

PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

MARCH 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The transition period is over, the gavel has been passed and has been rapped. We have all gotten through the first meeting, somewhat rough at times, but as long as you keep everyone talking, no one seems to notice.

The Park is filled with a variety of people. The common thread with us is our Masonic values. Of all the places on earth, Paradise Park is the area we can enjoy the Masonic commitment of love and fellowship.

The Park is here for all of us to enjoy and with proper management, will be here for generations to come. As we approach the summer season again and many of you come "home" to enjoy the nature and fellowship you found as children or if new, the memories you are going to establish for you and your family. Please slow down, not only for the safety concerns, but to leave the stress of your world outside the Park. Try to see what nature has given you, be a good citizen and allow the other person to walk on the road, let them know you appreciate being back here.

If you walk your animals, please be aware of others, keep them on a leash, pick up after them and keep them quiet. Be considerate and perhaps your neighbor will surprise you and get an animal of their own because of your joy and love found.

So many times we're drawn to the Park because of memories a time spent in the Park has given us in the past. It could be in a room with a friend whatever brings that smile (smirk) to your face, come and relive the memories. Even if you fog over windows on a sunny day, whatever the event, enjoy the Park and the fellowship your neighbors bring with them.

Due to Youth groups using our Social Hall, the next Board meeting, March, 12th will be in the Fire Hall at 0900. (Coffee and donuts will be provided), so

come and enjoy the fellowship we have. Come, visit and listen if the topic is of your interest and participate in the management Park business. We're looking for nominations to fill the vacancies coming on the Board in July.

I hope this finds you (Hashem) and yours in good health, may God speed your recovery so that your smile (and smirk) may grace us.

Don't forget the food, fun frolic and fellowship Paradise Park allows for you.

Bill Eckard, President of the Board

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

If you have a problem with a neighbor, I would appreciate it if you would talk with them and try to resolve the problem before calling me. We are all of a Masonic family and should be able to speak with one another.

**APRIL 1, 2005
IS THE DEADLINE for
TADs
and
DUES RECEIPTS**

In order to avoid a late penalty, first installment must hand delivered before 4:30 pm, Thursday, April 1st OR postmarked before midnight April 1st.

Board Meeting Dates

*** March 12, 2005 ***
APRIL 16, 2005
MAY 21, 2005
JUNE 18, 2005

07/02/05 ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.

*** NOTE MARCH MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED ***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

THE MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE AND PLACE CHANGED to March 12, 2005. This meeting will take place in the firehouse.

COMMON AREA TAX: The per member portion of the property tax bill for the common areas of PPMC for 2004 taxes is \$117.86.

DUES RECEIPT DUE: Don't forget that in order to be a Member in good standing, you must submit a copy of your Lodge or Chapter dues receipt to the Office before April 1st each year, even if you are a Life Member. This is true for Associates and Alternate Associates as well as members. You can tell if you are up to date by looking at the mailing label on the Bulletin. The bottom line says **2005 Dues Card? M A AA**. The (M) is for Member, A for Associate and AA for Alternate Associate. If a Y follows the M, A or AA, then that dues receipt is in. If it is blank, then that receipt has not been received.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: TINY SANDS 650-589-6684, PAT HERZOG 831-458-9841, BILL LIND 831-429-6735, DEAN LOGAN 831-423-5343, CAL VINSON 831-429-1575

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to select candidates for two open Board positions. If you, as a member, would like to be considered as a candidate, please phone one of the above Committee members.

KNOW A GOOD PLUMBER? Who does roofs? Is ABC Services reliable for septic tanks? Where can I find an honest hot water heater dealer? Does Joe Blow still do rain gutters? Did you know the Office has a Vendor Binder? You're welcome to look for vendors any open Office hour. Oh, but look, most of the telephone numbers list 408 area code for Santa Cruz numbers. Hmmm. You are also welcome, ENCOURAGED, to list vendors with whom you have had recent experience, with either positive or negative comments, and we'll even put the date on the business card or note. Help us make this binder useful and helpful!

BACK GATE CODE: The back gate code will be changed twice a year on March 15th and September 15th. If you need to find out what the current code is, please check with the office. Remember, the code is for Members and guests. You should not share the code with vendors. If you have a vendor who enters through the back gate, please make arrangements to meet them at the gate.

SEPTIC TANKS: Please give the Office a drawing with the location of your septic tank and leach fields.

DO YOU READ THE MEMBER'S PENDING LIST? This list is published so that you have the opportunity to advise the Board about these candidates for Membership. If you have information that you believe the Board should consider before voting for Membership on any of the candidates, please contact the Board President in writing.

Paradise Park Masonic Club MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS PENDING

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Date posted</u>	<u>Seller</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
<u>MEMBER CANDIDATE</u>			
Michele C. Green	02/17/05	Oren R. Stalker	678 St. Paul Street
Jeffrey Willard LeBeouf	02/03/05	William P. Strickland	113 Keystone Way
<u>ASSOCIATE MEMBER</u>		<u>MEMBER</u>	
Marian E. Sibley	05/21/04	Richard T. Sibley	280 Keystone Way
<u>ALTERNATE ASSOCIATE MEMBER</u>		<u>MEMBER</u>	
Joyce E. Pottinger	01/10/04	Lauren C. Pottinger	144 St. Alban Street
Carolyn Marie Butcher	12/14/04	Lois Hardy	396-C Cavern Street
Amanda L. Cooper	03/16/04	Timothy B. Cooper	614 Keystone Way

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

POTLUCK NEWS: Saturday, February 19th Potluck was hosted by Anna & Bill Lind. About 35 people attended, and Mardi Gras was the theme, with questions & answers about the Mardi Gras. Everyone enjoyed the food & friendship. Next month Pat Herzog will be the host, and admission will be "wearing of the green".

COMMUNITY GARDEN 2005: Sign up in the Office if you wish to have a box in the Community Garden 2005. Last year's Sweat Equity Box Holders have first dibs on re-claiming their last year's box. Stay tuned for an organizing meeting re: 2005 \$\$\$, new assignments of old unclaimed boxes, sweat & where/when to put it, etc. *Diane Brown (currently in Mexico) & Craig Little*

NEW ROSTERS ARE IN: If you haven't already done so, pick up your PPMC 2005 Membership Roster.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS and OFFICE STAFF

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ACTIVE COMMITTEES

If you wish to be on any of these committees, please contact Bill Eckard at 831/458-2070.

COMMITTEE

Assessment Study
Budget
Building
By-Laws
Dam
Emergency Response
911 fire & Rescue
911 Medical
911 Traffic Control
CERTS
VIP
Flea Market 2005
Historical
Industrial Safety
Long Range Planning
Orientation
Past Presidents
Recreation
Staking
Tree
Water/Roads
Waste Management

CHAIRPERSON

Malcolm Kirby
Diana Cook
Bill Hardwick
Bill Hardwick
Malcolm Kirby
Greg Laskey
Pam Hipsley
Ray Hoffman
Ted Keller
Lisa Leong
TBA
Barry Brown
TBA (Diana Cook)
Chuck Buchanan
Anna and Bill Lind
Bob Biendle
Karen Eneboe
Bill Lind
Steve Taylor
George Saam
Diana Cook

MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE

WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR MEMORIALS

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE PARK OFFICE

MAKE CHECKS TO MEMORIAL FUND.

WILMA VINSON, PHYLLIS GREEN,
BETTY GLADDING AND ADA HOUCHIN

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE MEN'S CLUB Volunteer Group thanks Dorothy Jelcick for giving us a donation to purchase a wireless microphone for the Picnic Grounds. Every time you are at a function at the picnic grounds and the public address system is used, please think of Dorothy and personally thank her for her generosity.

