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Sierra Park Recreation Association Newsletter



Minutes September 13, 1998

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Jim Morrison. Invocation by Richard Bonner. Those present were Jim Morrison - Vice President, Richard Bonner - Treasurer, Fred Coleman - Secretary, Robert Snell, Greg Brown, and Deena Hague. Those absent were Del Wallis, Ron Hawke and Gene Reed - all excused. Also present was Randy Tolbert, Park Manager.

MINUTES - Motion by Hague, second by Bonner to approve the minutes of the August meeting as mailed. Motion carried and so ordered.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD - Maynard Wallen - Concerned about some of the changes. The sign at the entrance of the park are not the Odd Fellow Three Links. He thinks this should be changed to the correct three links.

CORRESPONDENCE - (1) World Savings - CD maturing. (2) Information from Pacific Bell. (3) Information from State Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund. (4) Tuolumne County Health Department about a meeting for a new public beach program. (5) Timber forest plan on private property near our timber land. (6) Donation to the Park by Ray Hawke's Trust of items belonging to the late Ray Hawkes; a 1941 Dodge, a heavy duty gas generated welder, wooden boats, a machinist press, steel and iron. Value of items is \$2000.00. (7) Letter from Acordia of California Insurance Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER - Morrison - Water usage this month was 270,000 gallons. Work on the 210,000 gallon tank, reroute drain, screen, etc. This tank will be drained down for tank repair September 16 through 28. We will be low on water. This repair is necessary. No one should be without water, but try to conserve during this time period.

ROADS - Reed (absent) - Repaired road and rock put along shoulders on Miriam. Shoulder work done along roads. We are running out or road money. Joseph needs some work. There are also trees that need to be taken out in the park. This is to be looked at by Fred Coleman and Randy. Must purchase pipe for gates.

BUILDINGS - **Hawke** (absent) - Well houses have been painted. The corporation yard has been cleaned up. The Recreation Hall has been mopped and cleaned. Bat houses were built by Mr. Shumaker to try to keep the bats out of our buildings. A new roof has been put on well house #2. We need some new utility poles for the wells.

TIMBER -Coleman Letter was read from Craig Tolmie about what is needed in the park. Plan was explained in detail. Motion by Coleman and second by brown to have Craig bid out the compartment for 1998 along with #4 (fire break on ridge top) and #6 for 1999. Bids to be sought from three large loggers and three small loggers. Motion carried and so ordered.

In late August, Randy and Fred Coleman met with Mike Cook from the Mi-Wuk Ranger district concerning the Motor

Vehicle Management Forest Plan Amendment. It deals with, in part, the forest service road and land in back of the park. Mike Cook and another representative from the U.S. Forest service will attend the October board meeting to give a report to the full board. Changes are coming On September 5, our forester, Craig Tolmie, a fire officer from the USFS and a fire prevention officer from CDF met with those concerned about Craig's proposals concerning the fuel break behind the homes bordering our timber land, the fire break along the ridge top starting at the water tank, and other related items. Nothing we do will prevent a fire, but we can help in fighting a fire when one breaks out. The USFS is planning a fire break along the ridge line starting about Confidence Road, connecting to the one on our property, if we put it in, and going on beyond. It is to follow the 108 corridor. We also have a number of decisions to make:

- (1) A fund for maintaining our forest -- We are pulling a great deal out for things like roads, not much is going back in for the future. Timber is our source of income and must be taken care of.
- (2) Logging 1998 and 1999. After 1999, we might not be able to log for 10 to 15 years or more.
- (3) Roadside brushing.
- (4) Our road management plan, water bars, gates, and closing roads.
- (5) Site burn and reforestation.

A homeowner requested a written explanation from Craig of our September meeting. Fred Coleman instructed him to ignore this request since all information comes from the board. We can not have Craig jumping to the wishes of 350 homeowners.

RECREATION - Snell - Labor Day picnic was rained out. The meat is to be used at the Thanksgiving pot-luck. The two basketball hoops have been redone and a smaller hoop for younger players put in. The old bathtub at the park that is used for cold storage has been framed in.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague Checked on speed bumps and found nothing that we could use. Snell to check for us. People are driving too fast in our roads. This can be seen also in the number of squirrels killed on our roads. Slow down.

