

Sierra Recreation Association

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A big Irish "Hurrah" for Tom Clark's cooking of the St. Pat's dinner. It was DELISH! We had about 40 brave souls who weathered the storm to attend and enjoy the evening. The new recreation director, Dan Meade was busy learning the ropes helping Tom. I think he got dishpan hands doing the pots & pans. Thanks so much for your work and to Ruth Townsend for the time spent decorating. The potluck dishes really completed the meal. Yummy!

Weather: Last newsletter was about the beautiful warm spring-like days, this month it is about the many days of snow. I told someone in December that March could be a heavy snow month, but I didn't expect this much. The scenery is beautiful, but I have pulled out the sweatshirt that says, "Let it Snow---somewhere else" Drive Safely.

Calendar: Next **Board Meeting:** April 15, 2006 8:30a.m.

I.O.O.F. Lodge meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Change of meetings. The members of the Lodge voted to hold ONE MEETING A MONTH. 3RD Wednesday ONLY

Followed by Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge meetings: 1st Weds. meet 12 noon

3rd Weds. Meet 5:30p.m. Joint Potluck

If you have any questions for Lodge call Doris or Bill Williams 586-5580

More Thanks go out to the Pine Needle Committee for giving their time locating the contractors and helping provide guidelines and procedures. I know from the comments in letters and calls that this arrangement is very appreciated. Mike VanGundy as chairman sends his appreciation to Daryl Clark, Larry Vaughn, Del Wallis and Fred Coleman. Let's all follow the rules so that we can continue this procedure.

PINE NEEDLE REMOVAL

Final approval was given to proceed with providing a centralized location for pine needles and removal of them from the Park. Providing the estimate of the volume of needles is close, the cost to each homeowner should be less than originally stated. To help keep the volume down, be sure to follow the Procedures.

REMOVAL PROCEDURES

1. Dump area to open April 1st, weather permitting, in old burn area.
2. Do NOT dump:
 - A. Old lumber (raw, treated or painted of any kind.)
 - B. Stumps
 - C. Trash of any kind
 - D. Anything in boxes or plastic bags
 - E. Try not to get dirt or rocks in with the needles. (We know you can't avoid all of it)
3. VIOLATIONS OF items in #2 will result in dumping area being closed in future years.
4. No outside needles or slash to be brought into park.
5. Dump to be **closed** at sundown on **JUNE 11, 2006**
6. Starting June 12th you will have to haul your needles out of the park.

We hope everyone will support this program and make it successful. The dates should provide enough time to plan your lot cleaning before inspections as it is beyond the 3 day Memorial Day and Annual Meeting.

Wanted Homeowners Support—As previously requested, consider volunteering as a resource person to help in different areas of running the park, (insurance, legal, finance, construction, electrical, heating, water, etc.) Call & leave a message at 209-586-3098 or e-mail. Address above.

Requests for Gate cards, remotes or names in gate: Call message phone or e-mail and I will make arrangements with you to get them. Remotes are \$40 and cards \$30. Doris.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 28, 2006—VOLUNTEER TO RUN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present: President Roger Townsend, Treasurer Doris Selman

Members: Mike Van Gundy, Ed Smith, Dan Meade, Charles Varvayanis, and Charles Aston

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Townsend at 8:30 a.m.

Members before the board: None

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as mailed. (Motion Smith/Meade)

Correspondence: (1) Notice of timber harvest from Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection. A date change for approval of Boy Scout camp timber plan approval. (2) Copy of letter from Roger Brown to insurance company for payment of his expenses regarding the Boy Scouts. (3) Request to rent the Hall for a family reunion from Jessie Worsham. (4) Dept. of Water & Health request report on Lake & stream water use. (5) Misc. ads and advice from businesses. (6) Letters from homeowners supporting the needle disposal plan (7) E-mails from homeowner's in support of needle disposal plan. (8) E-mail from a homeowner not in support of plan and recommending each homeowner purchase a crusher for the needles on their lot.

Committee Reports:

WATER – Roger—Water usage was 410,100 gals. Charles reported on research for mixers on tanks for treating water. He found they were not necessary and very expensive. Also, he reported that investigation of water meter requirements in the state would not impact us as we have water connections to all lots approved prior to 1992. They were part of the original development plans for the Park.

ROADS – Mike has been plowing and sanding as needed. New speed signs are being installed as weather permits.

BUILDINGS – New refrigerator has been purchased and delivered.

TIMBER – Townsend- Letter from the USDA re: timber harvest adjacent to Hwy 108. The request has been signed as amended to our request. Our forester has sent a proposal for a timber harvest if we are inclined to do so on approval at the annual meeting. It will be presented at that time.

HEALTH & SAFETY- Roads must be kept clear for the snowplow. We have very limited space to push the snow off of the road. Roger received a request from a homeowner to have the newspaper boxes moved to a better location that would be easier to have snow removed and safer for obtaining the papers without having to climb over a snow bank that is very slippery. It is also difficult to drive cars away from the bank due to the slope of the roadway. Charles will discuss this matter with Mike. Homeowner's picking up their papers should be cautious and not drive too close to the paper boxes.

