

Sierra Park Services News and Updates

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President's Message

Whew!

Fall is a beautiful time in Sierra Park, and the leaves are starting to show bright color. This year it feels even more special, with the knowledge that we could have lost it all to the Rim Fire.

Thanks to the courage and hard work of many firefighters (plus more than a pinch of good luck), the fire is now reportedly limited to smoldering areas within the containment lines. The entire local community pulled together to help facilitate firefighters' efforts to battle the blaze. Here in Sierra Park, Heidi Ordwein, Yvonne Peter and Bill Ordwein deserve a big 'tip-of-the-hat' for their extraordinary efforts to accommodate and coordinate with the fire crews in utilizing the Park's resources. Mark Higgins pitched in too, preparing the meadow so helicopters could come and go. If you have been up during this trying time, you'll know there are many signs all along the way sending huge thanks to the firefighters and all who helped for their commitment.

Now the smoke has cleared away and chilly nights are settling in. This is an early reminder that winter is on its way. Before long it will be time to make sure, especially if you're a weekender like me, to 'winterize' your cabin before you head back home.

See you on the slopes soon - or better yet, at Toboggan Hill.

-- *Michael Lechner*



Save the date!

Holiday Party with turkey and all the trimmings is scheduled for **December 7th**. All homeowners are welcome. Details to follow in next month's newsletter.



Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2013

Meeting called to order: 10:30 A.M. by Michael Lechner

Invocation given by Ray Coyle

Board Members Present: Michael Lechner, Yvonne Peter, Wanda Lenhardt, Ray Coyle, Heidi Ordwein, and Bill Ordwein.

Others Present: Paul Emery

Comments from Attendees: Paul Emery had a question that needed to be answered by the OFSRA. He inquired regarding stock purchases and shared observations regarding the use of labor within the park.

Approval of August 10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes: Ray Coyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2013 board of directors meeting. Yvonne Peter seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

Email:

- Alan and Wendy Crocket emailed with questions about whether the main gate could be connected to a cell phone instead of a land line to allow guests to be admitted.
- The SPSC was notified that Jackie Gustin has a new address.
- The Wheelers notified the SPWC that their cabin telephone has been disconnected.
- Two emails were received regarding stock inquiries.
- Two requests were made asking to be dropped from the USPS mail lists.
- Charles Varvayanis emailed with questions about the OFSRA's use of Park roads to transport loads of timber through the Sierra Park.

Director Reports:

Secretary - Wanda Lenhardt: The Sierra Park Services Corporation has sold 160 shares of stock.

Treasurer Report - Bill Ordwein: We are tracking to the budget. The bills were reviewed by the Board Members. Bill made a motion to pay the bills which come to approximately \$9,064. That motion was seconded by Ray Coyle and passed with a unanimous vote.

Roads - Heidi Ordwein: Three (3) bid requests were sent out. One contractor responded. Due to the continuing work being done by his firm with the CDF in the fire areas (he has a standing contract with them for road work), he has not given me a date when to begin work in the Park. Ditch and culvert cleaning is being done on the Park. This has become a 4 month project. Culvert clearing should be done in conjunction with the fire hydrant flushing the first week of October.

Caretaker Report - Heidi Ordwein: Continuing to monitor the hours worked and any overtime. This is a busy time of the year with lots to get done before winter sets in so the part time employee is working an average of 4 days a week.

Gate - Bill Ordwein made a motion to have the responsibility of managing the gate transferred from Heidi Ordwein to him. Ray Coyle seconded the motion which was then passed. Property owners have requested assistance in giving contractors access to the Sierra Park through the security gate. Access codes will not be given to contractors as this has led to problems in the past with access codes becoming compromised. It is the responsibility of property owners to work with contractors regarding how to obtain access into the Park. If property owners choose to loan their card keys or remote openers to contractors and then do not get the device returned they should notify Bill Ordwein to deactivate the device. If the owner wants to buy a replacement, they can. It is very important that arrangements be made well in advance between the property owner and the contractor for access.

There have been questions about what phones can be used to open the main gate. Bill said that phones used to open the gate must have a 209 area code. Cell phones will work but only if they receive a signal. Some cell phones do not

receive a signal in the Park; therefore property owners should check out their ability to receive cell phone calls prior to making cell phones their only option.

Heidi, Bill and Yvonne opened the emergency gates during the Rim Fire. All of the gates are closed again.

Equipment - Yvonne Peter: Equipment to be serviced this month so we are ready for winter. Chains will be prepared. Hydrant near needle dump was used by firefighter for making fire suppressant. Dodge pick-up had a flat, has been repaired. Backhoe repair: new O-rings and brakes.