Wood is being stacked adjacent to propane tanks on some properties. This is a fire danger and there is a concern that it could be against state standards.

EQUIPMENT - Brown - The grader is being worked on. Need a new battery for the International Tractor. A new battery charger was purchased and is on order. Dodge Command vehicle from the Hawkes Trust, we are checking on cost to get it in working order. The backhoe has had 1000 hours of use. AT \$75 per hour, that is \$75,000 if we had to rent a backhoe, plus transportation charges to and from the park. It has more than paid for itself already.

FINANCE - Bonner - We have timber tax this year. Estimated tax on what sale would have been. It can be marked off against future sale. Bills for this month are 18,544.77. Motion by



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Brown and second by Hague to pay all bills. Motion carried. Motion by Hague and second by Brown to pay the \$3091.00 timber tax. Motion carried. Sixteen people have still not paid their assessment. If not paid, they will be taken to small claims court, with all court costs to be paid by delinquent homeowners. OLD BUSINESS - Motion by Coleman and Second by Snell to Install the Old sign that was taken down at the entrance to the park at the end of Wheeler Road, at the intersection of Wheeler Road, Jordan Way East and Jordan Way West, as per the discussion during the August Meeting. The three links on the new sign to be discussed at the meeting in October.

NEW BUSINESS - A homeowner put in a road across park property. Motion by Brown and second by Bonner to send a letter to the homeowner concerning the road and that it is to only be temporary. Motion carried and so ordered. Screens are to be put in on windows in the recreation hall so we can open them. The wood was not auctioned off. It was sold for \$100.00. This gave the trout derby more than what we normally get. Donation of an auger to dig post holes. It fits on the back of our tractor. Meeting closed at 1035.m. The next meeting will be held October 11, 1998, at 8:30 a.m.

Checks disbursed for August 1998

DATE	<u>NUMBER</u>	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
8/17	8856*	George Reed Inc.	Road Maintenance	57,730.00
9/8	8857	Twain Harte Lumber	Buildings, Roads, Water	261.22
9/8	8858	JS West & Symons	Buildings, Water	562.43
9/10	8859**	US Bank	Timber Tax	1,996.00
9/10	8860**	Franchise Tax Board	Timber Tax	1,095.00
9/10	8861	Mother Lode Portable Toilets	Health and Safety	254.90
9/10	8862	PG&E	Utilities	897.26
9/10	8863	Tamarack Tree Service	Health and Safety	400.00
9/10	8864	Zaks	Maintenance equipment	11.55
9/10	8865	S&K Automatic Gates	Gate expense	116.25
9/10	8866	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	1,093.80
9/10	8867	Mother Lode Equipment	Maintenance equipment	130.83
9/10	8868	Doherty Tire of Sonora	Tires and Repair	737.25
9/10	8869	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Maintenance roads	288.00
9/10	8870	Grayhill Land Surveyors	Land Sales expense	410.00
9/10	8871	AT&T	Telephone	10.75
9/10	8872	Pacific Bell	Telephone	65.08
9/10	8873	Postmaster	Bulk mail trust and stamps	282.00
9/10	8874	US Bank	Payroll taxes	862.77
9/10	8875	Village Mail & Print Stop	Newsletter and computer service	63.09
9/10	8876	Lawrence Haun	Legal Services	45.00
9/10	8877	AquaLab	Water testing	210.00
9/10	8878	George Reed, Inc.	Maintenance, roads	519.84
9/10	8879	JS West & Symons	Propane	47.99
9/10	8880	Fred Coleman	BBQ & Mileage	282.55
9/10	8881	Robert Snell	BBQ & Mileage	161.67
9/10	8882	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
9/10	8883	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.07
9/10	8884	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	768.15
9/10	8885	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	479.07
9/10	8886	US Bank	Payroll deduction - retirement	175.00
9/10	8887	Eric A. Carlson, Accountancy	Professional services	250.00
9/10	8888	Randall J. Tolbert	Petty Cash reimbursement	31.17
9/10	8889	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
9/10	8890	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
9/10	8891	Gregory Brown	<u>Mileage</u>	67.50
		-	Total	18,544.77

^{* \$50,000} came from Road reserve fund - not included in total monthly expense. \$7,730 from Road Maintenance - included in total.

^{**} Estimated taxes from timber fund - not included in monthly expense total.