The Men's Club had a successful Valentine party for our Ladies thanks to Jim and Char Reynolds, Karl and Lynn Raadik and all the Sisters and Brothers that served on the Committee. The night would not have been complete without the wonderful music performed by Jay & Ada De Vore. Thank you from everyone.

We have many projects and volunteers in the Men's Club but materials to perform these jobs are expensive. Our usual volunteers have put forth many hours and dollars to keep the Park beautiful. If every Member, Associate Member or Alt. Associate Member could donate a few dollars to the Men's Club Volunteer Group a lot of projects could be completed instead of being on a paper wish list.

The Men's Club thanks you and I thank you. *Ray Hoffman, President.*

911 Emergency Response Team, *By Doug Hipsley.* The Emergency Medical Response Team is 100% activated! At the beginning of February we contracted through NETCOM to be on the same alert system as all emergency professionals in Santa Cruz County. We have ten pagers in the hands of key members of our community committed to respond to any 911 emergencies. The primary assignment of the pagers are:

Bob Koger – PPMC Manager

Karen Eneboe – Emergency Office Coordinator

Greg Laskey – Fire Chief

Don Moore – Technical Support

Ray & Charlotte Hoffman – Traffic Control

Milt Jones – Front Gate

Jim & Diana Cook – Go-Bag #1

Doug & Pam Hipsley – Go-Bag #2

Bill & Diana Lind – Go-Bag #3

Joanne Nelson, Mike Dungan, Pat McDonald – Go-Bag #4

I would also like to thank the Memorial Fund Committee for the funding for the procurement of all oxygen bottles. We came in under budget and would like to use the surplus for personal safety equipment for the medical responders and traffic controllers.

We had (2) 911 emergencies in PPMC last month. The following is a brief summary of each incident.

Incident 2/2/05: A member passed out in his home in Section #6. Three PPMC Medical Teams responded. The SCFD arrived on scene at the same time as the PPMC volunteers. PPMC Traffic Control directed traffic until emergency vehicles departed.

Incident 2/9/05: A relative of a member had possible seizure while driving on Keystone in Section #2. The resident nearest the scene called 911. This was the first test of our new pager alert system. PPMC Medical Response. Volunteers arrived on scene well before the SCFD arrived. This was the first incident that we administered oxygen to provide aid and comfort until professional emergency services arrived.

FLEA MARKET ALTERNATIVES: Since no one has yet volunteered to chair the Flea Market, some people have come up with two possibly dandy ideas. Proposed is a **One-Day Flea Market** to be held in the Picnic Grounds, probably sometime during July. Sections of a table could be rented for \$20, with any proceeds from an individual's sales going to that individual. Pickup truck hauling of 'precious stuff' could be rented for maybe \$5, with the selling individual responsible for loading and unloading and carting away of the unsold. What about people with only one item to sell? Possibly charged by the pound or by dimensions. The Recreation Committee could sell food/drinks, with prices raised a little above the usual purchase cost, for an additional source of revenue. Linda Dyson-Weaver thinks she might be able to find a chairperson. **Additional ideas are eagerly welcome.**

An additional idea is for a **Virtual Flea Market**. Ideas include afternoon? Evening? Potluck? A check of \$1 per hour usually volunteered to the regular Flea Market. A check of the \$ amount usually spent on purchases, which are then recycled next year. Door Prize? A fee voluntarily paid for NOT HAVING TO WORK ON OR ATTEND A FLEA MARKET. Mystery door prizes, advertised hints & clues. Date with handsomest man in PPMC. **Additional ideas are eagerly welcome.**

Anonymous Box Lunch Auction – sound interesting? **Additional ideas are eagerly welcome.** Contact the Office.

**MEMBER CALLED
TOWN HALL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2005 AT 1:00 P.M.
"LET'S TALK ASSESSMENTS"
FOR WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE**

What are YOUR thoughts on ASSESSMENTS? 1. "I want to hear about our OPTIONS for assessments." OR "I don't want to think about assessments. I can't afford them." 2. "I want to hear what the MEMBERS feel is appropriate for funding the needed work and arrange for a VOTE on it." OR "Let the Board figure it out."

At this meeting we will hear about POSSIBILITIES for funding the upgrade to our water system. Presentations will be made regarding the urgency of upgrading the water system and the complex issue of financing the upgrade. This will be the highest cost project that has ever happened in our Park, and as such it should have the utmost scrutiny. Now is your chance to air YOUR suggestions on possible ways of handling the assessment/financing of this huge project.

At 1:00 p.m. Jim Reynolds will open the meeting with a discussion of assessments and water. We will keep our discussions positive. For every concern, we hope to suggest one or more POSSIBILITIES. Our goal is to produce a written record of our meeting for the BOD and the Bulletin

Our Board members are invited to attend as Members of PPMC, and they will be listening to us. They have some difficult decisions to make regarding our health, safety and finances. Let's help them by letting them know what the Membership feels are the best solutions to these issues.

Invite your PPMC friends and neighbors to come. Cookies and coffee will be served. *Betty Gladding*

-- LETTERS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP --

Your Letters From the Membership and articles of interest to the membership are welcomed for publication. Deadline for submitting articles is the Monday following the Board meeting. Submit articles to F. Dunn-Ruiz, 606 Paradise Park or dunnruiz@hotmail.com in Microsoft Word format. Letters to the Editor must be limited to 150 words (longer letters are subject to cutting), contain no negative reference to individuals and be accurate regarding legal or procedural issues – omitting hearsay and gossip.

Terry (Feist) and I thought it might be nice to put something in the bulletin about our move. It was so sudden that many didn't know. So here goes — Happy New Year to You All! Terry and I have moved to Blaine, WA. We are living in a beautiful area called Semiahmoo 20 minutes from the Canadian border and 20 minutes from Bellingham where we do our Costco and Mall shopping. Come visit!

Terry: handytf@comcast.net or Carol: cnf@comcast.net

I am happy to report that Big J's will deliver pizza to Paradise Park. I found their product to be very good Chicago Style. They have coupons in the Valpak found on the bulk-mail table in our office lobby.

Fred Dunn-Ruiz

Dear Friends in Paradise Park: I want to express my deep appreciation for the many many cards you sent to me and for the lovely floral arrangements and the plantable plants. Thank you for your sincere expressions of concern for my serious illness. I felt very deeply the heartfelt offering of prayer on my behalf. I have a great belief in healing through prayer and the miracle and expertise of modern medicine. I needed them desperately and felt with gratitude in my heart that they were heard and answered. I'm getting stronger everyday. Jim and I are so fortunate to live amongst people like you and have you as our friends. Thank you again for your concern and remembrance.

Lovingly, Char Reynolds

Thank you so much to all for the many cards and remembrances sent in Bob's memory. How lucky we are to have so many wonderful memories of our days in the Paradise.

Respectfully, Ellen Z. Smith & Family

UP COMING EVENTS

EMERGENCY SIREN TESTS

At 1:00 P.M.
ON BOARD MEETING SATURDAYS

KNITTIN' KITTENS LADIES' CANASTA

First Monday Each Month
Social Hall, 11:30 A.M.

Monday, March 7, 2005
Monday, April 4, 2005

Sponsored by Pat Rundell

TUESDAY COFFEE

EVERY TUESDAY
SMALL SOCIAL HALL, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

OPEN TO EVERYONE IN PPMC
COME JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S CLUB

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
SMALL SOCIAL HALL, 11:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005
CHEFS: DOUG HIPSLEY & JIM REYNOLDS
SPEAKER: MARK STONE, SUP. 5TH DIST

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005

BINGO

THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
SOCIAL HALL, 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005
Wednesday, April 20, 2005

SIMPLY YOGA

ON WINTER BREAK

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 26, 2005
11 A.M. IN PICNIC GROUNDS
SEE FLYER POSTED FOR DETAILS

CAL DEVECCHIS

POTLUCK

THIRD SATURDAY
SOCIAL HALL, 5:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2005
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005

MASONIC OUTREACH

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
SMALL SOCIAL HALL, 10:00 A.M. – NOON

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005

HEALTH CARE FAIR, JUNE 19, 2005

COME MEET THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE
MARY JANE HODGES

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

PLAN AHEAD TO BE IN PPMC ON SATURDAY OF
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.

