

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 18, 1996

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by President Edward Smith. All members were present. The opening was delayed due to important matters taken up at executive session. The meeting was opened with prayer by Richard Bonner.

MINUTES -The minutes of the 8/11/96 meeting were approved as printed.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - 1. Mr. Sigler - observer 2. Mr. & Mrs. Canales - re: roadway problems on both sides of their property. The Board and the Canales agreed to turn over the problem on Esther to the attorneys representing both sides and have them contact the insurance company involved. Time is short and weather is upon us. 3. Phyllis Ashmead - Miwuk Forestry botanist - She presented a lengthy proposal to restore the area used by the fire crews. It appears that the area will be in better shape than it was before the fire. 4. Randy Tolbert - requesting permission to have access from the upper road behind his house for a crew to install a new septic system on his lot. Permission granted by the Board.

CARETAKERS REPORT -The gate will be closed Thursday September 19, 1996. Members who have not picked up openers can call code 326 to obtain entry. This code will be in effect until November 1, 1996. At that time the code will be changed and members will have to use their openers. Many members have ordered openers and not yet picked them up. Members will be billed for openers that have been ordered and not paid for, whether picked up or not. There is a problem with the oak tree well. Dale will finalized tests this week to determine where the problem. He was given authority to purchase a new pump if that is the problem. Do not request extra cards from the office. They will follow policy set by the Board. Any deviations from that policy must be considered as special cases by the Board of Directors.

CORRESPONDENCE -1. From U.S. Bank - Apology for charging for overdraft. 2 & 3. Virginia Thiemann and Joseph Mendez -complaint on rules. 4,5,6. Michael Dietrich, Dorothy Tarkington and Lionel Mattos - gate openers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WATER - Water use: 787,000 gals. This includes approximately 150,000 gals. used by the fire crews from our wells. ROADS - Morrison- There is road work being done by the Forestry Department to repair roads damaged by heavy equipment. Dale will add some work as best he can to the worst problems.

BUILDINGS -Hawke - We still have the bat problem. There has been an estimate submitted from Clark Pest Control for \$2,675.00 to eliminate the problem. The issue is not yet resolved. Drain around the lodge is still a problem. Discussion was held on the possibility of air-conditioning for the caretaker's cabin. No decision was reached.

TIMBER -Zobel - The creek is to be cleared at the entrance to the lake. Some trees will be taken out. Trees recommended by the committee to preserve the lake view will also be removed. There are also a few trees that cause problems for the snow plow that will be removed.

RECREATION -Snell - We had a great Labor Day barbecue. In addition to the sociability we cleared enough to pay for expenses, even though the crowd was smaller this year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY -Coleman - On Labor Day there was a problem of speeding near the fire house that nearly hurt someone. We hope the problem has been satisfactorily taken care of. There is also a problem of trash on one lot; the Secretary is to notify the owner to relieve the situation.

EQUIPMENT -Brown - The pick up still needs front end work. There was discussion as to the advisability of repairing or replacing the pick-up. The one we have is somewhat small for the work that it has to do.

FINANCE -Bonner - Bills for the Recreation Association \$12,010.72. MSC to pay the bills. It was recommended that, since the assessment pays for water, the five members who have not yet paid their assessments should have their water turned off and a lock placed on their boxes.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - Easement has been obtained from the Boy Scout Camp as a final requirement to develop the Five Acre Parcel. It now has to go through the County offices for approval. It will still be necessary to install water lines for the lots.

No further business appearing, the meeting closed at 11:15 AM.
The next meeting will be October 13, 1996 at 9:00 AM.
Respectfully submitted, Bill Kilgore, Secretary

SIERRA PARK NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 1996

SIERRA PARK LODGE #376 Odd Fellows meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Sat. of each month at 7 PM in the Rec. Hall.

RECREATION - The Annual Labor Day Barbecue turned out to be successful in spite of the fire. We had the area filled with fire fighters and support group for two weeks, but they moved out just in time. We had a great deal of smoke in the park from the fire for about a month, but Saturday before the barbecue it cleared and Sunday was a beautiful day. The crowd was smaller that previous years, but we covered expenses by the ones who were there. A great big thanks to all those who helped make the event a success.

WEATHER - After a summer of hot weather we have suddenly started autumn. Temperatures have cooled down. There have been several nights where the temperature was 40 or slightly below. We had rain one day last week. With rain imminent the burn area may be opened soon. Check with the caretaker about burning.

