

YOUR PARK NEWS

ODD FELLOW SIERRA PARK SEPT. 1975

NEW ODD FELLOW LODGE FOR PARK

The latest word from Elwyn Wallis is that he has over 17 associate members signed and only needs one more charter member to get things rolling to get a charter and institute a new lodge in the Park.

On Saturday, Oct 4th at 3:30 PM, all those interested, be at the Recreation Hall at the Park and we'll plan further progress, such as meeting night - set initiation fee - set dues - and when we could look forward to being instituted and be on our way.

Elwyn has talked to the Grand Lodge Secretary, the Grand Master and some past Grand Masters and all are very much for this lodge. The Grand Lodge Office has indicated that we might be able to get a very low number for our lodge number.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED

Recreation Chairman - Jeff Harmer and Ann Ferreira - Bar B Q Chairman, assisted by Ruth Harmer, wish to thank their committee and all who donated, worked and made the whole thing such a success. Thanks also to all of you out there who purchased tickets. Everybody assured a big Fish Derby next summer and more improvements in the Park Recreation.

GARBAGE PICKUP

The pickup bins by the Firehouse are only for those paying for this service. If you wish to dump your household garbage here you may subscribe at \$3.00 per month, either by the month, quarterly, or whatever. See Tom Jones, the caretaker, and sign up.

NEW TOBOGGAN RUN

A new run has been graded and ready for the winter's snow. Please, until that day, don't ride motorbikes, jeeps, or anything down this run or it will be ruined for what it is intended.

HUNTERS AND HORSES AND GUNS

Sept 27th the hunting season starts with a bang. Please be reminded that no firearms are to be fired within the properties of Odd Fellow Park. No horses or dogs are allowed in the lake, or on the beach by the lake. Please do your part to keep our lake clean and unpolluted.

FALL - ONE OF THE QUIET PEACEFUL SEASONS

Gone is the rush and noise of summer. The mornings are cold, but the days are pleasant and warm. The best time to visit the back country is now, only be sure to keep a wary eye on the weather reports. Be sure not to venture too far without adequate fuel, tires, etc. A rather new paved road we explored lately that warrants your try is the Cottonwood Road. It starts at Tuolumne City and goes all the way to Cherry Lake on the edge of Yosemite Park. It crosses areas which until now were only seen by 4-wheelers. You can continue from Cherry to Highway 120 and back by Groveland, Priest Grade, and back to Sonota. Good motoring! P.S. The Cottonwood Road is new enough not to be on even the latest road maps.

AN HISTORICAL NOTE

For the benefit of those members who enjoy an occasional historical bit we are including this excerpt from "The California Gold Rush".

"As camps became a bit more settled, the miners recognized that they needed some kind of regular court. At first, many of them followed the Mexican system and elected alcaldes, whose duties combined those of mayor and justice of the peace. In 1850 the legislature of the new state of California abolished the office of alcalde and required towns to have justices of the peace instead. But for the mining camps, where things were conducted in informal fashion, it was a change in name only.

Very few of these local magistrates had any experience in the law. Most of them were simply honest men doing their best to be fair and to conduct their courts with something resembling correct legal procedure. But at times some of the homespun judges made strange decisions. The miners of Sonoma elected an alcalde named Sullivan, whose very first case involved a Mexican, Juan Santa Ana, who had been arrested on the complaint of one William Smith who accused him of stealing a pair of leather leggings. Sullivan heard the sentence, found Santa Ana guilty, and fined him three ounces of gold. Then, to make sure he had not overlooked anything, he turned to Smith and fined him one ounce of gold for having

made the complaint.

But this was nothing compared to the highhanded way in which Major R.C. Barry made his decisions in Sonora, where he ruled as justice of the peace. Fortunately, he kept a record, and the grammar and spelling were as weird as some of the decisions he describes. One example will show Justice Barry at his best:

"No. 516. This is a suite for Mule Stealing in which Jesus Ramirez is indited fur stealing one Black mare Mule, branded O with a 5 in it from sheriff Work. George swares the Mule in question is hisn and I believe so. On hearing the case I found Jesus Ramirez of feloniously and against the law made and prived and the dignity of the people of Sonora stealing the aforesade mare Mule sentensed him to pay the Cost of Coort 10 dollars, and fine him a 100 dollars more as a terrour to all evil doers."

So far so good. Major Barry seems to have made a fair decision, and the punishment he ordered appears mild enough. But what happened next did not even faintly resemble either law or equity:

"Jesus Ramirez not having any munney to pay with I rooled that George Work shuld pay the Costs of Coort, as well as the fine, an in default of payment that the said one mare Mule be sold by the Constable John Luney or other officer of the Coort to meet the expenses of the Costs of Coort as also the payment of the fine aforesade. R.C. Barry, Justice Peace. John Luney, Constable."

