

Sierra Recreation Association

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Annual General Meeting

The annual OFSRA/OFSHA general meeting was held on Sunday May 27th 2007.

Meeting highlights:

- The budget passed as presented.
- Sarah Circle and the parking lot near the pond will be paved and road maintenance throughout park will be performed.
- The timber harvest proposal passed as presented.
- All of the incumbent Board of Directors members were re-elected.

For details see the Annual General Meeting Minutes, included within this newsletter.

Park Calendar

Board meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 AM.

Board Meetings: June 23rd, July 21st, August 18th,
September 15th, October 20th,
November 17th

Fish Derby: June 16th
(Day before Father's Day)



Beach and Road Temporarily Closed

On Saturday June 30th 2007 the beach at the pond and a portion of Jordan Way West will be closed for most of the day for a wedding. The beach and road will reopen for general use late in the afternoon that same day.

Burn Permits Suspended

CDF (CAL FIRE) suspend all burning permits within State Responsibility Area of Tuolumne County as of 0800 hours, Monday, June 4, 2007. CAL FIRE news release: http://www.varvayanis.com/sp/fire_safety/2007_Burn_Permit_Suspension_5-30-2007.pdf

Pine Needle Dump Closed

The Needle Dump closed on June 18th at 4:30 P.M.

Pine needles and branches need to be hauled to Standard or Twain Hart for disposal.

Lot Inspections

CAL FIRE (CDF) lot inspections begin on June 19th 2007.

Clearing the required 100 feet (or to your property line, whichever is closest) involves three steps: 1) Remove dead vegetation, 2) Thin out live vegetation, and 3) Prune up your trees. See the CAL FIRE (CDF) news release: www.varvayanis.com/sp/fire_safety/2007_Defensible_Space_4-20-07.pdf.

For more detailed information see CDF document "General Guidelines for Creating Defensible Space": http://www.varvayanis.com/sp/fire_safety/4291_final_guidelines_9-29-2006.pdf

Unusually Extreme Fire Danger!

Due to unusually little rain and snow during the past seasons, about 29% of normal, an unusually extreme fire danger will exist this summer and fall. Use extra care this year and consider additional clearing, thinning, and pruning around your lot. For clearing, thinning, and pruning information see "Lot Inspections" on this page.

Off Road Vehicles, ATVs, Dirt Bikes, and Etc.

Off Road Vehicles, ATVs, Dirt Bikes, and Etc. are **ONLY** allowed on the dirt road that starts at the end of Isaac, runs past the water tank, and connects with the Forest Service Road System (dirt and gravel roads) just past the OFSRA boundary. Off Road Vehicles, ATVs, Dirt Bikes, and Etc. are **NOT** allowed on any other dirt road within the park, the OFSRA forest, nor any OFSRA paved road.

To enjoy the Forest Service Road System and forest, trailer your vehicle to the end of Isaac, and begin your journey from there. Isaac is located near the southeast corner of the park off Abraham. See Sierra Park maps: <http://www.varvayanis.com/sp/maps.htm>.

Newsletter & Website

Newsletter – Available via e-mail. E-mail us to sign up.

Website – Protected documents password: **Call for PW**



High Speed Internet Project Meeting

A meeting to establish policy will be held in the park on Saturday July 14th 2007 at 4:00 PM. All interested persons should consider attending. The meeting place will be announced June 25th 2007 via e-mail to all those that have previously expressed interest, and on the Sierra Park website in the "Announcements" section.

To be added to the list of interested persons or for information, please contact Charles Varvayanis at charles@varvayanis.com or (209) 586-3782.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 19, 2007

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by President Charles Varvayanis. The invocation was offered by Alan Orth. Those present were President Charles Varvayanis, Vice President Mike Ford, Secretary Mike Rainwater, Treasurer Doris Selman, Members, Alan Orth, Steve Wallace, and Sue Collie. Absent were Clark Kellogg and Tom Clark, excused.

Members before the board: None.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2007 meeting was approved as presented for the newsletter.

Correspondence: 1) Water information and newsletter, 2) Response by President Varvayanis via e-mail to Ms. Kasper, 3) Forest Stewardship workshop information, 4) Information from U.S. postal service, 5) Information from AT&T, 6) Information on property available on the Russian River, and 7) donation from Danny & Donna Vierra \$100.00 for the fishing derby.

Committee Reports

Water – Rainwater: Water usage was 507,400 gals. The water line and water value at the Goff residence was repaired.

Roads – Wallace: Repair to the foot bridge on Westside of lake is on hold until the weather gets better.

Buildings – Kellogg: A complete list of repairs for the Park buildings was presented.

Timber – Ford: President Varvayanis presented Will Dorrell's report timber harvest estimates. After presenting the information, the Board agreed to present the harvest information at the Annual meeting for a vote from the OFSRA members to harvest or not.

