

## Sierra Recreation Association

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Board Meeting: July 15, 2006 8:30a.m.

**Weather:** It is hot, the grass is drying but it is still pretty up here and the Lake is cooling.**ROAD WORK: AUGUST 23 & 24 PLAN AHEAD!**

Oil treatment on our roads will be on that Wednesday and Thursday. This will affect everyone coming & leaving the Park on these dates, as Wheeler Road will not be available for travel. You will need to go to Long Barn and come in from there. We will have more information for you in the next newsletter. That road is narrow and you will have to drive slowly and hopefully will not meet someone going out.

**FISHING DERBY:** Message from Dan Meade: A great day! 112 kids registered for the derby. 36 kids caught fish. 58 fish were caught. More were caught during the day. **1<sup>st</sup> fish** caught: Zachary Baciocco & Jonathan Meade. **Largest fish** caught by Derek Wach. **Youngest fisherman** was Daniel Spencer. Josie Daldorf, Ben Roche, & Tyler Daldorf caught **tagged fish**. This derby would not have been possible without the help of everyone that donated their time &/or money. **Special thanks** go to John Wallace, Bob & Sue Cloak, Mike & Shirley Rainwater, Tom Clark, Kim Wach, Roger & Ruth Townsend, Wayne & Gloria Harvey, Mike Ford, Jesse Worsham, Bill Williams, Larry Cipriani, Dave Meade, Isabel Martin, Nadine Sparling, Bill Hauff & Sasha Goch, and Jeff (sorry didn't get last name). My apologies if I have left anyone out. A special **"Thank You"** to Mike Caropreso for the fine job he does at our park and the preparation for this event. The raffle & lunch proceeds were \$1197.00. The expenses were \$1083.00 so we have funds toward next year. The cost of fish was \$1087.00 paid from the budget. Part of the lunch cost was from the recreation fund. Kids, enjoy fishing this summer, there are still lots of fish in the lake. (Great Job, Dan, THANK YOU!)

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. 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday ONLY**  
**Followed by Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

Rebekah Lodge meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Weds. meet 12 noon  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. social meeting 5:30p.m. & potluck

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

**Annual Financial Report**

Inside is a simple overview of 2005 – 2006 financial report. The complete 6 page accountant's report is on the web site. If you want a copy, please request it with a self-addressed, large 8 x 12 brown, stamped envelope and we will make a copy for you. The printing and mailing expense has gone up and since we hear that many times this newsletter is thrown away without even opening it, we would like to keep the expenses down by providing the report to interested owners.

**WATER:** Our annual water report has been received and is in this newsletter. We are required by state law to send this information to all water users. Basically, we have good water but were late with a report and therefor must do extra testing.

**PARK PAY PHONE:** We have been notified that AT&T will be removing the phone within 30 days. It will not be replaced, as it would cost \$900 a year "convenience" fee to another company. We have not had any cost to us for the AT&T phone. We are sorry we are losing the service but this is not within our budget.

**Gate cards, remotes and contractor codes.** Call message phone or e-mail and I will make arrangements with you to get them. Best contact method is e-mail.

**Requests are to come from Homeowners only.** As a homeowner you are each responsible for access to your property and must make the arrangements for family, friends and contractors. We are looking at our methods of providing you the cards, codes & remotes to make it as simple as possible for you and us. Please make your requests as far ahead as possible to allow us time to answer and arrange for getting the cards & remotes to you. If you want them mailed to you, I can do that. At this time it is \$3.00 mailing fee. Read the newsletter or check web for changes regarding gate access.

**PINE NEEDLE DISPOSAL – LOT INSPECTIONS -** We have all worked hard getting our pine needles and property cleaned for the summer season. Thank you for all of your co-operation following the guidelines for the dumpsite. Also, thanks again to the committee who helped with this program. Now we just have to wait for the contractors to get the needles out of there. **Now it's inspection time.** Alan Orth accepted the duty to get this part finished and reported to the CDF. He & Mike will begin inspecting by July 10<sup>th</sup> and complete by the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information to protect your property both inside & outside go to our web site and link to the fire safe councils for a copy of their brochures. Education for this aspect of living in the mountains is important to everyone.

Present: President Charles Varvayanis, Treasurer Doris Selman, VP Mike Van Gundy

Members present: Clark Kellogg, Dan Meade (excused at 10:30), Mike Ford & Alan Orth Taking minutes: Linda Clark  
Excused: Mike Rainwater & Steve Wallace

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Varvayanis at 8:33 a.m.

