
Sierra Recreation Association

January 1999

The Big Rocks

As a man stood in front of a group of high-powered overachievers, he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. He then produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar, causing the pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the rocks.

Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not" one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the 'big rocks' in your life? A project that YOU want to accomplish? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your finances? A cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all.

Check your Pipes

For cabin owners who have not been up in the last month, you need to come up and check your cabin for broken water pipes. We have had 0° temperatures recorded on Jordan Way for over a week. I hope no one finds any broken, but be aware that when you turn your water back on, you could be in for a surprise. And if you did not turn the water to your cabin off before you left the last time, you may already have a surprise, as the temperatures have warmed up considerably this past week.

Christmas Tree Disposal

For those of you that put your Christmas trees in our "wet garbage only" dumpster, let's all save money and take your trees to the burn area. It is just as easy, and it is free, which our garbage dumpster is not.



Danger, Thin Ice

During our very cold spell, people were seen out walking on the ice at the lake. This is a very dangerous thing to do. The lake has been drained, so that it is not very deep, but is deep enough that a child could fall through the ice and get trapped underneath, being unable to come up because ice above him. The long 0° temperature spell is a very rare thing for us here in the park and the ice is generally quite thin on top and not capable of supporting a person's weight. **Please** do not, at any time, walk on the ice on the lake. We do not want a tragedy to happen just because it looked like a fun thing to do at the time. Remember, there is an ice rink just a mile away at Long Barn if you want to enjoy ice skating.

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. There is a potluck held the fourth Saturday before the Lodge meeting, to which all are welcome.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 10, 1999

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Del Wallis. Those present were Del Wallis - President, Jim Morrison - Vice President, Fred Coleman - Secretary, Deena Hague, Gene Reed, Greg Brown, Robert Snell and Ron Hawke. Absent was Richard Bonner - excused. Also present was Randy Tolbert, Park Manager.

MINUTES - Motion by Hawke, second by Snell, to approve the minutes of the December meeting as mailed. Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - None.

CORRESPONDENCE - County Health Department regarding natural bathing area and beach inspection program for 1999-2000. They will be inspecting our lake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage was 757,600 gallons this month. See Park Manager's report regarding broken water lines due to freezing temperatures. **Congratulations to Randy for obtaining his water certificate.**

ROADS - Reed - We need a bid for road work to be done on David, Rebecca and part of Deborah. Gene to take a ride with Randy to check on road needs.

BUILDINGS - Hawke - Everything is okay.

TIMBER - Coleman Discussion about the 1999 cut and a possible fuel break in compartment four. Motion by Brown, Second by Hawke to cut compartment two and put off compartment four until we have a plan. Motion carried and so ordered.

RECREATION - Snell - No report.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague Everyone needs to stay off the lake. There have been dogs in the park off a leash. There is a leash law in Tuolumne County which the park is also subject to. Please follow the law. A car had its side-view mirror broken off by the gate while trying to run the gate. Do not try to beat the gate, use your opener.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - No problems.

FINANCE - Bonner (absent) - Bills this month were \$8,684.89. Motion by Hawke, Second by Hague to pay all bills. Motion carried and so ordered.

CARETAKERS REPORT - Randy submitted a summary of all jobs completed and in progress this month. Because of 0° temperatures, Randy and volunteers A. Santos, L. Vaughn, and D. Clark kept eyes open for frozen water pipes at cabins in the park. Water was turned off at the water box at cabins found with broken lines. Owners need to come up and check their cabins.

OLD BUSINESS - Discussion by Randy about fencing dumpster and the cost (about \$400).

Discussion by Del regarding planning commission meeting for five acres. He met with the Board of Supervisors and presentations were made on behalf of the Park. Received a 75-page document of what the county wants from us. Many conditions and restrictions which they require concerning the road out to Long Barn. Had another meeting with the Supervisors two weeks later. In the supervisors' view, we won. We have serious concern of what we "won" and the related cost. Other issues/problems exist concerning the development of the five acres. Del recommends that we think about this and possibly go back to the membership in May to determine what membership wants. We need to block a couple of roads feeding into the Long Barn Road. The present gate is on County property. Motion by Reed, Second by Coleman to authorize Randy to do what is necessary in Long Barn Road area and block David and Goliath on a trial basis.

Question about license agreement concerning Roads and how to pay for repair. No action requested or taken.

Question about license agreement and Board's control of roads and back country. No action requested or taken.

Question concerning sign at the entrance of the park.

Motion by Reed, Second by Snell to keep the new sign, with Sierra Park name and Odd Fellows insignia. Those voting yes were Wallis, Hague, Reed, Brown and Snell. Those voting no were Coleman.

NEW BUSINESS - Motion by Brown, Second by Hague to move the April Board of Directors Meeting to April 3, at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried and so ordered. *Notice that this is on a Saturday at 1:00 in the afternoon, one week and one day before the regular Board of Directors meeting.

Meeting closed at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 14, 1999.



Checks Disbursed for January 1999

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
12/22	8982	Kathleen Commeau	Tape of Supervisors meeting	32.18
1/4	8983	Twain Harte Lumber	Equipment	293.42
1/7	8984	Postmaster	Mailing Permit	85.00
1/11	8985	Village Mail & Print Stop	Newsletter and copies	66.66
1/11	8986	Zaks	Shop Supplies	51.53
1/11	8987	JS West & Symons	Propane	141.63
1/11	8988	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	Health & Safety	63.73
1/11	8989	AquaLab	Water testing	100.00
1/11	8990	Eric A. Carlson, Accountancy	Profession services	500.00
1/11	8991	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	1093.80
1/11	8992	AT&T	Telephone	10.72
1/11	8993	Pacific Bell	Telephone	54.59
1/11	8894	PG&E	Electricity	429.73
1/11	8995	US Bank	Employee Retirement	175.00
1/11	8996	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	862.70
1/11	8997	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	773.80
1/11	8998	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.36
1/11	8999	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	773.80
1/11	9000	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.37
1/11	9001	Postmaster	Stamps	33.00
1/11	9002	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Sand Delivery	288.00
1/11	9003	George Reed, Inc	Sand	522.52
1/11	9004	Employment Development Dept	Taxes	56.91
1/11	9005	W.H. Breshears	Diesel & Gas	330.70
1/11	9006	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Equipment Maintenance	20.67
1/11	9007	S&K Automatic Gate	Gate Expense	75.00
1/11	9008	State of California	Filing Fee	10.00
1/11	9009	Lawrence Hawn, Attorney	Professional Services	204.95
1/11	9010	John Lawrence	Gate Expense	350.00
1/11	9011	Fred Coleman	Mileage	56.50
1/11	9012	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	51.69
1/11	9013	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
1/11	9014	Robert Snell	Mileage & Supplies	72.93
1/11	9015	Gregory Brown	Mileage	67.50
1/11	9016	Randall J. Tolbert	Gate expense - Petty Cash Reimbursement	40.00
1/11	9017*	L.R. Davey, Civil Engineer	Professional Services	1080.00
1/11	9018*	Grayhill Land Surveyor	Land Sales Expense	630.00
1/11	9019*	Sierra Resources	Timber Expense	5057.55
1/11	9020*	Sierra Resources	Timber Expense	2751.35
			Total	8684.89

* These checks not included in the total bills. Money came from Timber Fund - not yearly assessment