Recreation – Clark: Tom reported that volunteers are needed for the fishing derby. Sign-ups for the derby will be at 6 A.M. on June 16th at the lake as well as at 5 P.M. till 7 P.M. on Friday the 15th of June at the Lodge.

Health & Safety – Varvayanis: 1) Fire at the front gate caused by students from Columbia College. They were burning trash. Law enforcement officials located the students and along with CDF, had the students clean up the mess. President Varvayanis was directed by the Board to contact CDF and ascertain the students' names in order to bill them for the damage to the roadway. 2) There have been unknown trespassers camping at the Park's old sand pit. No trespassing signs have been posted and if the problem continues, the Sheriff's Dept. will be contacted.

Equipment – Orth: 1) Requested that the Board purchase rear tires for the back-hoe. Board agreed and tires will be ordered.

Finance – Selman: Motion by S. Collie and seconded by Ford to pay the bills as presented. There were \$27,440.88 in bills and \$451.00 in additional income. Motioned passed unanimously. The reason for the large amount of bills was due to our insurance bill coming due which was \$22,892.07. There is still one double assessment outstanding. This assessment will be processed through small claims court.



Old Business: 1) The letter from Richard and Irene Barret concerning the replacement of their retaining wall was addressed and no further action is needed by the Board. 2) The playground and the amount of chips needed to insure proper depth was discussed and an additional amount will be ordered with the original order to be delivered within the next week. 3) Last day for the pine needle dump to be open will be June 18th and it will close at 4:30 P.M. that afternoon. Lot inspection will begin on June 19th. 4) Motion to repair (in house) the foot bridge on the eastside of the lake was made Orth and seconded by Ford. Motion passed with 5 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstain.

New Business: 1) The Long Barn-Sugar Pine Road through Cedarbrook was discussed and several issues of blockage were mentioned. Mr. Rainwater was asked to contact the owners and make arrangements to resolve these issues.

Other Business: None.

Next meeting is on June 23rd, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rainwater, Secretary

Checks Disbursed 4/28/2007 - 5/25/2007

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Amount
5/3/2007	345	EDD	State Tax Liability	\$86.54
5/3/2007	346	Oak Valley Bank	Federal Tax Liability	\$965.96
5/11/2007	347	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 4/23/07 thru 5/6/07	\$1,120.34
5/11/2007	348	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
5/22/2007	349	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	\$153.36
5/22/2007	350	AT&T	Telephone/ Park & Gate	\$86.22
5/22/2007	351	Michael Caropreso	Employee Health Benefits	\$221.60
5/22/2007	352	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting	\$620.85
5/22/2007	353	General Plumbing Supplies	Maintain Water	\$115.60
5/22/2007	354	Glenn S Caldwell Ins.	Insurance - 3 policies	\$22,892.07
5/22/2007	355	J. S. West	Utilities / Propane	\$96.71
5/22/2007	356	PG& E	Utilities / Electricity	\$302.18
5/22/2007	357	Roger A Brown	Professional Services	\$676.00
5/22/2007	358	Doris Selman	Mileage Expense	\$600.00
5/22/2007	359	Twain Harte Lumber	Supplies Shop	\$136.95
5/22/2007	360	Charles Varvayanis	Office Supplies	\$193.44
5/22/2007	361	Village Mail & Print	Member Communications	\$468.30
5/22/2007	362	Steve Wallace	Maintain Roads	\$13.29
5/22/2007	363	Waste Management	Garbage	\$830.46
5/22/2007	364	Zaks Auto Supply	Shop Supplies	\$25.04
5/25/2007	365	Michael Caropreso	Payroll 5/7/ thru 5/20/07	\$1,060.95
5/25/2007	366	Robert Cloak	Payroll May	\$91.75
5/25/2007	367	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	\$50.00
Total Disbursements				<u>\$30,857.61</u>



Sierra Park Odd Fellows Lodge No. 376
For information contact: Charles Varvayanis
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Sierra Park Lodge No. 376 I.O.O.F. will close and turn in
its charter pending notification from the Grand Lodge.



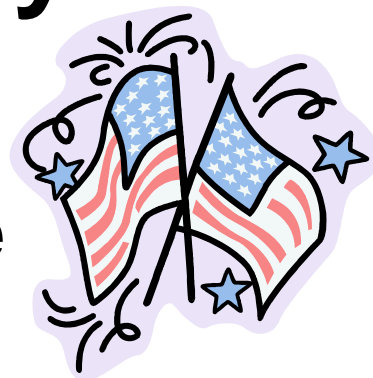
Dogwood Rebekah Lodge No. 200
Post Office Box 205, Long Barn, California 95335
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Lodge meetings are held at the lodge in Sierra Park on
the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon, and
social meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at
5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner.

Happy 4th of July!



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