Clark stated that she cannot get the August newsletter out until the second week of September due to other commitments

2. Director Hawke would like to have a Master Gardner come in to look at the Park's apple orchard to make an assessment of the orchard. He will contact Mrs. Peter to contact someone to do so.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Linda Clark  
Secretary

2:41 PM  
08/23/10  
Accrual Basis

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

CHECK REGISTER

As of August 27, 2010

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount	Balance
						<b>11,878.64</b>
Check	07/20/2010	1477	Gordon & Rees Client Trust Accoun	755 - Professional Services	-5,000.00	6,878.64
Check	07/20/2010	1478	J. S. West	792 - Utilities	-21.38	6,857.26
Check	07/20/2010	1479	PG&E	792 - Utilities	-3.34	6,853.92
Liability Check	07/27/2010	1482	Oak Valley Bank	330 - FUTA LIABILITY	-100.99	6,752.93
Liability Check	07/27/2010	1483	EDD	Payroll tax	-261.89	6,491.04
Check	07/27/2010	1084	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assr	133 - Oak Valley Community Bank M.	5,000.00	11,491.04
Paycheck	07/30/2010	1480	Baumann, Donald W.	Payroll	-590.99	10,900.05
Paycheck	07/30/2010	1481	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	Payroll	-985.32	9,914.73
Check	08/02/2010	1484	Sierra Bat Exclusion	772 - Maintain Buildings	-25.00	9,889.73
Check	08/02/2010	1485	Inland Potable Services, Inc.	775 - Maintain Water Systems	-5,624.00	4,265.73
Check	08/02/2010	1486	R. A. Ramet Construction	772 - Maintain Buildings	-1,200.00	3,065.73
Check	08/02/2010	1085	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assr	133 - Oak Valley Community Bank M.	7,000.00	10,065.73
Liability Check	08/03/2010	1487	EDD	Payroll tax	-96.98	9,968.75
Liability Check	08/03/2010	1488	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll tax	-973.27	8,995.48
Paycheck	08/13/2010	1489	Baumann, Donald W.	Payroll	-224.47	8,771.01
Paycheck	08/13/2010	1490	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	Payroll	-985.32	7,785.69
Check	08/13/2010	1086	Odd Fellows Sierra Rec.Assn.	133 - Oak Valley Comm. Bank M.M.	11,000.00	18,785.69
Check	08/13/2010	1491	Oak Valley Bank	796 - Income Tax Expense	-7,272.00	11,513.69
Check	08/13/2010	1492	Franchise Tax Board	795 - Franchise Tax Expenses	-3,755.00	7,758.69
Check	08/23/2010	1493	Angels Pest Control	772 - Maintain Buildings	-130.00	7,628.69
Check	08/23/2010	1494	AquaLab	794 - Water Testing & Fees	-290.00	7,338.69
Check	08/23/2010	1495	AT&T	Telephone	-115.21	7,223.48
Check	08/23/2010	1496	Auto Discount Repair	773 - Maintain Equipment	-996.11	6,227.37
Check	08/23/2010	1497	Carlson, Haff & Associates	756 - Accounting Services	-1,310.12	4,917.25
Check	08/23/2010	1498	Linda Clark	770 - Recreation	-28.14	4,889.11
Check	08/23/2010	1499	El Dorado Septic Service, Inc.	740 - Health & Safety	-231.00	4,658.11
Check	08/23/2010	1500	General Plumbing Supply Co. Inc.	775 - Maintain Water Systems	-90.94	4,567.17
Check	08/23/2010	1501	Gloria Harvey	Office supplies	-133.56	4,433.61
Check	08/23/2010	1502	J. S. West	792 - Utilities	-181.18	4,252.43
Check	08/23/2010	1503	Krawchuk, Paul	794 - Water Testing & Fees	-312.50	3,939.93
Check	08/23/2010	1504	Mike's Mowers	773 - Maintain Equipment	-104.49	3,835.44
Check	08/23/2010	1505	PG&E	792 - Utilities	-1,682.45	2,152.99
Check	08/23/2010	1506	Peter, Friedhelm	775 - Maintain Water Systems	-65.00	2,087.99
Check	08/23/2010	1507	Roger A. Brown	755 - Professional Services	-988.00	1,099.99
Check	08/23/2010	1508	Scarborough, Gary	794 - Water Testing & Fees	-110.00	989.99
Check	08/23/2010	1509	Sierra Instant Printing	758 - Member Communications	-238.16	751.83
Check	08/23/2010	1510	Sonora Fire & Safety Equipment	740 - Health & Safety	-212.00	539.83
Check	08/23/2010	1511	Twain Harte Lumber & Hardware	780 - General Park Maintenance	-810.95	-271.12
Check	08/23/2010	1512	Charles P. Varvayanis	766 - Office Supplies	-240.05	-511.17
Check	08/23/2010	1513	W.H. Breshears, Inc.	735 - Fuel	-2,304.86	-2,816.03
Check	08/23/2010	1514	Waste Management	736 - Garbage	-1,489.12	-4,305.15
Check	08/23/2010	1515	Zaks	773 - Maintain Equipment	-157.24	-4,462.39
Check	08/23/2010	1087	Odd Fellows Sierra Rec. Assn.	133 - Oak Valley Comm. Bank M.M.	17,000.00	12,537.61
Paycheck	08/27/2010	1516	Baumann, Donald W.	Payroll	-636.25	11,901.36
Paycheck	08/27/2010	1517	Higgins, Jr., Mark K.	Payroll	-985.32	10,916.04
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**Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association  
Odd Fellows Sierra Homeowners' Association  
Annual General Meeting  
May 30, 2010**

