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President's Message

Winterize, winterize, winterize!

We are getting our first winter weather, and hopefully all of you have made preparations to keep water lines from freezing and your property protected. Watch out for slick roads due to the continued rains, as logs are still sitting in some culverts and preventing proper drainage. If you notice an unsafe condition, please call the answering service line and let us know so that the caretaker can address the problem: 209-533-7909.

With the coming snow, we expect lots of snow activities in the Park. The playground, slopes by the lake and the Toboggan Hill (south end of meadow) are all good areas for play and having fun. Roads are not safe spots for snow play because of snow removal equipment and other traffic.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season and hope to see you at the Annual Holiday Party on December 29.

-- *Heidi Ordwein*

Next SPS meeting will be at 10:30 am on February 3rd, 2018.



Holiday
Party 5 pm
December
29th. See
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for details.

Holiday party!

This year's party will be a relaxed chance to munch, mingle and meet your neighbors. The board will provide hot sandwiches, baked beans and coleslaw, brownies, and coffee/tea/hot chocolate. There'll be movies for the kids in the Board Room. All property owners in good standing are invited, so bring your own adult beverages and something to share.

Join us in the Lodge starting at 5 pm. All property owners in good standing are invited, so bring your own desired beverages and something to share.

The fishing derby returns

At last spring's annual meeting both Jesse Worsham and Ray Coyle stepped up, volunteering to bring back the beloved Fishing Derby. This long-term tradition, always held on the Saturday before Father's Day, was sidelined for several years by the drought - no water, no fish! But we are on track for a great event this year, with an upgraded menu, prizes, a raffle and the all-important fish. Kids 15 and under will compete in enough categories to ensure that everyone wins a prize. We will be soliciting volunteers and donations to make this the fun event so fondly remembered by long-time owners. Details closer to the date, but mark this one on your calendars!

Cleaning the lake

Traditionally the lake has been drained for the winter, but during the drought that water and potential for firefighting was too precious to discard. This year the lake will be drained - but several years of plant growth and silt build-up means the bottom badly needs cleaning. This will not only help the derby's planted fish to survive, but will make conditions more inviting for swimming and wading. It's more than the caretaker can accomplish, so Jesse Worsham will be putting out a call for volunteers for a work day to get this job done.

As the water level drops each fall, the algae concentration in this wild lake gets more intense. But while it may not look appetizing, we continue to test the water monthly to make sure it is okay for swimming by any of you polar bears.

When the lake appears frozen, the ice may be dangerously thin. Stay off the ice!

Ongoing trash dumping problems

We continue to have problems with illegal dumping -- mattresses, toilets, washing machines, etc. have been left by the garbage cage. Though we have security cameras at the trash site, we do not have the staff to review that footage regularly. **So here's how you can help:** if you see someone dumping illegally (non-household waste), you can call the answering service with the following information: vehicle description, license number, time of day/night dumping occurred so we can check our security cameras and notify the Sheriff's office if necessary. The extra weight of these items adds to the cost of the pickup that you pay for, The extra weight of this trash adds to the cost of the pickup that you pay for, and our caretaker risks a work-related injury (with related costs passed on to all property owners) each time he has to manhandle one of these heavy items into the bin.

Please -- if you have large items to dispose of there is a dump off of Mono Way at the Hwy 108 and Standard crossroads, or call a local hauler to take the items away.



Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Sept. 2nd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11:00 by president Heidi Ordwein.

Board Members Present: Heidi Ordwein, Wanda Lenhardt, Mitch Gabriel, Michael Lechner and Susie Lechner. Mark Logan was excused.

Shareholders Present: none

Others Present: Mike Van Gundy

Attendees' Comments/Questions: no formal comments

Minutes for July Board meetings: approved unanimously.

Directors' Reports:

Caretaker Report - Heidi Ordwein - The new caretaker is working hard to get all culverts cleared before winter. Ditches will be deepened to clear out silt in an attempt to keep water from sheeting/freezing on the roads. Note: if culverts in front of your property are buried or blocked, it is your responsibility to clear them.

Roads - Heidi Ordwein - Topcoating of the last ¼ of Park roads was scheduled for this year, but due to winter damage additional repairs are needed. Areas where the road has subsided must be cut out and the base rebuilt before repaving. Bids were higher than budgeted, so topcoating will be deferred for a year in some areas.