CLEAN UP
LUNCHEON
BOCCE ACTIVITIES
DINNER
DANCE IN PICNIC GROUNDS

DETAILS LATER

NEW CERT TRAINING CLASS

MARCH 8, 10, 15, 17 & 19
7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
CALL TED KELLER AT 425-2646
TO RESERVE A SPOT



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
All Ages are Invited
SATURDAY,
March 26, 2005
PICNIC GROUNDS
11:00 AM

Finger Food Potluck to Follow

All eggs should be placed
before 10:30AM

For Additional Information

Call: Cal De Vecchis

420-0749



PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2005

1-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	C. & R. Hoffman
1-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
2-Wed.	Men's Club 11:30	Small Social Hall	R. Hoffman
3-Thu.	Legal Meeting - 9:30	Conference Room	T. Halloran
7-Mon.	Knittin' Kittens 11:30 - 4:30	Small Social Hall	P. Rundell
8-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	C. & R. Hoffman
8-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
8-Tue.	CERT Training 7-10pm	Social Hall	T. Keller
10-Thu.	CERT Training 7-10pm	Social Hall	T. Keller
12-Sat.	Tree committee 9-12	Conference Room	S. Taylor
12-Sat.	Job's Daughters Pancake Breakfast 7am-2pm	Social Hall	Social Hall
12-Sat.	BOD Open Meeting 9am	Firehouse	B. Eckard
12-Sat.	Recreation/Activities Cmt. Mtg. 3pm	Small Social Hall	J. Fisher
12-Sat.	Reunion Dinner 2-8pm	Small Social Hall	S. Taylor
15-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	C. & R. Hoffman
15-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
15-Tue.	CERT Training 7-10pm	Social Hall	T. Keller
16-Wed.	Bingo 6:30-8:00pm	Large Social Hall	Y. & M. Jones
17-Thu.	Masonic Outreach 10am-12 noon	Small Social Hall	B Uber
17-Thu.	CERT Training 7-10pm	Social Hall	T. Keller
18-Fri.	CERT County Council 8:30-12	Small Social Hall	D. Moore
19-Sat.	Town Hall Meeting 1:00	Large Social Hall	B. Gladding
19-Sat.	Potluck 5:30	Large Social Hall	P. Herzog
19-Sat.	CERT Training 7-10pm ?	Social Hall	T. Keller
20-Sun.	Baby Shower 10am-5pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
22-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	C. & R. Hoffman
22-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
23-Wed.	Santa Cruz Scottish Rite 8am-10pm	Large Social Hall	M. Blum
26-Sat.	Wedding 12-3pm	Social Hall	B. Charves
29-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	C. & R. Hoffman
29-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters

April 2005

4-Mon.	Knittin' Kittens 11:30 am - 4:30 pm	Small Social Hall	P. Rundell
5-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	B. & C. Morgan
5-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
6-Wed.	Men's Club 11:30	Small Social Hall	R. Hoffman
9-Sat.	Tree Committee 10-12	Conference Room	S. Taylor
12-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	B. & C. Morgan
12-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
16-Sat.	BOD Open Meeting 9am	Small Social Hall	B. Eckard
16-Sat.	Recreation/Activities Cmt. Mtg. 3pm	Small Social Hall	J. Fisher
16-Sat.	Potluck 5:30	Large Social Hall	L. Corum
16-Sat.	Bethel #247 Overnight	Large Social Hall	L. Pottinger
17-Sun.	Bethel #247 Overnight	Large Social Hall	L. Pottinger
19-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	B. & C. Morgan
19-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters
20-Wed.	Bingo 6:30pm	Large Social Hall	Y. & M. Jones
21-Thu.	Masonic Outreach 10 am.-noon	Small Social Hall	B Uber
26-Tue.	Coffee 9-11am	Small Social Hall	B. & C. Morgan
26-Tue.	Tole Painting 6-9 pm	Small Social Hall	A. Walters

NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2005 TOWN HALL MEETING

Notes taken by Judy Buchanan

- **Shirley Moore** welcomed all, thanked Tuesday coffee for supplying cookies, coffee and distributing flyers. Don Moore set up all the audio equipment. A sincere thank you to Dorothy Jelcick for buying the park a portable microphone. Chuck Buchanan is the moderator of today's meeting
 - **Bud McCrary** from Big Creek Lumber was our speaker. Bud has worked at Big Creek for 59 years and lived in the redwoods for 78 years. This was about the third time Bud has come to the park and talked about harvesting our redwood trees. The last time he met with our board he suggested that the Park work with a forester. The biggest problem with the trees is the loose limbs that are hanging high in the trees. A redwood grows about 1" in diameter and 2 to 3 feet in height a year. There really is no solution to harvesting our trees at the present time as Big Creek is waiting for a decision from the Supreme Court as to what they can harvest and when, etc.. As far as making money from our trees, when the time comes, is probably not a big possibility. It costs \$1200 a day for a crane, which can taken down 2 to 3 trees a day and \$800 per day for two tree cutters. Liability problems make insurance very expensive. There are about 3000 board feet in a tree worth \$1500. Right now Big Creek cannot make a commercial business here, too much liability and restrictive rules by Santa Cruz County.
 - **Bill Lentfer** asked about other groups with redwood problems. Kings Grove Assoc. has about 1400 acres, but only 20-30 homes. Butte Mount in San Mateo has 100 homes.
 - **Dennis Gloeckler** asked Bud how he would judge the condition of our forest. Bud says it looks very good, although high winds and storms still affect the healthy trees.
 - **Joanne Nelson** asked about clusters of trees leaning toward building, how about thinning the trees. Bud's response was if a tree leans out but the top of the tree is vertical the tree is holding its position. If the tree leans 30 degrees, but the top bends down, then that's a serious problem. Trees with weak foundations are a problem and also trunks of trees that are sinking.
 - **Pat Herzog** has a letter from Big Creek dated 1995 from Eric Huff that stated we had about 2 million board feet worth \$800,000. Bud responded with the new ruling the County has decreed Big Creek and other lumber companies can only log commercially in some areas. This has been taken to the California Supreme Court and a decision is expected in about a year. Then Big Creek will know more about commercial logging zoning. **Pat Herzog** asked if we would like to have trees harvested where would we go. Bud said issues get tighter - trees are so close to houses, it would be a difficult job to select trees for harvesting.
 - A statement was given by a member, I love trees, but we have too many in the park, thin some. What kind of permit is necessary to thin the trees? How many trees to take out to make this a feasible operation.
 - How do you prove a tree is healthy? Bud said it is hard to prove, trees would grow better with more light and less weight.
 - **Don Schmidt** asked about the residents of Santa Cruz and how they would feel about seeing trees come out of PP. Bud responded with people don't like logging trucks.
 - **Ed Butler** suggested that if the canopy of trees were thinned we would all use less energy and all be in a better mood with more light. Also the forest would clean itself if we weren't here, we stopped the natural order. Bud said the UC Santa Cruz, Head of Environment has no use for forest activity. Earth First believes all people should move allowing the animals to come back into the forest. Judy Wahl, what is harvesting? Bud said taking any tree out. Margaret Todd asked about surface tree roots, which create humps in the road. Will these roots affect the new water system and if cutting the root make the tree less stable. Bud said it would definitely weaken the tree. Margaret asked if there are different kinds of road surfaces that would allow the road to flex and absorb. Bud said they have tried a rubber product mixed with rocks and oil along Hwy. 1, but it did not work well.
 - **Karen Eneboe** said she has 12 redwoods on her property and they are all taking care of themselves. As far as mildew and mold in the house, just make sure you keep your heat at a minimum of 50 degrees and open windows just a crack.
 - **Joe Sand** asked if the oak tree disease affects the redwoods. Bud said there is no proof of this happening.
- Summary: If you have a tree that is a problem with your foundation, roof, etc. apply to the County for a permit based upon a threat to health or safety.
- The value of the lumber here in the park will usually cover the cost of taking out the trees.
 - We will have to wait until the Supreme Court makes its decision about harvesting trees.
 - Removing trees for thinning for healthy trees is good, but not commercial. Bud said if this is not done trees only get bigger and so will the problems.
 - **Statement from member**, permit is easy to get from County, but impossible to get from PP Tree Committee and Board of Directors.
 - **Statement from member** that lived in Oakland-Berkeley area during the firestorm says maintenance of our trees is a necessary thing.
 - Questions - Can we trim any tree except redwoods. Go to the office and get a copy of the tree rules.
 - **Linda Weaver** - the tree committee rules were adopted by the board, a forester comes in regularly to check our redwoods.
 - **Vernon Gordon** said we would have an increased quality of life if about 2 in a clump of 5 trees were taken out. Also this decision needs to be made by a consensus of the members, not just a select few.
 - **Wilma Vinson** asked all attending how many would like to see the trees thinned. The majority (approximately 90%) of the people responded with raised hands and agreed.
 - **Chuck** - We've heard all of the comments and questions. Now what are we going to do about it?
 - * Ballot and vote - the longer we wait the more fire hazard.
 - * Forester made report to Board = proposal made to put report in bulletin, asked Fred Dunn-Ruiz to print in bulletin - he has to get ok from Board to do so.
 - * Need assessment of how many trees are threatening.
 - * Trees around us make us money not just the ones threatening.
 - * Need to be pro-active with consensus for thinning - we need to do this yearly and make it a budget requirement.
 - * Get Board to change - not tree committee.
 - * Needs to be on the agenda at annual meeting and have a quorum to be able to vote.
- every question we asked today could have been answered by the committee. The tree committee makes suggestions and recommendations to the Board, which makes the final decision.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We continue to be under budget and have increased the budget surplus to \$23,790. To date \$360,810 has been spent with \$384,600 budgeted. We remain over-budget for water, accounting/tax prep/audit, legal (for details, see December Bulletin), and green waste. The monthly water bills are decreasing so we may close the water budget gap by the end of this fiscal year. The remaining over-budget items will only increase unfortunately.