A welcome greeting to the sixty-second OFSRA Annual General Meeting and the twenty-fourth OFSHA Annual meeting was called to order by Acting President **Fred Coleman** at 9:11AM on 5/30/10, meetings for both associations were conducted concurrently.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the invocation were provided by **Al Orth**. **Al** requested that all in attendance take a moment to remember those that have passed before us this Memorial Day and offer prayer to those that defend our country.

Motion by **Elsie Manning** seconded by **Andrea Miller** to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2008-2009 annual meeting. Carried and so ordered.

**Roll Call and Introduction of the Board of Directors:** All members were present.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Position</u>
<b>Fred Coleman</b>	Acting President and Secretary
<b>Shaun Velayas</b>	Treasurer
<b>Paul Emery</b>	Health and Safety
<b>Charles Varvayanis</b>	Water and Gate
<b>Mike Ford</b>	Buildings
<b>Friedhelm Peter</b>	Member
<b>Steve Wallace</b>	Roads
<b>Al Orth</b>	Equipment (Resigned from the Board earlier but to give equipment report)

**Evacuation Plan-** presented by **Barry Rudolph** (Cal Fire). **Barry** discussed the defensive space and the Tuolumne County generic general Evacuation plan. In brief, the Fire Service team determines the fire threat and the police handle the actual evacuation or you may have to leave on your own if neither team has arrived. There are two routes out of Odd Fellows Park and they may only allow you ten minutes to pack before starting an evacuation. Check on line at the Cal-Fire website ([www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org)) for more information. **Barry** suggested that homeowners may want to conduct their own "fire drill activity" and drive the evacuation routes. **Gloria Harvey** is already working on a grant proposal for fuel reduction along the routes and in the Park.

**Introduction of new Park Manager- Mark Higgins** was introduced by **Fred Coleman**. **Mark Higgins** provided a brief introduction of himself.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** presented by **Fred Coleman** -

A letter in regard to future terminations of park employees from **Deanna Williams** was read. **Roger Townsend** had sent a prior letter (via an e-mail) and hadn't received a response.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**WATER- Charles Varvayanis -**

(1) **Water usage-** Usage in 2009/2010 was approximately 8,130,568 gallons compared to 9,013,100gallons in 2008/2009. This is the least amount of water used in the last ten years. Chlorination was required due to a break.

(2) **New Water Operator:** Bob Cloak was replaced as our water operator by **Gary Scarborough**.

**Tanks** -There are six tanks within the park. A Colorado firm gave us a bid of \$4,425.00 to clean and inspect the tanks.