EQUIPMENT – Van Gundy – Mike is keeping the snow plow equipment in repair as he has time.

RECREATION – Meade – St. Patrick's dinner is tonight. We did not have a good response to the request to RSVP for the dinner, so it is unknown how many will attend, especially with the snow. Tom Clark is doing the cooking with Dan's help. Ruth Townsend will decorate.

FINANCE – Selman – Motion to pay the bills as reviewed and signed this a.m. (Smith/VanGundy, unan)

OLD BUSINESS- Report of rules committee. Doris advised they are completed.

Needle committee proposal. Van Gundy reviewed the latest proposal from the companies who did the work last year. It is less than the 2 reviewed last month. If the estimate is close the assessment will be approximately \$25.00. Motion to approve- (Smith/Aston, unan) Charles Aston also made a motion to approach members of the committee to regulate the needle disposal site. (Aston/Selman, unan)

NEW BUSINESS: Request for rental of the Hall from Jessie Worsham on June 3, 2006 was approved. We have a copy of his insurance coverage and he will send the signed rental agreement and fee before May 1st to confirm.

Charles Varvayanis will complete the report on water use in the Lake and stream as requested by the Dept. of Water & Health.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting is on 4/15/2006 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Selman, Acting secretary

Date	Chk. #	Payee	Memo	Amount
3/3/06	11664	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 2/13 -2/26/06	\$ 1,054.70
3/3/06	11665	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	50.00
3/10/06	11666	U.S. Bank	Payroll expense	903.06
3/10/06	11667	EDD	Payroll expense	86.92
3/17/06	11668	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 2/27 - 3/12/06	1,400.29
3/17/06	11669	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	50.00
3/17/06	11670	Department of Motor Vehicles	Taxes & License	16.00
3/17/06	11671	AquaLab	Water testing/regular	228.00
3/17/06	11672	Tom Clark	Recreation (St. Pat's Dinner)	169.96
3/17/06	11673	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Maintain Roads (deliver sand)	225.00
3/17/06	11674	George Reed, Inc	Maintain Roads (sand)	332.39
3/17/06	11675	J. S. West	Utilities/ propane	601.56
3/17/06	11676	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	76.68
3/17/06	11677	Tuolumne Tax Collector	Taxes & License (park property)	1,160.25
3/17/06	11678	Valley Door & Entry	Gate expense (new cards)	268.13
3/17/06	11679	Waste Management	Garbage	853.36
3/17/06	11680	Eric A Carlson Acctg.	Accounting Service	740.00
3/17/06	11681	P G & E	Utilities/ electricity	580.04
3/17/06	11682	Twain Harte Lumber	Supplies shop	99.17
3/17/06	11683	Michael Caropreso	Empl. Health benefits (spouse)	181.00
3/17/06	11684	SBC	Utilities/ phone	58.12
3/17/06	11685	Zenith Insurance Co	Workman's comp	581.00
3/17/06	11686	Modesto Welding	Supplies shop	74.01
			TOTAL	\$ 9,789.64

ANNUAL MEETING / ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 28, 2006 (Sunday) will be the next annual meeting. We will be holding election of Directors for **5** positions. Roger Townsend and Charles Aston will have completed their 3-year terms and have stated they will not run again. Due to resignations another position is available for 3 years and 2 positions for 1 year. Dan Meade committed to fill a position to May 2007. We hope he will then run for a 3-year term.

Director's Charles Varvayanis, Mike VanGundy & Doris Selman have 3-year terms running until May 2008.

The Board should be 9 members. Three groups of 3 serving a 3-year term in rotation that will keep experience available for conducting the business of the Park.

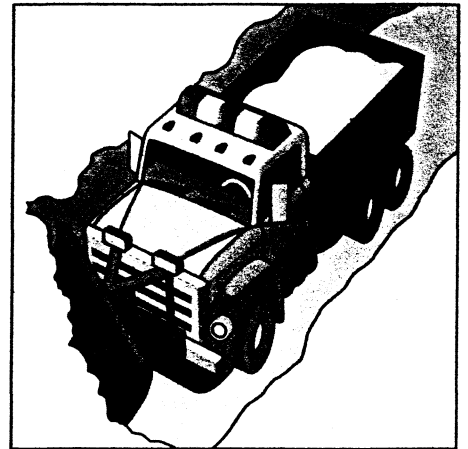
If you can give of your time to serve the Park you have 3 ways to run for office:

Write a letter or e-mail the Board of your interest &/or intent to run and be placed on the ballot to be mailed. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The Board needs support and input from all members of the community.

Thanks Mike!

March came in like a lion and has been roaring all month, taming it has been a difficult job.



Pine Needle Disposal Information in newsletter

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