

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: January 19th
February 16th
March 15th and St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sue Collie had her surgery and the results were great news for the Collie family. Sue is cancer free and will not require additional treatment. Great news and thanks to all of you for your prayers.

2007 Christmas Dinner

There are a lot of people that need thanking for making our annual Christmas Dinner such a huge success. First of all, to everyone for being so considerate about sending in your RSVP. Having an idea of attendance makes all the difference in managing the menu – Thank you all.

There were an amazing bunch of helpers this year – In all my years of preparing meals for various organizations, this was the GREATEST group of volunteers that have ever stepped forward to help.

Bill Kalfakis – who also helped out most of the day and did an outstanding job in arranging the prizes, decorating the tables and the tree.

Jo Jo Caropreso for taking care of the children's' gifts and the beautiful poinsettias; Bill Williams for the Santa portrayal and his chief elf, Doris Kilgore Williams (who also took care of the dessert table); Doris Selman, the lady who did one heck of a job taking in \$470.00 in raffle ticket sales (that money goes toward kids prizes for the Kids Fishing Derby on June 14, 2008 ; Clark Kellogg and Pat Monahan - super duper raffle emcee and ticket puller – who kept things moving right along.

Speaking of prizes – a very special thank you to Maynard and Judy Wallin for providing a multitude of prizes – many of which were hand knitted by Judy and a lot of prizes were for kids too..

The last group of folks I truly appreciate are the folks helping in the kitchen – Paul Emery for helping most of the day and getting the replacement for some “lost” ingredients. Alan Orth, who helped all day, keeping things cleaned up and did an absolutely spectacular job of carving the four turkeys. Mini who did a lot of the pots and pans after the dinner and brought a delicious brussel sprouts side dish and my beautiful, fantastic, gorgeous wife, Linda.

Thanks to all the folks who brought such delicious side dishes and desserts and the ones who brought raffle prizes anonymously. If I have forgotten anyone (and I probably have), I apologize. And one last comment – thank all of you who came – I had a great time and it looked like you all did too! .

Don't forget our annual St. Patty's day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner – Saturday, March 15th, 2008. Hope to see a whole lot of you there also.

Tom L. Clark, Recreation

President's Corner

Let me first start by apologizing for the misunderstanding of last month's newsletter regarding the new gate cards. The old cards along with the remote clickers will still work. However, the old card reader has become obsolete and we will be unable to repair it again if it fails in the future. With this in mind, the Board felt that while we had the gate security company here doing the necessary work; we might as well install a new card reader for the future. In addition, we will sell two cards per lot meaning if you own two lots then you can purchase four cards. Remember, the cost is \$6.00 per card until February 1st and after that the cost goes to \$30.00 per card. The cost to repair the gate will be approximately \$11,000. This cost could be passed on to you through a higher assessment or allow the future new homeowners to absorb some of the costs of the repair. The Board does intend to send a claim into PGE for the damage from their transformer. The tree cutting company that PGE subcontracts to is in the Park performing their duties. Most of their work deals with trimming trees that present a hazard to the power lines. However, there are several trees that had been marked to be cut down completely and some of these trees are located on homeowner's property, not Park property. If you come up and find a tree on your property has been cut down, it was because PGE marked as a hazard to the power lines. It appears so far that the crew performing this job sets the fallen tree (cut into smaller sections) out of the way and stacks the brush. A last reminder, please winterize your cabins, we've had two water breaks already at residences and this not only creates a severe problem for you but a large amount of water loss for us. Have a Happy New Year!

Michael Rainwater, President

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by VP, Steve Wallace. Invocation given by Al Orth. **Present:** Steve Wallace, vice-president; Tom Clark, treasurer; Clark Kellogg, Mike Ford, Doris Selman, Al Orth and by speaker phone, Charles Varvayanis. **Excused:** Sue Collie & Mike Rainwater.

Members before the board: Joe Nelson and Paul Emery. **Correspondence:** 1. Letter from the Canales family regarding signs on Park property.

Minutes from previous meeting were moved (Tom Clark) seconded (Al Orth) & unan approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water: Charles Varvayanis reported water usage was 745,500 gallons for Nov. – Dec. We were advised that AquaLab was late on a test. It has now been taken care of.

Roads: Wallace, Good shape and will continue 5 year plan.

Buildings: Mike Ford; Sand shed work being completed. All other buildings okay.