**After discussion** - A motion by **Elsie Manning** and seconded by **Michael Letner** to have the Colorado firm service the tanks. Carried and so ordered.

**ROADS- Steve Wallace** - received a proposal from George Reed, a local road contractor, with a variety of

options to maintain the roads. The projected costs range from \$2,450.00 up to \$11,800. There was a discussion about the benefits of "slurry seal", "fog seal" and "crack seal". A discussion followed. A motion by **Ron Hawke** and seconded that the board be authorized to look into the matter further and have five board members determine what action to take. Carried and so ordered. A motion by **Cathy Canales** and seconded by **Bob Hintz** to require three competitive bids for any project over \$5,000. Discussion followed and a vote was taken. Motion failed.

**BUILDINGS - Mike Ford** – The front gate was painted and the cameras were installed. The entrance light was completed by **Steve Wallace, Al Orth** and **Mike Ford**.

**Caretaker's Cabin** - As previously noted in last year's (May 2009) minutes, the Caretaker's Cabin needed to be brought up to code. The cabin, with the exception of the kitchen, was completely remodeled this last year.

**Mike Ford** presented a slide show depicting the work done inside the cabin. The outside of the building needs new siding and any dry rot discovered when the old siding is taken off needs to be repaired. A deck needs to be installed outside the sliding glass door, the kitchen needs to be remodeled and some flashing needs to be replaced.

**Mike Ford** stated that someone else needs to be assigned the job of completing this work. Considerable discussion followed. A motion by **Linda Clark** seconded by **Mike Ford** to borrow \$40,000 from the timber fund to complete the kitchen and the outside of the cabin with the loan to be paid back beginning with the 2011-2012 budget year with no interest. Motion carried and so ordered.

<b>COST OF THE CABIN TO DATE:</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>\$19,714.58</b>
	<b>Labor</b>	<b><u>\$19,256.00</u></b>
	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$38,970.58</b>

**Status – Rental Agreement for Mark Higgins:** Previously there had been no rental agreement with the prior caretaker. Currently there is no "rental agreement" established with **Mark Higgins**. New Board will handle this matter.

**At 11:04AM a 10 minute break was called by Fred Coleman.**

**At 11:20AM the Annual General Meeting was called back to order by Fred Coleman.**

**TIMBER** - no one assigned. **Fred Coleman** provided an update.

**Update on Vegetation Management Plan mentioned last year** - There was to be a management plan developed by our forester Will Dorrell. Later this year he will address this matter and be able to provide an update on the status of our forest. The Park will not be cutting timber this season as timber prices are way down. Payment for Will's services to come out of the Timber Fund

#### **RECREATION –**

**Mike Ford** is not in charge of this section but stated that he takes care of the lake portion of the fishing derby. **Jesse Worsham** handles the picnic. **Mr. Ford** suggested that the Rebekahs handle the donations for this year's fishing derby.

**HEALTH & SAFETY - Paul Emery** - The annual inspection of fire extinguishers will be completed. He thanked the local Rebekah lodge for taking care of the donations for the fishing derby.

**Susan Flobelli** was thankful for the Lake dredging. She then made motion that the raft be returned to the Lake. Discussion followed regarding the liability to the park for a raft. A free floating raft is not allowed by our insurance company. Any raft must be anchored. Motion died for lack of a second.

**Paul Emery** inquired if homeowners would be interested in an "anchored raft"? The show of hands indicated a positive response to research this option further. **Paul** will check with the helicopter fire safety folks to ensure that a helicopter has access to scoop water if there is an anchored raft in the lake.

**EQUIPMENT - Al Orth** – The Tractor & Mower are shot. The old dump truck cannot be used since it is not covered by insurance. The Snow Plow has the wrong insurance and no liability for use on the roads or highway. Al thought overall that the total damage to equipment in the last year equaled about \$10,000 to \$12,000. The Toyota truck repair cost will be about \$3900.00.

The road grader is in decent shape with the money left over from the purchase set aside for required maintenance.