As a first step to reduce some over-budget costs, I sent out an initial inquiry to various local accounting and legal firms for their rate sheets and fee schedules. Three responses have been received from legal firms. Our current legal rate is \$300/hr. One response is comparable while the other two are around \$180-185/hr. We can try to renegotiate the current rate downwards with our present firm but I doubt this will be successful. If this is the case, I recommend that we invite the two competitive legal firms to make a short Board presentation on one or two legal issues that arise in the future. If the Board is suitably impressed with their skills, then assign both lawyers some small legal projects and further evaluate their talent and cost effectiveness. We would make no change in our present legal representatives until a suitable alternative can be identified.

Only one accounting firm responded with a rate of \$225/hr and costs for annual audits in the \$4000-4500 range. Our current accounting rate is \$120/hr with annual audits in the \$6000 range and federal/state tax preparation in the \$500 range. At the moment it would seem we should renegotiate the annual audit cost down to \$4000-4500 and stay with our present accountant.

The three major insurance packages have been reviewed with the goal to increase coverage and/or decrease premiums. These include the business insurance (\$47,000), employee health insurance (\$21,000), and workman's compensation insurance (\$17,000). Their total premiums are budgeted for \$85,000 which represents about 17% of our \$512,800 annual budget. All adjustments have been made to the business insurance. I made my health insurance recommendations to the Board last month (see February Bulletin). No decisions were made and Jack appointed Frank to investigate other alternatives. (For various discussions, see the Dec. 2004 - Feb. 2005 Bulletins.) The workman's compensation insurance review is also completed.

I discussed the insurance and liability aspects of the CERTs and VIPs programs in last months Bulletin. We are very fortunate in the Park to have members that volunteer their time to make us safer. To insure that we all understand the various liability and injury conditions that these programs operate under, PPMC should obtain a Liability Release from every CERT and VIP volunteer. This form would indicate that they understand, acknowledge, and agree that they serve under the insurance and liability conditions imposed by CERT and VIP programs and release the Park from any further liability.

Last month, the BOD approved completion of the water project in Section 6 funded by the remaining \$211,000 in Castle funds. According to our accountant, these funds must be actually spend by May 23, 2005 to avoid capital gains taxes of approximately 40% due on any remaining funds not spent by this date. Therefore it is imperative that work begins immediately and these funds be dispersed before the May date.

At the BOD meeting this month, I discussed letters from three insurance representatives, a letter from two foresters, and a letter from our legal firm with opinions regarding our Tree Rules. As these rules are presently written, there are major liability concerns from the insurance representatives, a stipulation that a liability release accompanies all foresters' recommendations, and liability concerns of Section 16 and other sections by the legal firm. The insurance comments are the most important since only the insurance company pays claims and litigation costs and determine our insurability. At a member-sponsored town hall meeting regarding trees held on Feb. 12, a straw vote of the approximately 110 present indicated that 90% favored thinning of trees. These facts indicate it is time to revise the tree rules to minimize Park liabilities, allow/encourage members to minimize their allotment tree risks, and also to maximize their tree safety.

The member-sponsored town hall meetings are a way to directly assess the wishes and wills of the participating general members. These meetings can establish member consensus-driven concerns and, with other polling results, form agendas that can be presented to the Board (who represent the members) for action. Such meetings add another communication line to minimize misunderstandings that can lead to litigation and other problems in the Park and reduce our quality of life.

(Treasurer's Comment)
My View from Shangri-La
(Lost Horizon, Columbia Pictures,
Director Frank Capra, 1937).

Paraphrasing Advisor Chang
speaking to diplomat Mr. Conway:

'Our rules are moderately strict and in return
we are satisfied with moderate obedience.
As a result our people are moderately honest,
moderately chaste, and somewhat more than
moderately happy.'

Since we all live in Paradise,
why not try to practice this wise thought?
Claude Lindquist

The BOD has approved establishing a Park website. The beta (initial) website should be in operation before the next BOD meeting. It is anticipated that the Bulletin will be available directly from the site. This will also improve our communications. Over time, this will decrease our monthly Bulletin printing and mailing costs, which are currently budgeted at \$6000.

