

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: December 15th
 January 19th

Christmas Dinner: December 15th in the Lodge

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sue Collie has asked the Board for a leave of absences due to a medical problem. Sue has colon cancer and surgery is necessary. We all wish Sue the very best and ask that you keep her in your prayers.

House Number Signs

Did you order your house signs? Many of you have and that is terrific, but we like to see all the homes with house signs. The cost of a single-sided sign is \$9.00, with a double-sided costing \$12.00. To order a sign, call Dewey Barron at 209-533-1505. Mr. Barron is a volunteer for the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office Community Service.

Bar Ditches

The Board is asking all homeowners to clean their own bar ditches when possible. Please rake the leaves and needles out and pile them next to the ditch on the road and someone will come by and pick them up. This will help us out until our caretaker comes back to work from his surgery.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Recreation = Fun and A Good Time!
Christmas Dinner Party = Fun and A Good Time!

It's not too early to plan to be there for fun and a good time at our annual Christmas Dinner to be held on December 15th beginning at 5:00 p.m.

All residents and members are encouraged to come and enjoy a great evening. Please bring either a side dish or a dessert. Also bring your own place settings and your choice of beverage.

We will be providing our world famous (well, part of the world anyway) BBQ'ed fresh turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, homemade cranberry sauce, rolls and butter. Santa has definitely promised to be there with presents for all the kids and a photo for each with him as well.

Please call me, Tom Clark (209/586-0257) if you plan to attend so that I can plan for how much food to prepare. Calling as early as possible will be much appreciated.

Tom Clark

P.S. Also please let me know how many young people will be in your group so that Santa will be sure to fill his sleigh with enough goodies for them.

President's Corner

Well, the enchanted land is not so enchanted after all. It seems we have bitten into the poison apple and can't find that handsome prince to make things better. The last rain storm created several dilemmas for the Park; one being that a PGE transformer that is located next to our gate house underwent major damage causing a surge that destroyed our electrical components that operate the gate. The second dilemma was a lightning strike southwest of the Park that started a fire. Mr. Varvayanis's life threatening medical incident was unfortunate, but to have a second Board member suffer a similar fate is unrealistic. Sue Collie has colon cancer and will have had surgery by the time you read this. Tom Clark, a Board member and Treasurer, has indicated that he is stepping down as Treasurer due to personal reasons. Our caretaker, Mike Caropreso, has a severe broken finger and will not return back to work until the middle or end of December. These occurrences are not supposed to happen when you live here in the enchanted Park. Even though these issues have been unfortunate; the Park is surviving and will continue to provide the best place to live or visit.

The fire was extinguished with the use of a helicopter that extracted water from our lake. The transformer has been repaired and by the time you read this newsletter; the gate should be operational. The gate will have all new equipment including a new card reader. (See separate article on back for additional information) Mr. Varvayanis is improving and Sue Collie is home now and doing well. It appears that things are getting better and the Park continues to function as usual. Please don't forget the Christmas Dinner and if you plan on attending, call Tom Clark so that he will know approximately how many people will be coming. The Board wishes you and your family the best and Happy Holidays!!!!

Michael Rainwater, President

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association
Board of Directors meeting Minutes
November 17,

The meeting was called to order at 8:40am by President Rainwater.

Those present: Mike Rainwater, president; Steve Wallace, vice-president; Tom Clark, treasurer; Sue Collie, Clark Kellogg, Mike Ford, Al Orth, and Charles Varvayanis by way of speaker phone.

Sue Collie requested a leave of absence with explanations. The Board unanimously approved her request.

Members before the board: Paul Emery and Matt Anderson. There was a discussion with Matt Anderson regarding access to his property over OFSRA property. It was pointed out the reasons for the recent addition of signs providing notices of OFSRA rights regarding usage of OFSRA property.

Correspondence:

- 1) Letter from Zenith Insurance regarding Mike Carapresso's status. Moved, Seconded and carried (MSC) by Steve Wallace and Allen Orth to approve the minutes of October 20, 2007.

Committee Reports

Water:

Water usage from October 15 through November 17th was 535,000 gallons.

Roads:

Wallace- No change from last meeting.

Buildings:

New Locks for the gate house and other areas of the park was discussed.

Equipment:

Orth- Allen has a potential sale of our chipper for the amount of \$7,500. The need for a small portable generator was discussed. MSC, Steve Wallace/Mike Ford to authorized Allen Orth to purchase a 3500W Honda Generator, cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Timber:

Varvayanis- Discussed with the Board timber operations options for the next 6 months. It was the consensus of the Board that we should authorize our forester to plan a timber harvest for next spring. The Board indicated that they did not want to expend any monies on this project until a final decision is made next February or March when more is known about the yield (dollars) on the proposed harvesting operations.

Health and Safety:

Rainwater – Reported that water from the lake was used to fight a fire in our vicinity. It was recommended and agreed that the lake would not be drained until first ice this year. It was felt that the water should be retained until the last possible date.