The snow plow has been heavily utilized this past winter season. It needs to have the new blade installed

before the next snow season. The older truck is no longer "insurable" and it's too expensive to repair. The mower is in horrible condition - it doesn't cut grass very well. The cost of a new tractor with mower could be up to \$20,000. A used Kubota 96 model with about 450 hrs could be around \$18000.00. More research will be required before a decision can be made. A discussion took place about the equipment.

**Tool update** - The Park does not have any tools for the caretaker to use. Tools need to be purchased.

**FINANCE- Shaun Velayas** - End of year status - The treasurer can always be reached and can provide the exact accounts/amounts where any expenses to date have been paid. The current Board had decided not to purchase the Cedar Brook property (despite the favorable response from the members) and the funds being held for the possibility of a purchase went back into the money market accounts at 1.3% interest for a two year term that is fully insured. There is about \$30,000 that needs to be transferred back into reserve funds. There is a web site for the park [www.sierrapark.org](http://www.sierrapark.org) that needs volunteers to help get it going.

**ACCOUNTING FOR ASSESSMENTS:** There are less delinquent assessments than in previous years. Some foreclosures have occurred throughout the Park, but in general the housing slump hasn't affected the Odd Fellows Park selling prices as bad as in other areas. **Shaun** wants to create a mechanism for collection of past assessments. Perhaps delinquent accounts and amounts past due should be printed in the monthly newsletter.

**Money owed Timber Fund-** The entire prior debt of \$50,000 has been repaid to the Timber Fund.

**Accounting for Caretaker's Cabin** - The cabin remodeling came in under the \$40K budget plan and money was not needed from the Timber Fund. The playground has been paid off.

**OLD BUSINESS: None reported**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DOG PARK- Motion** by **James Lenhardt** seconded by **Duane Lehan** to remove the Dog Park in its entirety. After a discussion, **James Lenhardt** removed his Motion and moved that any future outbuildings or fencing need to be discussed between the home owners and Board members prior to finalization when it effects the Park Land as it's a recreational usage associated with the land property that affects all home owners, not just a few. Motion Failed for lack of a second.

**GARDEN SHED & GARDEN** - Rebekah Dogwood Lodge #200 proposed to locate a garden shed by well number six. The Rebekahs want to put in a "deer fence" to enclose a specific area for gardening. They would also like to erect a garden shed on blocks to hold all their tools. The garden would be a project to grow seasonal vegetables which could be shared with the community. The Rebekah Lodge would cover all expenses. Motion by **Mike Ford** seconded by **Susan Flobelli** to allow the Rebekahs to move ahead with their Garden and Garden Shed at the selected location. Carried and so ordered

**EVACUATION PLAN** - discussed and noted at beginning of meeting minutes. Please refer to page one.

**PROPER USE of Park Equipment, Supplies, Materials, Tools and Caretaker's Cabin - Fred Coleman read** - "Park equipment, tools supplies, materials, Caretaker and any park employees are for the sole benefit of the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association (Park only) and not for the private use or benefit of a Board member or other homeowner. Exception can be made by the Board in an extreme emergency". A show of hands was requested to show support for the statement. Show of hands was unanimous for the statement. No possible exceptions, no discussion, and no opposition.

**FIRE WOOD - Fred Coleman** remarked that the rule concerning the gathering of firewood in the Park had been broken on several occasions. That was the reason for the rule change concerning the gathering of firewood. It was now to be sold to the highest bidder and the profit from the sale would go to the Fishing Derby. Discussion followed and it was suggested that the Firewood policy needed further review.

**Off ROAD VEHICLES, DIRT BIKES AND ATV'S** - As of June or July 2010, 3N90 the US Forest Service road behind our large water tank is going to be closed to all but highway licensed vehicles. This is due to the new Travel Management Plan adopted by the Forest Service. This rule not only applies to 3N90 but all roads in the Highway 108 corridor. This is the area between the Tuolumne River and the Stanislaus River. The first offense carries a fine of AND \$150.00 per incident. The US Forest Service will be attempting to close off all side roads and skid trails entrances with boulders. See **Fred Coleman** for maps of areas

affected.

**INSURANCE - WALLACE AND COLEMAN** - They met with our insurance agent and found that there are a few problems. For example, the small gate house was insured for the sum of \$35,000. The cabin was too low and is now insured for \$175 per square foot. The insurance company suggests that dead trees be removed from our property within the sub-division since we are not insured for any damage or injury resulting from a dead tree.