The biggest upcoming expense item is the water system. The estimated expenses and existing PPMC funds were outlined in detail last month (see the Bulletin). The BOD has approved the remaining Castle \$211,000 funds to be used to complete the water system in the front of the park (Section 6) and to continue the main 8" water line from the Powder House towards to the River House. The next challenge is to form a consensus on how to finish the water project which includes: (1) what work to complete, (2) what funds to use, (3) what other sources of income might be possible, (4) how to balance these funds to finance the work (that is, how to balance the equation: [some existing funds + some other income + some assessment + some loan = water project cost]), (5) the work schedule, (6) etc. Another member-sponsored town hall meeting has been scheduled for this.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 2005					
	Monthly Budget	Spent thru Dec	Budgeted thru Dec	Under(+)/Over(-) Budget thru Dec	Annual Budget
Income:					
Member Assessments and Dues		\$370,296			\$453,962
Membership Initiation and Transfer Fees		\$38,566			\$43,100
Member Finance Charges/Penalties, Use		\$5,391			\$7,200
Bank Interest		\$7,978			-
Misc Income - SBA, Donations, Other		\$15,138			\$4,300
AT&T Comcast (7% Return)		\$4,998			\$6,400
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,914	\$442,367	\$386,222	\$56,146	\$514,962
Employee Expense:					
Employee Salaries	\$12,208	\$102,427	\$109,875		\$146,500
Employee Benefits	\$1,750	\$16,885	\$15,750		\$21,000
Employer Federal/State Taxes	\$1,833	\$9,563	\$16,500		\$22,000
Worker's Compensation	\$1,417	\$8,816	\$12,750		\$17,000
Total Employee Expense	\$17,208	\$137,691	\$154,875	\$17,184	\$206,500
Insurance:					
General Business	\$3,917	\$35,915	\$35,250		\$47,000
Total Insurance Expense	\$3,917	\$35,915	\$35,250	-\$665	\$47,000
General Office Expense:					
Supplies	\$625	\$3,780	\$5,625		\$7,500
Postage and Communications	\$692	\$5,440	\$6,225		\$8,300
Utilities (Electricity, propane)	\$1,083	\$10,137	\$9,750		\$13,000
Total General Office Expense	\$2,400	\$19,357	\$21,600	\$2,243	\$28,800
Member Service Expense:					
Water	\$5,833	\$54,308	\$52,500		\$70,000
Security/Safety	\$83	\$2,688	\$750		\$1,000
Green Waste/Dump Fees	\$375	\$7,034	\$3,375		\$4,500
Bulletin Printing	\$500	\$2,769	\$4,500		\$8,000
Trash Removal	\$2,917	\$24,952	\$26,250		\$35,000
Recreational Activities	\$250	\$585	\$2,250		\$3,000
Total Member Service Expense	\$9,958	\$92,336	\$89,825	-\$2,711	\$119,500
Tax Expenses:					
PPMC Co Prop Tax	\$4,083	\$34,179	\$36,750		\$49,000
State and Federal Taxes/Fees	\$433	-\$970	\$3,900		\$5,200
Total Tax Expense	\$4,517	\$33,209	\$40,650	\$7,441	\$54,200
Repair & Maintenance Expense					
Park R & M Expense (water, trees, roads)	\$1,333	\$13,407	\$12,000		\$16,000
Vehicle Expense (gas, oil, maint)	\$1,125	\$5,614	\$10,125		\$13,500
Building R & M Expense	\$750	\$6,418	\$6,750		\$9,000
Equip Rentals, R & M Expense, Fire Equi	\$375	\$977	\$3,375		\$4,500
Total Repair & Maint Expense	\$3,583	\$26,416	\$32,250	\$5,834	\$43,000
Other Operating Expenses:					
Accounting/Tax Preparation/Audit	\$333	\$7,042	\$3,000		\$4,000
Legal	\$625	\$6,468	\$5,625		\$7,500
Historical Committee	\$83	\$293	\$750		\$1,000
Other Miscellaneous Expense	\$108	\$2,083	\$975		\$1,300
Total Other Operating Expense	\$1,150	\$15,886	\$10,350	-\$5,536	\$13,800
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$42,733	\$360,810	\$384,600	\$23,790	\$512,800
Checking/Savings Accounts	\$1,175,696		SBA Loan 4%, 2028		\$326,025

The Powder Mill Dam & Flume

At the head of these stairs against the hillside you can just make out the exit point of the 1200 foot long tunnel that was dug between late 1863 and early 1864 which diverted **San Lorenzo River** water from the **Rincon**, a bend in the river north of here, to the **California Powder Works**. This channeled water moved paddle wheels which in turn were attached to machinery that ran the mills. Water from the San Lorenzo River was diverted by the **Powder Mill Dam** (seen below) and sent via flume to the entrance of the **Powder Mill Tunnel**. The exact location of the dam is not certain; however, a clue to its whereabouts may be found on a map of **Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park** where a "**Diversion Dam Trail**" is identified north of the **Rincon Fire Road**.

The tunneling was uncertain since they didn't know what kind of rock they would encounter. Finding limestone at first, excavation went smoothly. Half way though the mountain, however, they ran into granite. This slowed the digging considerably. Nevertheless, on January 9, 1864, the ***Santa Cruz Sentinel*** noted:

The workmen excavating on either side of this great tunnel, came together on New Year's Eve. The hill is now completely perforated. The tunnel is 1200 feet long with a 60 foot decline and is a great achievement of art, energy, and science.





On March 26, 1864, the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* also reported:

The works of the **Powder Mill** approach completion. The workmen are laboring on the flume night and day and the water will be let in next week and the manufacture of powder will commence soon afterwards.

The flume that you see in the picture above ran from this point to an area just left of our **Covered Bridge**, a distance of over 300 yards. It then made a turn north paralleling the river for another 250 yards providing water power to various works along the way. Looking closely at the left side of the flume in this picture, one can see a second enclosed flume running down hill to ground level. This lower flume supplied water to drive the **Wheel Mills** on York and Knight Templar.

It is difficult to imagine the size of this structure so, as an exercise, see if you can find the man standing in this maze of wood. (Hint: He is left of center in the lower third of the picture on the first rung of the flume.) Estimating his height at 6 feet, the flume can be calculated to have been approximately 40 feet high at this point.

Eventually, the flumes were torn down after steam and then electricity replaced water power as the main source of energy running the Powder Mill.

DRAFT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2005 PPMC BOARD MEETING

1.0 ROLL CALL at 9:00.

- (a) Invocation Frank Haswell.
- (b) Consideration of Late Additions to the Agenda; the March meeting date is changed to March 12th, site to be determined within PPMC, tentatively in the Firehouse. Welcome to all was extended by the new president Bill Eckard. All directors in attendance, including Vice President Frank Haswell, Secretary Fred Dunn-Ruiz, Treasurer Claude Lindquist, Director At Large Jack Fisher, and some 20+ interested members. Bill stressed that his intent is to refocus on the fact that PPMC was created as a Social Club.
- (c) Report from Executive Session(s) from Jan. 15, 2005: (1). Minutes of the December Executive meeting were approved with the exception of the item regarding giving something to all new members. That item is to be rewritten and included in minutes of this meeting for approval. See #2 (2) Update of Dec. minutes: All New Members, including those moving up from Associate or Alternate Associate, will be given the New Member Packet. Jack will inform the office staff. (3) Jack announced his resignation as President; he will remain on the Board. After discussion, Bill Eckard was elected as the new President of the Board. Jack will take over the Recreation duties. (4) We discussed the 12/22/04 incident at the Social Hall. A motion to have a hearing suspend or terminate the Membership of the Member responsible was passed. (5) Jack was given parameters for negotiating a contract with our Manager. (6) Discussed the Eastern Star and Hiram lot depths. The actual is different than shown on the assessor maps. The Staking Committee will be asked by Jack to confirm the actual total depth of these allotments. (7) Decided to have the Bylaws Committee review and make recommendations to the Board of any necessary changes on (a) Why a member is limited to membership to only one allotment, (b) Why penalties and fees amounts are not included in the Bylaws, and (c) Review the designation of Past President –our concern is that serving for one meeting should not qualify one for membership (question if not one < how many?). Jack to forward to committee. (8) Discussed the delinquent TAD payments of a member. Fred is to meet and work out payment plan. (9) Interviewed and approved Michael K. Pottinger as Associate Member to Lauren K Pottinger. (10) Jack gave update on possible PPMC Website. He informed us that (a) PPMC does not own the current website, but that one could be obtained, (b) Todd Williams has the ability to host a site for PPMC and willing to do so at no cost to PPMC, but he will not do the creation of material or the input. Claude will do further research. (11) Board reviewed 12/10/04 letter from a Member regarding noise from a neighbor's allotment. Board had already made a decision and decided that we did not see any reason to change our prior decision that the noise level was not too great. (12) We approved Myron Coleman's request for copying parts of the bulletin onto his website. Jack will send him a letter indicating that he is granted such permission for one year at which time he must request renewal. (13) A Member request a reduction of a Board levied fine for failure to vacate as requested. Board decided not to reduce the fine. (14) Approved spending \$100 at Annual Picnic for prize at the Annual picnic to winner of drawing from those with Parking Permits for vehicle. (15) A request to rescind the late penalty assessed to a Member was denied. (16) Nominating Committee names to be submitted at February open meeting. (17) A volunteer Thank You party is to be held February 18th from 4:30-6:00 pm. (18) Jack shared letter written to a Member regarding his failure to sell allotment in a timely manner as required by the Bylaws. Jack was to contact the Member and encourage him to get an appraisal so he could reasonably re-price the sale price and to summons him to meet with Board at its February meeting unless he has lowered his selling price to our satisfaction. (19) Board met with Mr. Bates to receive information on possible construction of storage area behind social hall. (20) Bosso-contested bill was rescinded.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes, January 15, 2005. with a correction for Section 4.a.5, Dam, replace "...saying we accept..." with "...we have sent Fish & Game a letter with our proposed changes to the draft proposal". The consent items were accepted as correct, except 2.e & f, which are prospective members to be interviewed during the afternoon Executive Session.
- (b) Financial Report – January 2005.
- (c) Executive Session Report – January 2005.
- (d) Members Before the Board: none
- (e) Associate Members Before the Board
 1. Susan G. Denton-Lugo to William E. Denton @ 407 Keystone Way, 1:00.
 2. Joan Marie Heisch to Patricia McDonald @ 632 St. Augustine Avenue, 1:30.
- (f) Alternate Associate Members Before the Board
 1. Sara Laskey to Grey Laskey @ 646 St. Augustine Avenue, 1:15.