Vice President - Susie Lechner - We are waiting on approval from Fish & Wildlife to stabilize the creek bank at the new pedestrian bridge. It will be crucial to complete this work before the rainy season sets in.

Secretary - Wanda Lenhardt - Annual Meeting minutes will be out in midwinter. They will be mailed to all shareholders and to those who signed up for mailed communications, and will be posted on the website. Any property owners interested in becoming shareholders can find the application on our website.

Treasurer - Mitch Gabriel -- Report deferred to executive session.

Gate - A part in the hinge operator was worn out-of-round, causing the gate to stick in the open position. This has been replaced and the gate is functioning normally. Sometimes it is locked open by agencies visiting the Park, who forget to close it, or power outages will cause it to lock open. With winter approaching, the gate will be fixed at "open" when roads may be slick.

Buildings and common Areas - Heidi Ordwein - The needle dump is filling up fast; companies removing trees in the Park have agreed to do the chipping. A part-time worker has been hired to spread the chips as mulch; this practice has been approved by CalFire. However, property owners are free to help themselves to any wood chips. Note: the needle dump will close for the winter November 1st.

Old Business:

- Recreation areas - The new rake at the beach has walked away. Michael Lechner will donate a replacement.

New Business: none.

The meeting temporarily adjourned to executive session at 12:02 to discuss issues relating to legal and financial matters. The regular meeting reopened at 1:50 pm. Report from executive session: Michael Lechner moved, and Wanda Lenhardt seconded a motion to pay all the bills. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51.

Note: These minutes reflect our recollection of the proceedings. If additions or revisions are needed, they may be noted by calling the hotline number, 209-533-7909, emailed via the link on our website, or brought to the Board's attention at the following meeting.



Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Nov. 4th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:05 by president Heidi Ordwein.

Board Members Present: Heidi Ordwein, Mitch Gabriel, Michael Lechner and Susie Lechner. Wanda Lenhardt and Mark Logan attended by telcom.

Shareholders Present: Jesse Worsham, Ray Coyle

Others Present: Mike Van Gundy

Attendees' Comments/Questions: Jesse Worsham presented progress to date on the Fishing Derby. We have fish reserved, a great menu planned, and cooks lined up for the barbecue. Prizes will be the next challenge, and **donations of toys or items for gift baskets would be welcome.** Ray Coyle will organize the fishing activities and the measuring/recording of the catch.

Volunteers will be needed to clear vegetation from the lake bed - see page 2.

Minutes for September Board meetings: deferred pending review.

Directors' Reports:

Caretaker Report - Heidi Ordwein - Our interim caretaker Danny found another job. The new caretaker, Robert, is working his way into his new job. John Marshall is helping with training two hours a week. There has been a big push to get all culverts and ditches cleared before winter. All equipment is being winterized, chains are in good repair and generators are tested in preparation for power outages. Road signs are being refurbished, reminding all that there is no parking on the roads during snow season. We are still working with PG&E to remove logs blocking ditches and snow removal areas. Sand is ordered and propane delivery scheduled. **Note: In case of a severe storm with prolonged power outage, the Lodge can serve as a warm shelter for folks who are snowbound in the Park.**

Roads - Heidi Ordwein - Our contractors were called up to fight the Wine Country fires, so road repairs have been deferred until spring. The donated John Deere tractor needs work; however, when it's up and running its snowblower attachment will be a great help in clearing tight areas.

Vice President - Susie Lechner - Finally received approval from Fish & Wildlife to stabilize the creek bank at the new pedestrian bridge. Per our permit, we have a very limited window of three weeks to complete the work. Project description mandated by F&W is quite extensive and costs will be higher than anticipated.

Secretary - Wanda Lenhardt - nothing to report.

Treasurer - Mitch Gabriel presented bills for this fall. Board members all approved payment.

Gate - The gate is working fine. It is self-supporting, with the charge for new owners' cards and clickers covering any expenses. We have 15 new owners to the Park this year - welcome!

Buildings and common Areas - Heidi Ordwein - The needle dump is closed for the winter.

Old Business: none

New Business: The holiday party is scheduled for Friday, December 29th at 5 pm in the lodge. The Board will make hot sandwiches and side dishes, and will offer hot drinks. Please join us for a chance to meet your neighbors and relax over the holiday break!

The meeting temporarily adjourned to executive session at 10:30 to discuss issues relating to legal and financial matters. The regular meeting reopened at 12:30 pm. Nothing to report from executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31.

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