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President's Message

You haven't heard from us for a while now...

And that's because we wanted something "solid" to tell you. Well, now we have some news - SPS has officially, legally merged with the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, which is now the official title of our merged company. Read more about our progress on the next page.

The first snow has proved it - winter is finally here. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, please take some safety precautions. First, it's time to winterize your cabin. Before you close up, be sure your pipes are drained and the water supply is turned off. Water and ice can sheet across the road, so drive slowly in icy conditions. If you notice an unsafe spot, please call the answering service line and let us know so that the caretaker can address the problem: 209-533-7909. Bring adequate supplies with you to tide you over an extra day or so in case of severe road conditions. And remember, **no parking in roadways during snow removal season** - be sure to remind your guests, as well. To keep your family safe, please limit snow play to open areas and Toboggan Hill (past the far end of East Jordan).

Have a happy and healthy holiday season, and hope to see you at the Annual Holiday Party on December 28th. In the meantime, my fingers are crossed for a great ski season.

Wishing you happy holidays,
-- *Michael Lechner*

Next SPS meeting will be In February - date and time TBD.
Meanwhile, I'll leave you with this thought - our neighborhood isn't mountainous, it's hill areas!



Holiday
Party 5
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December
28th. See
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Holiday party!

This year's party will be a chance to warm up with a hot meal and chat with your neighbors. The board will provide chili and soup, salad, Wanda's homemade rolls, and coffee/tea/hot chocolate. For the kiddos in the family there will be a screening of Walt Disney's "Frozen 1" in the adjoining Board Room.

Everyone is invited, so bring your additional beverages and something to share - desserts and side dishes welcome!

June's fishing derby a whopping success

Huge thanks to Jesse Worsham and family for bringing back the long-traditional Fishing Derby. This year's derby was great - not just fishing, but plenty of catching, too! The kids had a fine time, and everyone went home with a prize. Jesse and family grilled up a yummy lunch for all, with some of the specialties he's famous for. Hats off to the Worshams for reviving this signature event in Sierra Park!

Litigation - making good progress, stay tuned

As many of you know, SPS and OFSRA have since 2015 been entangled in a lawsuit filed by a few property owners (the cross-complainants). In December 2018 the trial judge released his Final Decision, which was fully supportive of OFSRA/Sierra Park Services' position.

The cross-complainants responded by appealing this decision. SPS/OFSRA submitted a response to their arguments, and the cross-complainants have filed their own response to ours. Now the Court will take all arguments under advisement and decide how to move forward. Sadly, each of these steps involves attorney's fees that must be paid through our assessment bills. As soon as we learn of the next decision we will post it on our website - for now, still www.sierraparkservices.com, but look for changes ahead.

You called us, and we listened

Last year's biggest snowstorm coincided with a major breakdown of our aging snowplow. Since other area plows were already working full time, it took awhile to locate an alternate plow for our roads. By that time, enough snow had accumulated to make them impassable. Park residents and visitors spoke out loud and clear about the complications this created for their families, their businesses and their lives.

Recently we learned of a used plow available at a very reasonable price. After carefully checking it out to make sure it was mechanically sound and suitable for our needs, we bought it. Our hope is to have two fully functional plows to assist us in keeping roads open. We just had our first big storm of the season, and having the second plow was a big help. Since it's larger, our caretakers are still learning how to maneuver it on narrow roads, and the old plow is showing its age (more repairs are underway) - despite all this, they did an outstanding job of keeping the roads passable, with Robert even sacrificing his own Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you, Robert and Dale, for your ongoing efforts to keep our roads open!

Weather updates

Moving forward, we will be sending emails regarding road conditions. This will only help those who have provided current email addresses, so be sure we have yours. You also can call the answering service to hear the latest roads information. Still, residents/visitors should always stay tuned to weather reports and avoid travel to/from the Park during severe storms - if major highways are closed, we will also be challenged to keep ours open! And finally, **the needle dump is now muddy and closed until spring.**

***Remember - even if the lake appears frozen, the ice may be dangerously thin.
For your safety, stay off the ice!***



Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for July 20th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:45 am by president Michael Lechner.

Board Members Present: Heidi Ordwein, Mitch Gabriel, Wanda Lenhardt, Mark Logan and Susie Lechner.

Shareholders Present: John Brodeman, Serge Peluso, Greg and Laurie Cavelli, John and Dawn Wohler, Dana Christiansen, Parker Patie, Eric Nelson

Others Present: Will Durrell, Forester, and Mike VanGundy

Attendees' Comments/Questions: Kudos to Robert and Dale for the Park's condition. It looks the best it ever has! Two guests reported the snowplow had damaged their property, and were invited to file claims with the board. John Wohler requested that we check the fire roads for downed trees/blocked areas; Robert will drive the roads to check.