3.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

- (a) Monthly Report, from Manager Bob Koger. Some rules are not followed, such as those regarding pets, fences, parking, cleanup & noise. The lights at the Guard House have been replaced. The broken windows have been

replaced at the Firehouse, & screening, donated by Terry Fitzpatrick, was installed for the protection of the windows from the lids of the recycle cans. A drain was installed at the uphill end of Washington Street. A damaged bathroom door in the Small Social Hall was replaced by Bill Lind.

- (b) Bill reported that the two sets of double doors are to be replaced, with fire-safe equipment, panic bars, for some \$3,360. The doorsills are to be handicapped friendly. The post in the middle of the double door is called a mullion, which is removable for movement of larger items. The doors will be 1 3/4" good doors, wood, with windows. The Board approved up to \$3500 for new Social Hall doors.
- (c) Bob hopes to start soon on the Washington Way retaining wall. The crew is building a stage for the Picnic Grounds. The Men's Club has volunteered to fix the floor in the small Social Hall and make the hot water heater fire safe in its closet.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Committee Reports

1. Assessment Study – Malcolm Kirby; nothing further beyond George's report on the Water Project (see below). Malcolm reported that Shirley Moore suggests another town hall meeting for an information meeting to discuss possible assessments to cover future completing water projects, tentatively March 12th. Malcolm is urging the BOD to think about the consequences of postponing the completion of the whole water project, such as safety, fire, contamination, costs (pipe has gone up 40% in the last year; steel has gone up 50%). Costs are going up about \$400/day.
2. Budget – Diana Cook; no report until the committee meets to elect a chair; they will be formalizing within the next 2 weeks; a budget is expected by the BOD in April, and the completed budget is normally presented then; Bill Eckard was invited to be present during budget committee discussions.
3. Building – Bill Hardwick; for any building project, 3 sets of plans are needed, 2 stamped by PPMC for the Planning Department, one for PPMC. It is also necessary that neighbors be notified by the Manager, those neighbors that are touching project allotment. These changes have been made to the checklist.
 - a. Lattice Fence: Was this approved in order to hide the mosquito machine? There is a question of proper set-backs No Board approval given. Fred to send Member a letter.
4. Bylaws – Bill Hardwick; The committee is proposing a change re: Community Emergency Response Team, to make it a standing committee. Long Range Planning study changes are also being proposed; an Operations Manual can be developed later; the committee wants to limit changes in detail in the Bylaws; the manual will contain details. Bill is wondering when we can go to the membership with these proposed changes. Would the pros and cons also be published in the bulletin? Yes. Bill explained committee believes the update study should go to an outside company, every 5 years, for having the knowledge at their fingertips.
5. Dam – Malcolm Kirby; since hearing nothing from Fish & Game, we sent a notice to the contact that we wish to arbitrate. That got his attention, and he asked for a week to respond. We also needed a response to our claim that we are exempt from the environmental study. He promised he would have his attorney respond. He has not. We then met last Thursday with our attorney & received his interpretation of what we do not need to include. He will write a letter to F&G for us. Fred has some suggestions to pass to Malcolm.
 - a. 1/27/05 email & attachment from Serge Glushkoff, Fish & Game.
 - b. 1/28/05 response from J. C. Fisher, President.
 - c. 2/04/05 email & attachment from Serge Glushkoff, Fish & Game.
6. Emergency Response Implementation Team
 - a. Community Safety – Bob Biendle; Bob has resigned; Lisa Leong has accepted this chair; includes VIP (Volunteers in Protection).
 - b. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Ted Keller; Ted acquired 15 units of dayglow vests & hats, free; others will cost \$15/each. We are adequately covered for Traffic Control team, headed by Ray Hoffman.
 - c. 911 Emergency Response Team – Greg Laskey, or Pam Hipsley; we now have 10 pagers connected directly with Netcom; this really works, per Don Moore, as shown by a recent emergency. The status of this team was accomplished after 2 years of efforts.
 - 1 1/24/05 update on oxygen, papers, traffic control supplies
 - 2 Feb. 05 Report
7. Historical – Barry Brown; is really making good progress & the BOD applauds the committee for such good progress. Having a roof on the bunker seems too complicated. This committee's plans could be included in the budget, along with other groups' budgeted money, as in the past.
 - a. Current Minutes

8. Long Range Planning – Chuck Buchanan; nothing further.
 - a. Inventory Valuation Committee. update of 1/1/05.
9. Orientation – Bill & Anna Lind; several prospective members went through orientation this morning.
10. Recreation – Jack Fisher; the potluck is tonight; the next event scheduled is the Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by Cal DeVecchis; this is usually the Saturday before Easter Sunday; look for a flyer for more information; baskets are furnished by Barbara Monti's garage sales efforts. There are tentative plans for the Memorial Day weekend, the annual cleanup of which is the Saturday morning; that Saturday afternoon there will be bocce instruction; that Saturday evening plans are for a spaghetti feed and dance, which will not preclude any Labor Day activities. The Recreation Committee furnished lunch in the past, and will this year; the work itself will be coordinated between the BOD, the Manager, & volunteering members.
11. Safety, Industrial – Diana Cook; no one has yet acted; Ted Keller & Diana are to get the committee started
12. Staking – Bill Lind
 - a. Current Staking Log; since notices on the three staked allotments went out to the member & contiguous neighbors on the 14th, all three stakings are approved on the contingency of no negative response received by the 28th of February.
 - b. W. Strickland @ 113 Keystone Way
 - c. Kindwall Estate @ 170 St. Bernard
 - d. G. Williams @ 126 Keystone Way
13. Streambed Maintenance – Bob Koger; nothing actively happening. Malcolm Kirby will talk to Fish & Game for a permit, & report back to Bob Koger.
14. Trees – Steve Taylor
 - a. Minutes
 - b. Current Tree Log
 1. Langford, approved
 - c. Member's Tree Requests/Draft of Gift That Will Grow; Fred will write a letter responding to J. Gloeckler.
 - d. Town Hall meeting on February 12th; report by Shirley Moore on the consensus of those attending includes a need to plan for thinning, redoing tree rules, establishing a commission to study the trees, one member from each section, 2 BOD members. Minutes of the meeting were turned in, noting that the vast majority of attendees want thinning of the trees for their perception of safety of the forest. The minutes are available in the Committee Meeting binder on the Office counter. Shirley recommends future meetings on specific subjects. The Board expressed appreciation to Shirley for organizing this function.
15. Vehicle – Greg Laskey; not present.
16. Water/Roads – George Saam; 99% of the bids are in, which include services all the way to the houses and patch-paving. George wants to set up a meeting with the suggested contractor to be sure all are on the same page. He is recommending Pacific Underground, a large company from San Jose. Bob Koger is also familiar with them. Drain work is not included. George is not aware of any specific drain work in Section 6 that needs to be done. Bob Koger knows of one trouble spot on St. Bernard; George suggests that is due to there being no fall for the water to escape. Bob Koger agrees. The Board hasn't yet seen any of the bids. George will meet with Pacific, asking them to bring a contract including the scope of the work, which George will bring to the BOD for a signature. The Board expressed readiness whenever George is ready, even at the need of a special meeting of the BOD.
 - a. Bowman & Williams information re: Water Line across the Covered Bridge
 - b. Planning Department replacement permit requirement
 - c. Section 6 contract
- (b) Treasurer's Report - Claude Lindquist; our under budget status continues to improve, now up to \$24K. The water bill has come down; accounting & legal stays over budget; green waste has an overage. Claude sent out inquiries to accounting & legal firms for rates, etc. Legal current rate is \$300/hr. Claude recommends that 3 responding firms make a presentation to us; we could assign a project to one, to see how he does. Only one response was received in Accounting, with the quote being lower than our current cost, but not on the annual audit or tax preparation. He believes it best at the moment to stay with the status quo, but renegotiate the price for the annual audit. Last year's audit rate being so high was explained as the auditor was being audited. It was suggested that was his issue, and we shouldn't have to pay for that. Claude suggests VIP volunteers sign a release form, to release PPMC from liability. Claude shared insurers' letters relating to

trees & liabilities, with the opinion that as the rules are written, there are major liabilities issues. 110 were present at the town hall meeting; 90% wanted a thinning of the forest. Probably that many would want a revision of the tree rules. A Website could be up and running within a week, which could improve communications and reduce costs. Re: the Water system, it was reconfirmed with our accountant that the castle funds must be actually spent before May 23rd. Not just committed, but spent. We must not delay, but rather select a contractor & get the work started. Barbara Monti questioned the need for a TADs assessment overhaul, saying a sampling showed a rather high percentage to be in error. Jack responded that the sampling was based on the Assessor's maps, which are not always accurate and the computer information is questionable as to source of accurate information.

- (c) Social Hall Upgrades – estimates for doors, electrical, drainage; it is rumored that the electrical permit will be issued next week. Fred reminded us that a French drain was to be put in behind the Social Hall; Bill Eckard asked if this was part of the survey of the asset committee (no, they weren't aware that this was planned). The structure of the Social Hall building would not support a sprinkler system.
- (d) Sales & Purchase Proposed Procedures, letter from prospective member; Bob Morgan, Dan Bales, Jim Reynolds, Malcolm Kirby are constructing a set of model disclosures & rules & escrow procedures; they hope to complete this by the March Board meeting.
- (e) Estate of C. Gerlach – correspondence from R. Bosso; no Board action needed; waiting for court decision so PPMC can list & sell house.
- (f) Sales/Purchase update; see (d) above.
- (g) Copier purchase/lease; comparisons requested last month from Bob Koger. Jack said his research found it impractical for us to lease; comes to over \$1K more to lease. Jack moved that the Monterey Bay proposal be accepted. With no second, the motion was dropped. Claude reported on his brief eBay search, coming up with a listing of large numbers of possibilities. Contract maintenance is to be investigated by Claude, to be responded to before the end of the month.
- (h) Rotor-roofer purchase/lease; how often used? Can't we rent once/twice per year? No action at this time.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Process for Counting of Ballots for Annual Election; this procedure was put together by Tiny Sand, with input from last year's Election committee. Changing the deadline time to 12:00 noon is accepted in order for the ballots to be counted in time for the Annual Meeting.
- (b) Proposed Fence Plan, C. Weigelt @ 230 Temple Lane; discussed in Executive Session.
- (c) Appointments to Nominating Committee; Bill asked Tiny Sand; Fred asked Pat Herzog; Jack asked Dean Logan; Frank asked Bill Lind; Claude asked Cal Vinson. The President's nominee is to be the point person to call the first meeting, where they will elect their own chair. Shirley Moore suggested that there could/should be guidelines for this committee. Basic procedures could be written.
- (d) Assessment for Water/Road Project; Fred moved that an assessment of \$1500 per allotment/membership be due & payable by August 31, 2005. Seconded. Discussion. The Water Committee came up with this proposal, with a reserve of \$150K. Pat Herzog, who is on the Assessment Committee, stated she did not meet with anyone proposing this motion nor vote on this motion. The Assessment Committee wanted to present a variety of options to the membership. A Town Hall meeting is for the purpose of listening to these options. So Fred's motion is premature. Fred suggested that his proposed motion will stop the \$400/day increase sooner; he believes the membership has to vote yes or no on a proposed assessment. The Reserve study underway is likely to require some assessment increase, too, so a complete picture is needed for a better plan of action. An Assessment bond is a possibility. Fred's motion was voted down 3-2. The Board will be waiting for further input from the Assessment Committee & the next town hall meeting.
- (e) Forester's Report to Bulletin; proposal & update; Manager, Bob Koger, is to acquire a current annual forest services update for the BOD to review and decide if it should be in the bulletin.
- (f) Tree Rules – Liability Concerns; Claude stated that our insurance agent reviewed the tree rules, sections 3, 16 showing that PPMC is not responsible for damage. The opinion expressed is that member safety & preservation of property should be primary considerations. There are numerous liability concerns & inconsistency between preserving the Park's trees and personal/property safety. Claude's opinion is that liability is only minimized by changing the tree rules. Jack suggested a middle ground, that if a tree is on your allotment, the Park & the member share the cost of removal/trimming, half and half. Fred moved that Claude is to take to the Tree Committee the Board's need to address liability issues, with regard to changing the Tree Rules. Further discussion was deferred to Executive Session.
- (g) Consensus-driven agendas; Claude believes that consensus-driven development of opinions, ideas, etc., will lead to coming up with action items, to be presented to the BOD to take action. Implemented how? When a group of people get together, consensus can be drawn at the end of the meeting. How is a bias addressed?

Opinion surveys could be drawn four times a year, per Claude's idea. The resulting projects could be prioritized and presented to the BOD for possible action. No action presently taken.

- (h) Attorneys & accountants fees; covered under Treasurer's report.
- (i) PPMC liability release for CERT and VIP (Volunteers In Prevention) volunteers; Claude has a form; VIP are covered under Workmen's comp, & car covered under general liability; CERT has a different form to sign, agreeing to hold PPMC harmless to any damage to the volunteer. PPMC could use one form to cover VIP, CERT, & any other volunteer. Discussion continues to specify who is covered under what. Ted will supply missing information to Claude within the upcoming week. We might lose volunteers if they are asked/required to sign a release. At the moment PPMC general liability does not cover all volunteers. Doug Hipsley reviewed the release form and approves of its use.
- (j) Park website; could include committee reports, etc.; \$20/year for the website name, same for hosting fees/year. Some items could be password controlled. BOD could appoint as an ad hoc committee Todd Williams, Myron Coleman, and Claude. ParadisePark.org could be used, we could use Myron's web site at present, & we could have a beta site within a week. The ad hoc committee would exist for the next 4 months; the next BOD would make any following decisions. Only the Board would have decision ability on what will be included. The President of the Board could approve immediate need additions. Approved.