In many of his cases, Barry seemed more interested in collecting the fines and especially his own costs of court than he did in dispensing justice. But in this particular case Sheriff Work had a lawyer who protested Barry's ruling. Barry concludes the case with this note:

"H.P. Barber, the lawyer for George Work in solently tole me there was no law for me to rool so I told him that I did not give a damn for his book law, that I was the Law myself. He jawed back so I told him to shetup but he would not so I fined him 50 dollars and comited him to gao' fur five days fur contempt of Coort in bringing my roolings and disissions into disreputableness and as a warning to un-rooly citizens not to contredict this Coort." "

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting - Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Assn - Sept 7, 1975

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Pres Bell - All members in attendance.

CARETAKER'S REPORT:

Abraham watered - graded - ready for gravel. Equipment repaired. Water services installed. Started cleaning of Bar ditches.

Minutes of August meeting read and approved.

Members before the Board - 5 members attending. Mrs. Clifton complained about garbage cans and the mess involved. Also complained re unsightly Fire House which should be painted to blend with view. Action - Garbage cans will be moved to an area behind the Rec Hall. - Firehouse to be painted. Elwyn Wallis complained about road patching by contractor's workers - complimented on work by Tom Jones and Pat Jones.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Rec check from Sunnyvale P O -\$38.86 refund from postage due acct.

Rec letter from Donald R Smith requesting membership when purchase of Father's property is finalized.

Letter from Gant & Gant attorneys regarding Corporate Structure and By-laws - and restrictions. Motion by Del Wallis the attorney be directed to draw up a set of restrictions incorporating ideas expressed in letter received, seconded by Cole. 9 yes - 0 no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROADS - Johnson - Part of patch work has been done on roads. Contractor coming in today to go over balance of work required. Abraham is ready for rock as soon as one culvert is moved.

WATER - Bell - Water rank crew arrived on 9/6/75. Will start construction on 9/8/75. Dean reported that Labor Day the West side of Park ran out of water - new looping system will eliminate this type of problem.

EQUIPMENT - TD18 has been repaired and is useable again. Rhino blade installed on Loader and does a good job.

RECREATION - Harmer - Bar B Q was well attended. Sand placed by swings and slide. Refreshment stand closed for the winter. 361 adults, 60 children. Total income \$1274.00, expense \$532.67, net profit \$743.50 plus \$75.75 from refreshment, Bingo, & Juke Box. Rec Committee now has a total of \$983.13 available. Recreation Committee expressed sincere thanks for efforts expended by everybody involved.

Del Wallis stated Toboggan Run laid out, tractor work completed, ready for snow. Bingo games will not be held until Spring.

Potluck suppers to be held on Sat nite before B O D meetings thru December. Bingo games and Potluck are open to all Park Members and guests. Please attend.

Telephone for Fire House to be changed on 9/11/75 to a semi-public phone at a lesser cost to the Park.

As soon as new chairs received old chairs will be sold - limit of 4 chairs per person - contact Del Wallis to put your name on waiting list. Cost \$2.00 a piece.

REAL ESTATE - Wallis - Discussed Boy Scout land discrepancy and awaiting response from them.

Motion by Dean, second by Stephenson, we reopen Nichols Spring Road as soon as construction completed and close temporary rear access to Nichols Spring area. 7 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

Received notification of 2 recent lot sales, both purchasers members of the order.

BUDGS - Dean - Suggested construction of storage area in Recreation Hall for Juke Box and new chairs. Held in abeyance.

HEALTH & SAFETY - Breen Hildebrand - no report.

FINANCE - Motion by Harmer, sec by Dean pay bills amounting to \$2163.79. Balance in ckg 8/31/75 \$2697.95 - plus deposits of \$4217.57 - total \$6915.52 - less cks of \$2163.79. Bal in ckg \$4751.73. Savings bal \$49246.71 plus equip reserve of \$6610.00 - accts rec \$27893.18.

OLD BUSINESS

Elwyn Wallis - 23 signed up for Lodge in Park, should have 35 by time approval requested. Grand Lodge has indicated we should receive a low number for this lodge. There will be a formation meeting at the Rec Hall on Saturday, October 4th at 3:30 PM, followed by a Pot Luck dinner at 6:30 PM. All members & guests invited to the Pot Luck.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application received from Darrel W Raney - San Joaquin Lodge #151 - Lot 11 Block 9. Request from Robert G Smith - Charity Lodge #6 in Stockton - Lot 66 Blk 25, Motion by Cole, second by Johnson - We accept applications - Carried. 9 yes, 0 no.

Deposit rec from BSA Troop 618 sponsored by Harry Gai - for Feb 21-22, 1976. Motion by Breen Hildebrand, seconded by Al Dean, we accept deposit. 9 yes, 0 no.

Minutes read back and meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by
Don Stephenson
Acting Recording Secretary

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