**Members before the board:** none.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as mailed. (Motion Selman/VanGundy)

**Correspondence:** (1) Letter of apology from Caldwell Insurance. (2.) Various mailings from CRWA regarding water & completion of class for M. Van Gundy (3) Letter from Breshears re: State EPA diesel changes (4) Rental contract for 7/15 use of hall for Tom Clark (5) Donations from Hauff's, Sparling & Martin for the fishing derby. (6) Roger Brown-copy of bill to insurance co. (7) Property tax values from Assessor (8) Confirmation of cancellation of bond from C.N.A. (9) Umqua Bank charges & changes (10) 3 assessments (11) 2 returned newsletters (12) \$200 check from USDA for use of Wheeler Rd. (13) Notice from AT&T canceling payphone service (14) \$100 transfer fee check from Holmes. (15) Comments from Klay Maddox re: assessment (16) David Martin request written permission to remove trees. (17) Complaint from neighbors re: noisy disturbances June 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

**WATER** – Charles—Water usage was 1,025,300 gals. (1) AquaLab has delivered the Consumer Confidence Report. It will be on the web site. We are in compliance at this time & water is good. (2) Complaints of odor & color required Mike Caropreso to flush the system, this resolved any problems. (3) Clifford Opland of Jordan Wy. West notified the Board of a problem in his new water heater. He will have it tested and report back (4) Well #6 pump developed a problem on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Sonora Pump was unable to diagnose the problem. PG&E was asked to investigate their service. They found no problems. An overload relay was replaced on June 9<sup>th</sup> by Mike C. & Steve Wallace, but did not resolve the problem. (Cost \$260.62) PG&E subsequently located and bypassed a failed regulator on Hwy. 108, this finally took care of the problem.

**ROADS** – Charles—George Reed patched and filled cracks in roads upon receipt of signed contract. Two days in July or August need to be set for the Fog Seal to be done. ½ the Park will be done one day & ½ the next. Roads need to be closed for this process and Long Barn Rd. will be opened for access to Hwy 108 during this time. First choice dates are August 23 & 24. Will Dorrell was hired to spray herbicide on the bar ditches to reduce time to clean them. (Cost \$678) He also gave a quote of \$2500. to clear the ditches later. The cost will be less if Mike does some of the work in advance. Last year the cost was \$4200.

**BUILDINGS** – Clark – All in good order. He will contact contractors to get quotes for replacing the Hall heater.

**TIMBER** – Mike Ford – (report Charles) The request for permission to remove park trees was previously voted on and all correspondence has been completed. Will Dorrell, forester is working on grants for fire safety cuts. Report next meeting.

**HEALTH & SAFETY** - Charles – Multiple complaints regarding a residence on Rebekah has been handled through notification to the offending parties of noise & dogs off leash. All residents are encouraged to keep our park safe & help monitor our county/park leash laws & other rules.

**EQUIPMENT** – Alan Orth – (Charles report) The insurance coverage on our equipment is in question. Alan is an equipment appraiser & will review the values and determine actual market values for correct insurance coverage on the equipment.

**RECREATION** – Dan – (Doris report) Dan will give a complete report next meeting. The Derby was a big success and a net profit of \$174 was made. Mike Ford wishes to have a more complete discussion of an apparent oversight of some "Toys R Us" gift certificates being with the adult raffle prizes rather than on the kids prize table.

**FINANCE** – Selman – Motion to pay the bills as reviewed and signed this a.m. (Kellogg, Van Gundy. Unan) Checking account is being changed to Oak Valley from U.S.B. Motion to put end of fiscal year financial statements on the web site for review by members. Anyone needing a hard copy can request form Doris. (Kellogg/Orth, Unan)

**OLD BUSINESS-** (1) Needle dump closed to residents 6/18. Thank you to Fred Coleman, Larry Vaughn & Daryl Clark for help keeping it open & secured. (2) Motion to sell swing set & merry-go-round to Charles Varvayanis for \$150. (Kellogg/Ford Unan, Charles abstained) Reduced price due to missing rails of slide previously purchased. (3). Gate codes discussed. Motion that any requests for gate codes must come from homeowners and will be given to homeowners only. (Varvayanis/Ford, Unan)

**NEW BUSINESS:** (1) Complaint received from resident that the Park continues to use the needle dump past closure date to residents. No action taken. (2) PG&E was contacted to repair a falling secondary cross brace. (3) Discussion of rental fees for Hall & picnic grounds. Motion to change fee for use of hall & picnic area to \$100 & for use of picnic area only to \$50. (Kellogg/Orth, Unan)

(4.) Secretary position not settled. Doris Selman has been re-appointed to acting secretary pending another decision. (5) Discussion of newsletter preparation. Proposal from Village Mail & Printing would increase monthly cost \$35 - \$40 for folding, addressing & mailing and save hours of preparer's time. Motion to use service. (Kellogg/Orth, unan) (6) Charles & Doris are reviewing insurance policies. (7) AT&T is discontinuing our pay phone. Charles will check on options available. Cost will be a major factor. (8) Wheeler Rd. property owner raked needles onto park property. A letter will be sent to remove the needles properly. (9) The hazard of the new sprinklers in the picnic/playground area was discussed. Caretaker will be asked to check the expense & time required to change to pop-ups. (10) Lot inspections discussed. Alan Orth volunteered to oversee this project working with Mike Caropreso. (11) A request from Roger Townsend for a financial review of park records during his time as treasurer & president was discussed. The board unanimously decided there is no need for such action or expense (\$1500.) at this time based on our method of bill approval and use of Carlson's accounting. Roger will be so notified.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m. Next meeting is on 7/15/2006 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Selman, Acting secretary These minutes are from personal notes and 2 ½ pages of notes from Linda Clark. Her notes are on the web site.