ATV'S - There have been several criticism against the Board for their efforts to restrict the use of ATV's in the park. The following was clipped from the Modesto Bee of Saturday June 1, 1996:

" ELBA, ALA. - A jury awarded \$35 million to Jason Barron, who has drifted in and out of coma since he was injured riding a four-wheel Yamaha ATV in 1986 when he was 12 years old."

What was a 12 year old doing riding such a vehicle?? Where were his parents when this happened?? There is a lot to be answered but the Jury must have had answers. In restricting the use of ATV's the Board of Directors is doing what they can to protect the park from such consequences. You might think a bit on the reality that a judgement of only one million against the park would cost each lot owner \$3,000.00. We hope to avoid any such awards against the park by the things we have done in trying to restrict any acts that would endanger lives or cause injury to those living here. One comment came as a quotation from the Bible "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven". And we are doing all we can to see that they are able to "come unto me". We are trying to forbid only those acts that might injure them. Rules are established only because someone oversteps good sense in their actions - either to infringe on someone else's privacy or getting themselves injured. The Board finds themselves between a rock and a hard place when it comes to taking action on matters of this kind.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: TO EXIT THROUGH THE GATE ON LEAVING THE PARK

In order for the gate to open properly you must stop with your front bumper at the white line. Gate openers only operate on the incoming gate. The exiting gate is controlled by a sensor in the pavement. Stop so that your front bumper is over the white line - not beyond or short of the white line - and wait for the gate to open. It will close automatically after you have passed through.

See you next month.....Sierra Sue

CHECKS DISBURSED SEPTEMBER 1996 (REC. ASSOC.)

8/21 7965	OMNI HEALTH PLAN	CONTRACT 555	\$ 255.00
8/28 7966	DALE SMITH	P/R	766.60
8/21 7967	PATRICK T. BOWMAN	P/R	87.89
8/29 7968	KELE LANIER	P/R	62.94
8/29 7977	SHARON SMITH	P/R	430.29
8/29 7978	DALE SMITH	BARBECUE SUPPLIES	400.00
9/02 7979	STATE COMPENSATION	INSURANCE	1,103.67
9/02 7980	HALES & SYMONS	MAINTENANCE	79.45
9/02 7981	POSTMASTER	STAMPS	32.00
9/03 7982	JASPER MORRISON	BARBECUE SUPPLIES	134.38
9/06 7983	SUGAR PINE HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	188.11
9/13 7984	SHARON SMITH	P/R	430.29
9/13 7985	U.S BANK	941 DEPOSIT	1,046.01
9/14 9786	LAWRENCE HAUN	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	611.85
9/14 7987	DOHERTY TIRE CO.	MAINTENANCE	19.89
9/14 7988	MODESTO WELDING	GATE	495.90
9/14 7989	W.H. BRESHEARS, INC.	FUEL	536.40
9/14 7990	GUTHMILLER ENTERPRISES	FUEL	27.94
9/14 7991	SAFELITE	GATE	297.43
9/14 7992	CAL SIERRA DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	1,167.67
9/14 7993	J. S. WEST	PROPANE	53.48
9/14 7994	PACIFIC BELL	TELEPHONES	104.62
9/14 7995	DALE SMITH	GATE	23.00
9/14 7996	JOHN HANCOCK FINANCE	SAR SEP	150.00
9/14 7997	P. G. & E.	ELECTRICITY	1,093.92
9/14 7998	FLAVIN & ASSOCIATES	BOOKKEEPING	490.00
9/14 7999	DORIS KILGORE	MEMBER COMMUNICATION	47.00
9/14 8000	JASPER MORRISON	MILEAGE/SUPP.	52.79
9/14 8001	EDWARD SMITH	MILEAGE	7.50
9/14 8002	DALE SMITH	P/R	766.60
9/14 8003	DALE SMITH	P/R	766.60
9/14 8004	ROBERT SNELL	MILEAGE	37.50
9/14 8005	FRED COLEMAN	MILEAGE	56.50
9/14 8006	GREGORY BROWN	MILEAGE	67.50
9/15 8007	WILLIAM ZOBEL	MILEAGE	60.00
9/15 8008	RONALD HAWKE	MILEAGE	60.00
		TOTAL	\$ 12,010.72

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA REC. ASSOC.
P.O. BOX 116
LONG BARN, CA 95335

U.S. POSTAGE PAID
BULK MAIL
PERMIT # 2
LONG BARN, CA 95335

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED