

Sierra Recreation Association

September 1997

From the Prez

Our summer is fast coming to a close and our major projects are meeting their commitment dates. The audit should be complete by our October board meeting and you will get a complete fiscal view of our financials. I believe you will not only be pleased with the results but have a renewed faith in understanding where we have been, where we are now and a view of our financial health for the future. The CPAs will be present at our October Board meeting to explain their audit findings, etc. and if you are interested, you know you are welcome to attend.

You will note a little difference in the boards' demeanor to "challenges" by a few of our members. All of us make honest mistakes from time to time, and I don't know of anyone who cannot learn something new. However, if challenged or if the Board receives allegations of acts on the part of the Board and we honestly do not know anything about the alleged wrong doing, do not expect us to sit idly by. Allegations need to be met head on; you need all the information in order to evaluate what the Board's actions have or have not been. If you have questions, please ask them. If you have concerns, please let the Board know publicly or privately so we can address them. If you have accusations, be prepared to support them with facts. Let us know how we can meet your needs.

Sierra Park Lodge #376

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

Thank You

Thanks again to all those who help by donating time or supplies to our park. Thank you to Daryl Clark for all the hard work in clean up on Long Barn Road. Thank you to Henry Overacker for his help in the clean up and installation of culvert pipe on Esther. Thanks to Raul Morales for the plumbing supplies that he donated to the park and Thanks to Roy & Cheri Palmertree for metal racks and other miscellaneous items donated.

Recycling Center

Just a reminder to everyone to help keep our garbage bill down by using the recycling center. Wayne Harvey has recycling bins located in the corporation yard. There are bins for aluminum, tin cans, magazines, glass, plastics, cardboard, newspapers, etc. Please separate your garbage and take all recyclables to this recycling center. Thanks Wayne for this convenience.

Road Safety

There have been several near-accidents on our roads recently. Thankfully, no one has been injured yet. Please observe the speed limit when on park roads and remember to keep to your side of the road when driving even though there is no painted line. Also there have been some close calls with bicyclists speeding down hills. We are sure this is fun, but can be very dangerous as cars cannot always see the bicyclists in time to avoid them. Also, we would like to remind bicyclists that there is a helmet law and they should be wearing their helmets when riding their bicycles in the park.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 14, 1997

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:05 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, Greg Brown, and Robert Snell. Those absent were Gene Reed and Ron Hawke, both excused.

MINUTES - Motion by Morrison and second by Brown to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - Charlie Hendon and Steve and Debbie Wallace regarding legal action for encroaching on Park property in front of adjoining lot. Del and Randy will meet with all three members to discuss resolving the issue. Note: Del and Randy met with the interested parties. The extended culvert has been removed and a cemented metal post is to be installed at the point of encroachment. Our attorney has been advised the matter has been resolved.

Member Serge Paluso stated the following: (1) The Board told his contractor to stop excavating in front of adjoining property for the extension of his driveway. (2) The Board told his contractor to regrade the driveway on his property, causing exposure of a water pipe, etc. (3) The Board incorrectly placed "flagging" on trees in front of his property. The Board responded: Item 1 - The contractor was told if he encroached on Park property in the frontage of the adjoining lot, he may well be a party to legal action. The contractor chose to stop digging, replace the dirt and to leave the adjoining lot's frontage as he found it. Items 2 and 3 were unknown to all Board members in attendance. The board recommended Mr. Paluso invite his contractor to the next meeting for resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE - From PG&E regarding well #6. From Lionell and Marianne Mattos complimenting the format of the newsletter.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT - Water usage this month was 360,000 gallons. Report of a cabin break-in in the park. Projects complete in August:

Replaced three valves on Esther. Took out black plastic line and replaced with SCH 40 PVC.

Cleared brush and small trees on Long Barn Road.

Cleared brush and pines around water tanks above David.

Cleaned out corporation yard warehouse - now ready for power.

Cleaned out main shop for equipment storage.

Painted trim on well house number six.

Took lead and copper samples from 10 cabins.

Moved shop tools and equipment to firehouse.

Installed 65 feet of culvert pipe on Esther

Installed 30 feet 8 inches of culvert pipe on Wheeler Road.

Purchased power poles for gate and well number six.

Washed snow plow and checked hydraulic levels.

Washed and lubed back hoe and checked hydraulic levels.

Washed and checked fluid levels on park truck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Two bids for fencing around our five water tanks were presented. Request for more definitive information before making final decision. Monies for fencing to come from water capital reserve fund. We have had a few complaints of odor and sediment in the water. Our lab results indicate we continue to have excellent water, well within acceptable standards. The testing lab believes the lack of rain is causing our well to reach deeper for supplying our needs and the repair work we did on the water mains the past three months caused some iron sedimentation, etc. to come loose inside the mains. We still have some valves to replace, but we will let the water settle down before we continue our maintenance project. We are adding additional water tests only as a precautionary step to assure us that treatment is not necessary.

ROADS - Work on repaving roads has begun. If the weather holds, paving should be completed by the month's end. An estimate was requested for continuing the pavement around the one-way circle. Bid was \$8,433.75. Motion by Coleman, second by Bonner to proceed. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - Equipment has all been lubed, cleaned and is under cover in the large shop. Maintenance shop has been moved to the old fire house.

BUILDINGS - A new fluorescent light is needed in the recreation hall. Putting a garbage disposal in the sink was also discussed and met with approval.