**PURCHASE OF CEDAR BROOK UPDATE – FRED COLEMAN** - He stated that the survey sent out to the members indicated an approval of 70% to purchase this property. The purchase would close the backdoor to the Park and provide us with more security. With the purchase we would not have to worry about neighbors and would also acquire timber for a future sale. **Paul Emery** said that the Board had moved forward in their investigation of Cedar Brook (original value between \$650,000 and \$750,000) and the Board had decided not to try and purchase it at this time. Motion by **Ron Hawke** seconded by **Mark Bradley** to have the Board reopen their investigation into the purchase of Cedar Brook and to investigate through due diligence for the Park's benefit as a viable asset or not. Motion carried and so ordered.

**MAINTENANCE BUDGET & ASSESSMENT FOR 2010-2011 - Shaun Velayas** - Budget was mailed out to all members. Motion by **Clark Kellogg** seconded by **John Wallace** to approve the budget as presented. Carried and so ordered. The 2010-2011 budget provides for a reduction of the assessment from \$865.00 per year to \$830.00.

**LICENSING AGREEMENTS ARE EXPIRING** – The must be addressed and taken care of prior to October of 2011.

**ELECTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**Al Orth** and **Jesse Worsham** have resigned from the Board. The terms of **Mike Ford**, **Steve Wallace** and **Fred Coleman** have expired. All three have removed their names from the ballot.

Three seats have a three year term and two seats have a one year term. The proxy contains a list of candidates. Those nominees previously listed do not require nomination from the floor. Those two nominees are **Gloria Harvey** and **Linda Clark**. Nominations were opened. **Ron Hawke** nominated by **Pat Monahan**, **Dick Barrett** nominated by **Bob Cloak**, **Nelson Fialho** nominated by **Gloria Harvey**. A brief introduction from each BOD candidate was made. The 3 candidates with the highest votes are to fill the positions with a three year term. The remaining two candidates will fulfill positions with a one year term. Cumulative Voting was called for. The vote was taken and the results were as follows:

**Gloria Harvey** obtained 54 votes - elected to a 3yr term.

**Linda Clark** obtained 50 votes - elected to 3yr term.

**Ron Hawke** obtained 31 votes - elected to 3yr term.

**Dick Barrett** obtained 30 votes - elected to a 1yr term.

**Nelson Fialho** obtained 27 votes -elected to a 1yr term.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Minutes taken by Randy Grosse

These minutes have been corrected and presented herein as per the audio tape of the meeting by the committee of:

Linda Clark, Fred Coleman and Gloria Harvey

# Television, Internet, and Telephone Survey

The Odd Fellows Sierra Homeowner's Association (OFSHA) Board of Directors is assessing the possibility of attracting Comcast to Odd Fellows Sierra Park. To that end, the OFSHA BOD would like to know how you currently receive Television, Telephone, and Internet services and your interest in receiving services from Comcast if available. Comcast currently services the nearby community of Sierra Village with Television programming only.

Please provide your name and street address in Odd Fellows Sierra Park:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Numbers (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Television Programming** – Do you currently have the following in Odd Fellows Sierra Park? Please check all that apply.

- DirecTV (Satellite)
- Dish Network (Satellite)
- Sierra Nevada Communications (Cable)
- Off the air (Antenna)
- DVD and/or Blu-ray player/recorder
- VCR player/recorder
- Other – Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Internet Access** – Do you currently have the following in Odd Fellows Sierra Park? Please check all that apply.

- HughesNet (Satellite)
- WildBlue (Satellite)
- StarBand (Satellite)
- Dial-up
- ISDN
- T1
- Other – Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Service** – Do you currently have the following in Odd Fellows Sierra Park? Please check all that apply.

- Land Line – AT&T
- Land Line – AT&T (Second line or more)
- Cell Phone

**Comcast** – If available would you purchase the following services from Comcast in Odd Fellow Sierra Park? Please check all that apply.

- Television Programming
- Internet Access
- Telephone Service

# Television, Internet, and Telephone Survey Response

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