

Sierra Recreation Association

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Park Calendar

Board Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 A.M. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Board Meetings: February 16th
March 15th
April 19th

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Unfortunately, Tom Clark, Board member and Treasurer, is in the hospital. Unsure when Tom will be coming home. Best wishes go out to him and his family.

Weather Report

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Park in the last several weeks, then you have not experienced a winter wonderland that has not occurred in the past eight years. There is approximately three and half feet of snow that has fallen on our Park and more is coming. It is a beautiful sight if you don't have to work out in it. However, the conditions do require you to work out in it. If you plan on visiting your cabin in the near future, plan on spending at least one to two hours digging out your driveway. The amount of snow that fell in a twenty-four period required the Board to bring out the grader. This piece of equipment does a fantastic job of removing the snow from the roads, but directs the snow in only one direction. The blade on the grader is in a fixed position thus forcing the snow to the right. In other words, into everyone's driveway and creating a very large snow burm. Due to these conditions, some of the roads have become somewhat narrower and require that vehicles need to be off the road for future snow plowing. You must either dig a large parking space out in front of your cabin allowing for your vehicle to be sufficiently off the road or park it down at the lake parking lot. We do not clean out individual parking spaces as it takes us approximately eight to ten hours just to plow the complete Park in order for all the streets to be open for traffic. If you decide to rent your cabin to someone please advise those people that they must follow the rules of the PARK concerning their vehicle being off the road. In other words, they must dig out a parking space in front of the cabin and off Park property. We must be able to plow the snow as far as we can off the road in order that the burm does not continue to grow outwardly and narrow the roadway. You must also realize that we do not want to damage anyone's vehicle but do to the icy road conditions; the direction of the snowplow is sometimes dictated by those road conditions.

Calling the Park phone number and requesting your street to be plowed will do no good. The operators of the plow know what streets have been plowed and which ones need plowing. The most important factor for the plow operators is to keep the main roads open in case of an emergency and medical personnel are required to enter the Park. If the storm is so heavy that the plow can only keep up with the main roads then that will be our priority until the storm breaks. The Park has only one snow plow and one grader. We do have four drivers for the plow but only one can drive at a time. The concern is not the driver, but how much snow can one snowplow push at a time? We are limited by that factor. The grader pushes the snow further off the road, but does not clean the road as well as the snowplow. Where ever the grader goes, the snow plow must follow later to clean the road down to the bare surface. The grader's prime duty is to force the burm further back and widen the roadway, not to clean the road. Please show respect to the snowplow and patience as it is a piece of equipment that can be very dangerous. Be very careful while visiting the Park.

President's Corner

Let me open by saying that we all wish Tom Clark the best and that he gets better soon. Tom is a valuable Board member who not only handled the Treasurer's position but was very instrumental in organizing the social activities within the Park. At the present time, the St. Patrick's Day dinner is on hold until the Board decides who will do the cooking. Any volunteers? I have one other issue that I would like to address and it concerns the late assessment payments. We presently have eight property owners who have not paid their 2007-2008 assessment or have a late payment due. The assessments are the Parks only means of operation and are necessary for the every day operations. The budget is based on all property owners paying their assessment in a timely manner. I feel five months late is being disrespectful for those of us that have paid on time. These individuals continue to use the Park and their cabins but have paid nothing towards the operation of the Park. They continue to receive their water, use of garbage facility, and have their roads plowed, but pay nothing in return. We are asking our accountant to send out one last request for payment before further action is taken. I ask those of you who have not paid to please do so in order that there are no hard feeling later when the Park is forced to take some form of action. Thank you! Have a wonderful new year and enjoy the Park and the snow but please be careful and respectful of your neighbors.

Michael Rainwater. President

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Checks Disbursed 12/18/07 - 1/25/08

Date	Check	Payee	Memo	Amount
12/18/07	591	W. H. Breashears, Inc.	Fuel	\$ 1132.48
12/21/07	592	Robert Cloak	Water Management	91.75
12/21/07	593	Arlan Santos	Road Maintenance	55.05
12/27/07	594	Blue Shield of CA	Employee Benefits	365.00
12/31/07	595	Michael Caropreso	Employee Benefits	300.00
1/12/08	596	Oak Valley Bank	Employee Benefits	74.50
1/23/08	597	A & A Portable	Health/Safety	76.68
1/23/08	598	A-Snap	Equipment/Road Maintenance	854.53
1/23/08	599	AT&T	Phone Bill	80.23
1/23/08	600	CA Dept Water	Water Testing	521.00
1/23/08	601	CA Rural Water	Membership	315.00
1/23/08	602	Michael Caropreso	Employee Health	249.32
1/23/08	603	BobCloak	Gate Expense	85.71
1/23/08	604	Eric Carlson	Accounting	631.89
1/23/08	605	J. S. West	Utilities	1,290.92
1/23/08	606	PG&E	Utlities	407.68
1/23/08	607	Michael Rainwater	Maintenance Roads	450.00
1/23/08	608	Arlen Santos	Maintenance Roads	135.00
1/23/08	609	Sierra Instant Printing	Member Communications	158.26
1/23/08	610	W. H. Breshears	Fuel	71.26
1/23/08	611	Waste Management	Garbage	1,299.99
1/23/08	612	Keith Wallace	Maintain Equipment	53.32
1/23/08	613	Steve Wallace	Split	220.55
1/23/08	614	Zenith Insurance	Insurance	604.00
1/25/08	615	Robert Cloak	Split	91.55
1/25/08	616	EDD	Split	2.92
1/25/08	617	EDD	Split	26.04
1/25/08	618	U. S. Treasury	FUTA Liability	68.86
1/25/08	619	Blue Shield of CA	Employee Benefits	365.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				10,078.49