TIMBER - Coleman - Logging and cleanup has been completed. \$84,372.76 was received and approximately \$7000.00 is still due. A bid of \$2900.00 from ECS Inc - Fire Stop was accepted for cutting a fire break, thinning, and burning of material and brush from a two acre logging site. This will encourage new growth. The forester will get bids for replanting. Motion by Snell, second by Brown to accept bid from ECS Inc - Fire Stop. If members are in the Park when ECS Inc. burns the two acres, they are welcome to watch. The date has not been set. It will be after the first or second big rain.

RECREATION - Snell - Proceeds from the Labor Day BBQ were approximately \$150.00. This includes spending \$200 toward next year's fishing derby. The next event will be the Thanksgiving Potluck.

HEALTH AND SAFETY- Hague - Strongly recommended that the lake not be used for swimming at this time. Please follow rules of the road. Children on bicycles speeding down hills, or cars on the wrong side of road have been a problem. Please use one-way streets accordingly.

FINANCE - Bonner - Bills for the month total \$10,653.10. Motion by Coleman, second by Snell to pay all bills. Motion carried. CD in the amount of 72,909.00 matures next month from Sentinel Savings. Interest rates will be checked and best rates will be chosen. If Sentinel Savings is the best choice, we will move the account to the Twain Harte Branch.





OLD BUSINESS - The main gate has not been closed the last couple of weeks due to a system error. Parts have been replaced and repairs made. All of the openers originally purchased have been distributed and we have three people on a waiting list. A new order will be placed. Motion by Coleman, second by Bonner, that we purchase an optical insulator system to protect our computer systems. Price not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Greyhill Land Surveying Company finished ground survey and has been in contact with the county. Negotiations with the County through the surveyor have allowed us to put 4 inches of road base in with no compaction test, and install the gate on Long Barn Road.

We are on schedule for selling our new lots by the time the snow melts this spring.

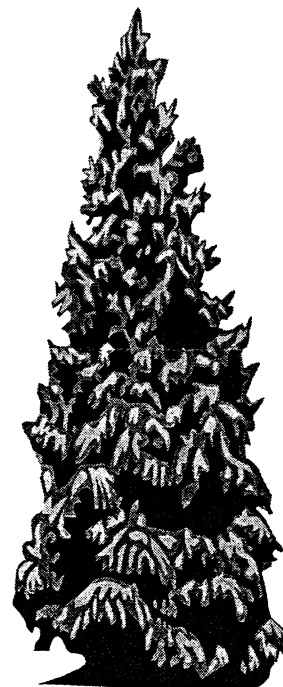
Sixteen assessments remain delinquent. All members who have failed to pay assessment in full and late fees will be referred to small claims court for collection.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion on the old Soares lot. No action was required.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Next meeting will be October 12, 1997 at 9:00 a.m

Checks disbursed for August/September 1997

DATE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
8/21	8444	Sonora Insurance	Worker's Compensation	1,410.00
8/27	8445 *	T.C. Striping	30% of paving	26,191.01
8/27	8446 *	T.C. Striping	33% One-way section	1,474.11
9/4	8447	Sugar Pine Hardware	Shop supplies, building & water	84.35
9/4	8448	Hales & Symons	Buildings	422.93
9/15	8449	US Bank	Federal Tax deposit	548.52
9/15	8450	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	664.66
9/15	8451	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	664.66
9/15	8454 **	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	280.83
9/15	8455	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll	280.81
9/15	8456	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	1,093.80
9/15	8457	Doherty Tire	Tire replacement/service call	130.83
9/15	8458	Angel's Pest Control	Wasp control	70.00
9/15	8459	Sonora pumps	Pump starter	481.96
9/15	8460	Lawrence Haun	Professional services	139.50
9/15	8461	Pacific Bell	Local phone service	62.12
9/15	8462	AT&T	Long Distance phone service	5.19
9/15	8463	Sonora Rentals & Sales	Roads	79.21
9/15	8464	Village Mail & Gifts	Newsletter copies	53.09
9/15	8465	Gene Reed	Pump house window	125.14
9/15	8466	PG&E	Electricity	1,114.39
9/15	8467	J.S. West Propane	Propane	50.05
9/15	8468	State Compensation Fund		572.14
9/15	8469	Eric A. Carlson Accounting	Professional services	475.00
9/15	8470	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	Snow Plow	5.00
9/15	8471	General Plumbing Supplies	Water	26.44
9/15	8472	AquaLab	Water testing	160.00
9/15	8473	Kolpack	Roads	343.14
9/15	8474	Wray Plumbing & Electric	Caretakers cabin/plumbing	374.61
9/15	8475	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
9/15	8476	Gregory D. Brown	Mileage	67.50
9/15	8477	Randall J. Tolbert	Petty cash reimbursement	86.65
9/15	8478	Randall J. Tolbert	Health insurance	250.00
9/15	8479	Fred Coleman	Mileage	56.50
9/15	8480	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50
9/15	8481	Jasper Morrison	Mileage/Supplies for BBQ	118.00
9/15	8482	Masonic Luncheon Club	Refund of deposit on picnic area	25.00
9/15	8483	Steve McPhail	Refund of gate card deposit	200.00
9/15	8484	Zaks	Shop Supplies	83.08



Total Bills

\$ 10,653.10

* Checks #8445 and #8446 were taken from the Road Reserve Fund and are not included in the total bills.

** Checks #8452 and #8453 were voided because of printer misfeeds.

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