Equipment: Orth reported we have been spending & fixing backlogged maintenance. 22 items have problems due to lack of maintenance. The new small generator has been purchased. The chipper is possibly sold and will finalize in the next few days. The snow plow has had major work done and still needs the front springs replaced. The backhoe also has been worked on.

Timber: Varvayanis—no action until spring and more information on income is available.

Health & Safety: Doris reported a street sign for Jordan Way East was knocked down. There has been abuse of quads & OHV in the Park. If you have problems with noise and observe abuse please let the Board know.

Recreation: Tom Clark will prepare dinner tonight. He thanked everyone for the great RSVP response.

Finance: Clark—Motion (Kellogg) 2nd (Selman) to approve bills as presented. Approved. It was agreed to hold the payment of the Valley Entry bill for the gate until Tom can clarify the billing & contract.

Old Business: 1. Discussed the use of Diesel fuel (pink) and how it will impact our use of the dump truck for hauling. Subject tabled for more information to make any decisions. 2. New treasurer will be discussed at the January meeting as Tom has agreed to serve another month. Mike Ford is looking into a solution for this position and will report in Jan. 3. Refund of deposit on rental of Hall approved for Paul Emery. 4. New padlocks have arrived for gates and security. 5. The gate work was completed but testing shows there are problems with the camera & DVR. This will be added to our claim with PG&E and we will get cost quotes from Valley Entry and others.

New Business: Tom Clark requests rental of the Hall on 7/12 and 8/9. It was approved. 2. Christmas bonus for Mike Caropreso discussed and approved to give the same as last year. 3. The ladder in the Park is not safe. It will not be used any longer. Replacement of the ladder was tabled for more information at the January meeting. 4. After discussions of the gate problems it was determined that we should consider lightning arrestors for our wells. This will be researched by Clark Kellogg & Al Orth. 5. Another safety matter in the Park is whether the one way signs on icy roads are of benefit or if we should add more signs. It was determined that “Caution roads icy—chains required” may be more beneficial. The sign at the gate house states “chains required”, that means everyone is responsible for driving safely on our roads. 4 wheel drive cars are not always the answer on icy roads.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Doris Selman, Board Member December 26, 2007

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Checks Disbursed 11/29/07 - 12/18/07

Date	Check	Payee	Memo	Amount
12/6/2007	566	Mike Ford	Reimbursement for General Park Maintenance	\$ 45.63
12/11/2007	567	EDD	Payroll Taxes	8.07
12/11/2007	568	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll Taxes	194.13
12/17/2007	569	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	76.68
12/17/2007	570	A-Snap	Equipment Manitenance-snow plow	4,238.44
12/17/2007	571	AT & T	Telephones	92.73
12/17/2007	572	Mike Caropreso	Employee Health Benefits	202.89
12/17/2007	573	Joanne Caropreso	Reimbursement for Christmas dinner flowers	44.98
12/17/2007	574	Tom L. Clark	Reimbursement for Christmas dinner expenses	237.47
12/17/2007	575	Robert Cloak	Reimbursement for Gate and Water expenses	27.48
12/17/2007	576	DEBCO Automotive	Equipment Manitenance-snow plow brakes	156.91
12/17/2007	577	Paul S. Emery	Refund rental deposit	250.00
12/17/2007	578	Eric A. Carlson Accountancy	Accounting Services - November	991.48
12/17/2007	579	George Reed, Inc.	Road Maintenance - sand	349.72
12/17/2007	580	J S West Propane	Utilities	399.72
12/17/2007	581	Kellogg's Supply	Padlocks - General Park Maintenance	463.77
12/17/2007	582	Mark Vann Trucking	Road Maintenance - sand delivery	237.50
12/17/2007	583	PG & E	Utilities	430.34
12/17/2007	584	Sierra Instant Printing	Member Communications	162.08
12/17/2007	585	Valley Entry Systems	Entry gate repair	11,730.00
12/17/2007	586	Steve Wallace	Reimbursement Bldg. Maint. & General Park Maint.	76.73
12/17/2007	587	Bill Williams	Reimb film expense for Christmas dinner	32.18
12/17/2007	588	Waste Management	Garbage	853.25
12/17/2007	589	Zaks Auto Shack	Equipment Maintenance-snow plow brakes	428.94
12/17/2007	590	Zenith Insurance Co.	Insurance	604.00
12/18/2007	591	W. H. Breashears, Inc.	Deisel fuel	1,061.22

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$23,396.34

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.

**Have a
Happy New Year
and
Best Wishes for 2008 !!!!**

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