Buildings/Common Areas - Yvonne Peter, Ray Coyle (Trees):

- Sand shed needs repair, will get bids to be done in Spring.
- New Flag is up on flag pole.
- Sign at entrance has been painted, new lettering to come
- New sand on beach area.
- Roof on well number 6 is being repaired.
- The needle dump has reopened after being closed because of the firefighters' use of the heliport; a temporary site was made at the old campground. **Please be aware, NO LOGS, TREE TRUNKS, OR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL IN THE NEEDLE DUMP! THANK YOU.**

Health & Safety - Yvonne Peter: Bar ditches and racking continues. Emergency exit roads Long Barn/Sugar Pine and Bottini Apple Ranch are in good repair for emergency. Thanks again to Gloria Harvey for all her work to get the grants for the Park!! Heliport was put down by needle dump at the request of firefighters, to aid in fighting the fire. Heliport has since been removed.

Recreation - Michael Lechner: The holiday dinner was discussed and is planned for December 7th.

New Business:

- Rim Fire status and response -The Sierra Park cooperated fully with the firefighting efforts. Expenses incurred by the Park are being reimbursed.
- RA timber harvest road use - The California Department of Forestry did not allow the OFSRA to bring the last few timber trucks through the back country. The OFSRA requested to use the roads in the Park and that request was granted. The OFSRA agreed to reimburse the Sierra Park Services Corporation for any damages incurred as the result of removing the timber.
- Newsletter format / content - There has been positive and negative feedback regarding the newsletters. The format will remain the same for now.
- Delinquent services payments were discussed. New bills have been sent with late fees added. All property owners are encouraged to pay their assessments if they have not done so.
- Conference call-in prospects were discussed to allow Board members to participate in meetings when they cannot be present for the meetings.

Old Business:

- Update on PG&E tree cutting plan and status - There have been no updates on the PG&E tree cutting plan.
- The SPSC Rules and Regulations were reviewed and discussed. Further research is needed before they can be distributed.
- The New Property Owner/Realtor 'Quick-Start' Guide - was reviewed. Once complete it will be distributed to realtors within the community.

Open meeting closed and Executive Session began at 1:09.

Executive Session Completed and the meeting was reopened at 1:30. No decisions were made in executive session.

Adjourn: 1:31 p.m.

SIERRA PARK SERVICES INC.
BUDGET REPORT
PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2013

	THREE MONTHS ENDED 08/31/13	2013-2014 BUDGET	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET EXPENDED*
<u>REVENUE</u>				
MAINTENANCE INCOME	\$ 137,352	\$ 196,920	\$ (59,568)	69.75%
EASEMENT LEASES	11,525	46,100	(34,575)	25.00%
GATE INCOME	570	4,000	(3,430)	14.25%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	8			
FISH DERBY DONATIONS	1,865	2,000	(135)	93.25%
INTEREST INCOME	200	200	(200)	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	151,320	249,220	(97,908)	
<u>MAINTAIN AND REPAIR ROADS</u>				
ACCOUNTING	5,951	2,369	3,582	251.20%
CONTINGENCY		3,193	(3,193)	0.00%
CREDIT CARD CHARGES	728	1,500	(772)	48.53%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		4,397	(4,397)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		25,865	(25,865)	0.00%
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES		2,587	(2,587)	0.00%
FRANCHISE TAX EXPENSE		824	(824)	0.00%
HEALTH & SAFETY	440	4,120	(3,680)	10.68%
INSURANCE	25,219	21,067	4,152	119.71%
LEGAL CONSULTING	7,572	15,000	(7,428)	50.48%
MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS	496	1,236	(740)	40.13%
MISCELLANEOUS		5,000	(5,000)	0.00%
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING		12,875	(12,875)	0.00%
PROPERTY TAXES		3,399	(3,399)	0.00%
TAXES AND LICENSE		412	(412)	0.00%
<u>MAINTAIN ROADS AND SNOW</u>				
MAINTENANCE	223	15,000	(14,777)	1.49%
REMOVAL		36,050	(36,050)	0.00%
ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVES		5,000	(5,000)	0.00%
ROAD RESERVES		5,000	(5,000)	0.00%
ROADS FUEL	2,940	7,416	(4,476)	39.64%
ROADS SUPPLIES	740	773	(33)	95.73%
<u>CLEAN UP WORK</u>				
CLEAN BAR CULVERTS		8,400	(8,400)	0.00%
CLEAN DITCHES		8,235	(8,235)	0.00%
CLEAN DRIVE CULVERTS				
<u>MAINTAIN GATE</u>				
GATE EXPENSE	894	3,989	(3,095)	22.41%
TELEPHONE	210	1,236	(1,026)	16.99%
<u>REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL</u>				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		362	(362)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		2,130	(2,130)	0.00%
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES		213	(213)	0.00%
GARBAGE	4,041	14,420	(10,379)	28.02%



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these get-togethers coming soon.

October 12th, 10:30 am Sierra Park Services Co. Board Meeting

November 9th, 10:30 am Sierra Park Services Co. Board Meeting

December 7th, Holiday Party at the lodge.

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Roads -- Heidi Ordwein
Buildings/Grounds -- Yvonne Peter
Recreation -- Michael Lechner