Minutes for Annual meeting: deferred pending review.

Directors' Reports:

Litigation & Merger- Michael Lechner - six Small Claims Court cases have been tried. The result is under advisement for 90 days. The merger paperwork has been filed with the Secretary of State.

Roads - Heidi Ordwein - Concerns have been raised about the bridge that was hit by a snowplow - is there structural damage? Heidi assured all that the damage was strictly cosmetic and has already been repaired. We will be adding more reflectors to avoid a repeat performance. We have an outstanding agreement to have the roads repaired, but work has been delayed by unseasonably cold nights.

Vice President - Susie Lechner - The Fishing Derby was again a great success, thanks to Jesse Worsham and family!

Secretary - Wanda Lenhardt - The board requested that stock sales be halted until the OFSRA/SPS merger is complete, when new shares of OFSRA stock will be issued. SPS stock will be voided and SPS stockholders will be issued new shares of OFSRA stock. Those currently holding OFSRA stock are fine as is.

Treasurer - Mitch Gabriel - Mitch presented the bills. Board members unanimously approved payment. SPS has paid its easement repayment for this year to the Water Company.

Gate - Heidi Ordwein - Changes will linked to AT&T's changing coverage, see Equipment below. A new control board with larger capacity may be required.

Buildings and Common Areas - Heidi Ordwein - The needle dump is still open; maintaining this area is costly because people continue to dump large or inappropriate items. We have not been able to find someone to grind trimmings or needles this year, so the caretaker will continue to compact them at the back of the dump area. John Wohler suggested moving the leftover asphalt pile from the Corp Yard to fill the swampy hole in the needle dump access road.

Equipment - Heidi Ordwein - Cell phone service has been down because squirrels at the Verizon lines. There were questions about installing a booster, and concerns about AT&T's impending cancellation of all landline service in our area. The board is researching options.

Old Business: Due to recent burglaries in the Park, a local CHP officer is observing conditions as he drives through. John Wohler suggested that we offer the Sheriff's department a desk space with coffeemaker for report-writing to increase law-enforcement presence and deterrence to thieves.

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 for executive session. Meeting resumed at 1:50 -- nothing to report. *Next meeting will be August 31st at 10:30 am.*

Note: These minutes reflect our recollection of the proceedings. If additions or revisions are needed, they may be noted by calling the hotline number, 209-533-7909, emailed via the link on our website, or brought to the Board's attention at the following meeting.



Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Aug. 31st, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by president Michael Lechner.

Board Members Present: Wanda Lenhardt, Heidi Ordwein, Mitch Gabriel, Mark Logan and Susie Lechner.

Shareholders Present: Art and Linda Mitchell, Serge Peluso, Linda Clark, Michelle Strain, Greg and Laurie Cavelli, Jesse Worsham, Joanna Beck, John Doyle, Dana Christiansen, Diane Unger

Others Present: Mike Van Gundy

Attendees' Comments/Questions: Attendees were eager to hear an update on how the property transfer was going. Was ownership of the Park at risk? Michael and Mitch assured them that financial obligations to protect the Park and forestlands for this year have been satisfied, though more work remains to be done. Attendees suggested that the website and answering service number be posted at the gatehouse - a great idea! Concerns were raised about increasing fire insurance costs.

Minutes for Annual Meeting: on hold pending review.

Directors' Reports: Michael welcomed all attendees, and announced that due to the holiday weekend this would be a very abbreviated meeting.

Roads - Heidi Ordwein - Topcoating of the final ¼ of Park roads has been completed.

Secretary - Wanda Lenhardt - We continue to have calls from realtors who believe we are an HOA community. The board will review and update print packages to new homeowners and realtors, and consider adding a policy guide for homeowners wishing to sell their properties.

Treasurer - Mitch Gabriel - Mitch reviewed accounts and payment of bills was unanimously approved. With payments for the loan assumed from OFSRA, the budget is tight and the Board must be prudent with expenses.

Litigation - Michael Lechner - All six of the recent Small Claims Court (SCC) cases were decided in favor of Sierra Park Services' position. The judge's ruling affirms that SPS does have standing under CA Civil Code 845. SPS therefore has the right to collect from property owners those costs associated with maintaining and plowing the roads in the Park. The remedy for non-payment is to seek restitution through SCC. With SPS's merger into OFSRA, OFSRA will proceed with SCC cases as required by non-payment.

New Business: Holiday Party will be held on December 28th at 5 pm at the Lodge.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at to Executive Session. Noting to report from Executive Session, and the meeting adjourned at noon.

Next meeting will be announced in advance via email.

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Note: September and October meetings were Executive Session only, by conference call, to discuss financial matters. November minutes will follow in next newsletter.