If you have not sent in your assessment for the Year 2007-2008, please do so as soon as possible. If we do not receiver your assessment in the very near future, we will file the appropriate paper work for the collection of said assessment. Thank You.

In addition, the Park has installed a barrel next to the trash dumpster to be used for ashes. Please use this barrel for that purpose only. We need to stop the fires that have been occurring in the dumpster. Thank you.

The Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association regular meeting Minutes January 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:45am by President Rainwater. The invocation was offered by Al Orth. Those present: Mike Rainwater, president; Steve Wallace, vice-president; Sue Collie, secretary; Clark Kellogg; Charles Varvayanis by speakerphone; Mike Ford; Doris Selman; and Al Orth. Tom Clark, treasurer was absent and excused.

Members before the board: Joe Nelson

Correspondence: All the following was discussed by the board: E-mails from: Sandra Garvin; Connie Meintasis; Mary Mendez and Gin and Wayne Baber; Roland Possentini. Phone call from Carol Rued. Letter from Paul Slakey; Thank you letter from Daryl Clark; Letter from Robbie Bettencourt

Committee Reports

Water: Varvayanis- Water usage was 869,990 gallons for Dec. Needed a test for nitrates, Mike Rainwater took care of it and we passed.

Roads: Wallace- Roads in good shape

Buildings: Ford-Need a new dishwasher for caretaker house. Motion to purchase new one for under \$450 with Mike Ford making the purchase and Steve Wallace volunteering to install it for free; motion by Sue, 2nd by Steve, vote unanimous. Door on shed needs to be fixed; done already by Steve and agreed to purchase new door knob and trim.

Equipment: Orth- all ok, continuing on projects and there is much needed to be done on the snowplow after this snow season.

Timber: Varvayanis- no new activity.

Health and Safety: Doris mentioned signs that have been knocked down and ice on roads, everyone must be careful!

Recreation: Clark- Tom was absent. Christmas dinner great success, thank you Tom and all! \$470.00 was raised for the fishing derby!

Finance: Clark-Tom was absent. Total expenses- \$7,505.34.

Motion to approve payment of bills as presented by Steve W, seconded by Al., vote was 7 yes, Charles abstaining.

Old Business

1. Tom is resigning as treasurer effective immediately Mike Ford recommended Mike Rainwater fill in as treasurer until new board members are elected in May. Motion by Clark, 2nd by Steve to give Mike Rainwater ½ year reimbursement of assessment for taking over the treasurer position. Vote: unanimous. Mike R. shared about the CDs at so many different financial institutions makes it hard to keep track of best interest rates. Motion by Clark K, 2nd by Mike Ford that we open brokerage account/accounts at Wells Fargo for the purpose of investing our reserve accounts with President, vice president, treasurer and secretary as authorized signers. Vote; unanimous
2. 8 assessments still owed: 6 totally unpaid, 2 with only a \$25 late fee. Total: \$6525.00 Motion to take action on delinquent assessments with phone calls and letters; Motion by Doris 2nd by Sue, unanimous.
3. Certificates to shareholders needs to be done. Sue will work on this with help from other board members.
4. Valley Gate Entry Co. gave quote for camera/DVD burner of \$2616. Need to take this through the insurance as a direct replacement from damage. The quote is good for 30 days.

New Business

1. Steve Wallace agreed to draw new water lines on map on the wall and record and scan for records.
 2. PGE/Insurance claim, Mike Rainwater will send a letter.
 3. Mike Rainwater mentioned thanking Bob Cloak for all his work on the gate and mailings. This was tabled until Feb.
- ☐ Meeting was adjourned at 12:25PM.
 - ☐ Board went into executive session and was adjourned at 1:40PM
 - ☐ Next meeting February 16, 2008

Respectfully and humbled submitted,
Sue Collie
Secretary
January 25, 2008