Recreation:

Clark- Tom told us Santa Clause will be Bill Williams. The Christmas dinner is Dec. 15th. With the absence of Mike Carapresso, Tom request help in setup up for the dinner. Help with raffle donations also would be appreciated.

Finance:

Clark- Discussed investment options that may be available to increase the investment yield on funds held in reserve long term. MSC to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Advised the Board to look for a replacement to assume the duties of Treasurer.

Old Business

1. Discussed the condition of the gate controllers and gate operators. MSC by Kellogg/Varvayanis to replace the gate controllers, including both proximity and contact card readers. MSC by Kellogg/Ford to accept Valley Entry Systems proposal to replace the gate operators and related accessories. The Board discussed the Security Cameras and future upgrades. Action item for future consideration.
2. Tom Clark discussed the cost of changing the padlocks. Separate locks are being acquired to provide security for the water storage system. It was MSC to replace all locks through out the park and a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

New Business

1. Discussed medical premium payments for the caretaker, who is on medical leave, and the handling under the recently adopted Section 125 Plan.
2. The committee on OFSRA by-laws and CC&R updates reported to the Board. MSC Tom Clark/Steve Wallace to establish a budget of \$1,500 for the committee to use for professional fees as required by the committee. MSC Kellogg/Wallace to adjourn meeting.

Submitted by
Clark Kellogg
Board Member
November 29, 2007

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Checks Disbursed 10/26/07-11/29/07

Date	Check	Payee	Memo	Amount
10/26/2007	539	EDD	Payroll Taxes	\$ 36.48
11/6/2007	378	Postmaster	Member Communications	200.00
11/6/2007	Bank trf	Intuit	Office Supplies - Computer checks	126.04
11/6/2007	540	EDD	Payroll Taxes	86.30
11/6/2007	541	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll Taxes	959.84
11/9/2007	542	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 10/22-10/25/07	263.45
11/9/2007	543	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	50.00
11/19/2007	544	A&A Portables	Health & Safety	76.68
11/19/2007	545	AT&T	Telephones	79.13
11/19/2007	546	Aqua Lab	Water Testing	240.00
11/19/2007	547	Eric A. Carlson Accountancy	Accounting Services	870.17
11/19/2007	548	Michael Caropreso	Employee Benefits	525.32
11/19/2007	549	J.S.West Propane	Utilities	99.07
11/19/2007	550	PG&E	Utilities	439.06
11/19/2007	551	Sierra Instant Printing	Member Communications	162.08
11/19/2007	552	Twain Harte Lumber	Sand Shed & Entry Gate materials	67.38
11/19/2007	553	Village Mail & Printing	Member Communications	80.20
11/19/2007	554	Waste Management	Garbage	798.18
11/19/2007	555	Roger A. Brown, Lawyer	Professional Services	390.00
11/19/2007	556	L.K. Lehman Trucking	Maintain Water System	421.49
11/19/2007	557	Leonard R. Peck	Sand Shed apron labor & materials	3,188.00
11/19/2007	558	SafeOT-Lite of Modesto, Inc.	General Park Maintenance	45.63
11/19/2007	559	Arlen Santos	Maintain Equipment-snow plow	22.50
11/19/2007	560	Sonora Rentals & Sales	Maintain Buildings-compact	75.00
11/19/2007	561	Mark Vann Trucking	Maintain Buildings-road base-sand shed	190.00
11/19/2007	562	J.S. West Lumber & Hardware	Maintain Buildings-rebar for sand shed apron	307.42
11/19/2007	563	Zenith Insurance	Workers' Compensation Insurance	604.00
11/20/2007	564	Blue Shield of California	Employee Benefits	365.00
11/29/2007	565	Robert B. Cloak	Water Testing	183.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				\$10,951.92

Gate News

The gate should be operational when you receive this newsletter. The Board had a new card reader installed based on information that the old card reader and cards will soon be obsolete. The old reader and cards are functional at the present time. The new cards are read by simply presenting them within a short proximity of the reader. The Board is offering to sell these new cards for \$6.00 each until Feb. 1st, 2008. After that, the cards will cost \$30.00 each, as is the cost now. The Board has no idea how long the old card reader will be operational. It could last two months or twenty years. If and when this reader stops operating or you lose your old cards, you will need to purchase the new cards. Buy now for \$6.00 or wait and pay \$30.00. Your choice. To purchase new gate cards at a reduced cost; please complete and mail the form by Feb. 1st 2008. Mail to Robert Cloak, P.O. Box 626, MiWuk Village, Ca. 95346. Make checks payable to Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association.

Print Name: (as listed in Park directory) _____

Address in Park: _____ **Phone Number in Park:** _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street / P.O. Box City State Zip

Home Phone Number: _____ **Directory Code** _____ (if known) **This is the 3 digit code people use to call your house from the gate.**

Number of Cards purchasing (limit 2) _____ **X \$6.00 =** _____
Total amount due