Date	Chk. #	Payee	Memo	Amount
5/26/06	11738	Glenn S. Caldwell	Insurance	27,893.85
6/2/06	11739	EDD	Payroll expense	84.76
6/2/06	11740	U S Bank	Payroll expense	889.18
6/9/06	11741	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	1054.70
6/9/06	11742	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	50.00
6/12/06	11743	Michael Caropreso	Payroll (2 hr. overtime)	47.73
6/12/06	11744	Calaveras Trout Farm	Fish Derby (fish)	1087.00
6/23/06	11745	Michael Caropreso	Payroll	938.62
6/23/06	11746	Robert Cloak	Payroll - water	91.55
6/23/06	11747	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction	50.00
6/26/06	11748	Jessie Worsham	Refund (deposit hall rental)	250.00
6/26/06	11749	California Reforestation	Gen'l. Park Mntnce/ bar ditch	678.00
6/26/06	11750	George Reed, Inc	Gen'l. Park Mntnce/ beach sand	383.69
6/26/06	11751	AquaLab	Water Testing	170.00
6/26/06	11752	Waste Management	Garbage	1,130.54
6/26/06	11753	P G & E	Utilities/ electricity	626.85
6/26/06	11754	A T & T	Utilities/ phone	64.67
6/26/06	11755	A & A Portables	Health & Safety	153.36
6/26/06	11756	Village Mail & Printing	member communications	70.79
6/26/06	11757	Zak's	Supplies for shop	49.22
6/26/06	11758	Eric A Carlson Acctg.	Accounting Service	875.00
6/26/06	11759	W.H. Breshears	Fuel (diesel)	1,045.83
6/26/06	11760	Joanne Caropreso	Employee Health benefit	181.00
6/26/06	11761	Dan Meade	Fish derby expense	715.02
6/26/06	11762	J S West	Utilities/ propane	125.20
6/26/06	11763	Ruth Townsend	Fish derby expense	308.00
6/26/06	11764	Doris Selman	Ofc. Supplies/ member comm	661.35
6/26/06	11765	Twain Harte Lumber	Genl. Park Mntce/ sprinkler syst.	390.85
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,066.76</b>

#### 2005 - 2006 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Simplified

The complete year end statement from Carlson Accounting is on the web: [www.varvayanis.com/sp](http://www.varvayanis.com/sp)

It is several pages long and would add a large expense to copy it. If you wish a copy and do not have internet, please send a self-addressed/stamped envelope to our mail address & I will send a copy

All checks were shown in the newsletters on a month to month basis.

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses as/of 5/31/06</b>		
Assessments	\$	183,800.00	Major purchases	amount from savings
Rental		7,450.14	Toyota pickup	\$19,817.00 \$19,240
Donations		1,892.00	Playground equip	\$33,210 30,000
Gate Income		2,198.00	Road Work	\$35,189. 30,000
Transfer fees		1,100.00	Generator	\$31,255.94 31,255.94
Playground assess.		7,280.00	Boy Scout settled	\$15,000.00 prev. reserve
Water assess.		7,280.00	Paid to reserves	\$14,560 spec. asses
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>211,000.14</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>253,319.00</b>

Our largest operating expenses are Payroll & Insurance. Payroll \$50,152. Plus benefits, & taxes 3,032

Insurance \$47,158. This will go up in 06 - 07

<b>Savings / Reserves</b>		<b>Transfers were made to pay for purchases approved at the 2005 Annual meeting.</b>	
	<b>Value a/o 5/31/2005</b>	<b>changes/ plus add interest</b>	<b>5/31/2006</b>
Water Reserve	\$ 39,300.00	2 yrs.special assessment added	62,386
Timber Reserve	535,695.04	playground, road work & genertr	464,519
Road Reserve	19,963.64	interest only	20,572.00
Equipment Reserve	36,056.58	pick up	17,583.00
	631,015.26	difference <65,955>	565,060

We had funds to cover the June bills and are in a good position to meet the budget for 2006-2007.

Road work expense is the only item to be paid out of the timber funds for 2006-2007 as approved at the annual meeting. The increase in the water assessment will improve ability to repair/upgrade & protect the system as needed. Playground equip. to be paid for in 2008 -2009

CDF bans all burning. An article in the June 30th Union Democrat announced the CDF will ban all burning starting at 8 a.m. Monday July 3rd. The suspension cancels all previously approved burn permits. Check with CDF for any special requests.

**LOT INSPECTIONS**

**JULY 10TH TO 15TH**

**ARE YOU READY?**

**ROAD WORK**

**AUG. 23TH & 24TH**

**READ INFO INSIDE**

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