6.0 DISCUSSION

Bob Morgan raised the possibility of inquiring into group benefits, such as exercising our group buying power for better service, discounts, etc. We are not currently taking advantage of being an affinity group. Bob spoke to a friend in health care service to ask if our group would qualify? Most say we are too disparate a group. One underwriting group wants to present to the Board a program on long-term health care. Fred would like to see a written outline first. Jack has a long-term program he likes. Bob said it does not require the total group to participate. Bob was asked to present a written form of a presentation to the entire Board.

7.0 INFORMATION

- (a) **Member Change:** none
- (b) **Associate Member to Member Change:** none
- (c) **Member to Associate Member Change:** none
- (d) **Associate Member:** none
- (e) **Alternate Associate:** none
- (f) **Members Pending:** (see attached listing).
- (g) 1/21/05 Incident Report re: negative interaction, Section 3.
- (h) 1/22/05 Incident Report re: parking lot accident in town, Manager.
- (i) 1/28/05 Incident Report re: contested vehicle parking.
- (j) 2/11/05 letter re: illegal fencing.
- (k) 2/1/05 Incident Report re: medical 911 @ 142 St. Alban Street.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Correspondence Log
- (b) 9/13/04 request for street sign at York Avenue & Knight Templar.
- (c) 1/15/05 letter to Member from Manager re: changes needed to Bill of Sale.
- (d) 1/28/05 notice of impending vacation, P. Herzog, Bookkeeper.
- (e) 2/1/05 letter to BOD from V. Reinstein re: Assessment Procedure. Bill recalled that this is an idea she has presented in the past; new spin re: permanent or non-permanent. Response to be written by Bill?
- (f) 2/4/05 email to BOD from J. Gloeckler re: planting a tree & liability.
- (g) 2/8/05 email to BOD from P. McDonald re: health insurance.
- (h) 2/9/05 letter to BOD from L. Hardy re: Golden Trowel Award.
- (i) Letter to BOD from E. Akin re: Manager's good work.
- (j) Letter to R. Bosso from BOD re: billing objection.
- (k) 1/17/05 letter to Member from President re: noise abatement, mediation.
- (l) 1/18/05 letter to Member from President re: Social Hall incident.
- (m) 1/18/05 letter to Member from President re: removal of late fee.
- (n) 1/18/05 letter to Member from President re: bulletin copyright.

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9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – See attached Agenda

For Sale By Member

Member's improvements offered for sale as of February 25, 2005. All allotment use privileges and Membership are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The sellers solely provide the descriptions of improvements for sale. Such information is not verified or checked for accuracy by Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc. The Club does not warrant, and disclaims any responsibility for, the accuracy, truthfulness or completeness of any information provided. All questions about allotment improvements should be addressed solely to the seller.

ADDRESS	MEMBER	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
SECTION 1			
562 King Solomon Drive	Darrell Huckobey 831/429-8752	\$279,000 No Financing	2BR 2BA 1100 sq ft imprvmt, 5700 sq ft allmnt, vited bmd ceilings, 5 skylites, new roof& gutters, master bath & propane hot water heater; gas log fireplace, tiled w/wood mantel; stckd washer/dryer, oven, microwave, 4 bnr cooktop, frige, din table w/6 chairs, carport, shop/storerm, pvd parking for 3 cars, side & back patios w/terraced gardens, front deck.
489 Knight Templar	Nancy Longacre See Description for Contact	\$175,000 No Financing	2BA, 2BR, 5034 sq ft allotment, 1085 sq ft improvements, kitchen remodeled after 1989 Loma Prieta quake; home in need of repairs; appliances, furnishings to be negotiated; nice Arizona flagstone fireplace; large patio. Contact Hall Longacre, 1/925/323-8473.
SECTION 2			
362 Eastern Star	Norene S. Hansen Call Alcinda for appt. 831/425-2842	\$172,000	Private/sunny location, 2BR, 1BA, >1,917 sq ft improvements; basement/utility rm; 120 sq ft garage & lg deck; new 30yr roof in 2002, new Hot Springs spa/hot tub, remod. interior incl carpet & ceramic tile; auto-sprinkler system, veg. garden & fish pond, generator inc. View online at http://64.166.244.241/362ESR
364 Eastern Star	Jeanne Jelcick Call for Appt./Info. 831/429-2215	\$179,500	Cute little 4BR + sleeping loft or 2BR + office + den. Upgraded septic & electric. Modern kitchen, stack washer/dryer. Good sun & great privacy w/huge beautifully landscaped allotment. Call 831/429-2215, 426-7666, 325-3928.
SECTION 3			
SECTION 4			
591 Keystone Way	James M. Keeton 559/251-4396	\$165,000 cell 559/970-0911	1 BA, 2BR, 900 sq ft improvements, lg covered front deck, parking stall below, incl. 2 gas freestanding heating stoves, kitchen gas range, washer/dryer, refrigerator.
678 St. Paul Street	Sonnichsen/Stalker Deke Sonnichsen 650/326-7679	\$65,000	Cabin on Eagle Creek, 3 BR, 2 BA, large kitchen and large living room, dining area, electric floor heating. Appliances included: Refrigerator, gas range, and turkey roaster. Furnishings include Beds, chairs, and sofas.
SECTION 6			
113 Keystone Way	William Strickland 209/522-8509	\$225,000 No Financing	1BR, 1BA, 4260 sq ft allotment, 1095 sq ft improvements, carport, storage shed (metal), roof 4 yrs old, new window blinds (6 mos), washer, dryer, all furnishing except personal items included.
114 Keystone Way	Myron Kegebein 831/425-5144	\$182,500 \$3,000 under appraisal	On San Lorenzo River high above flood; near park entrance; sunny allotment; new \$3,000 mahogany deck on front; attractive gazebo overlooking river; 2 BR 1 BA; laundry rm; new refrig, dishwasher, stone fireplace; double windows throughout; easy maintenance.
118 Keystone Way	Robert P. Hupp 559/227-7140 559/287-7703	\$197,000 No Financing	Must see. 2BR, 1BA, completely refurbished, new carpet, wood flooring in kitchen, new stove, frige, disposal, washer/dryer included; 12X22ft deck in front, small patio in back; some new furniture & misc. items included; 3 lg outside storage sheds, large carport.
146 St. Alban St.	Larry N. Gilliland 831/423-6634 831/234-3129	\$300,000	2 BA, 2 BR, 1400 sq ft living + 480 sq ft 2-car garage on Keystone Way; just painted; lg deck in back, deck in front; storage shed; lg kitchen & all appliances; central heat & lg propane free-standing stove in living rm; new hot water heater.
170 St. Bernard St.	Kindwall Estate Paradise Park Ofc. 831/423-1530	\$167,000	2 BR, 1.5 BA, Kitchen w/formica counters, linoleum floor, dwelling approx. 1,160 sq ft, Basement 996 sq ft, approx 10'x18' concrete slab suitable for patio, sunny spot! Room for 1 car, possibly 2 nd car. 2 storage sheds, stove, frig/freezer, washer/dryer included.
175 St. Bernard St.	Larry Coburn To see, 423-5343	\$255,000	1 BR, 1 BA, 1100 sq ft w/deck overlooking river; new 1990/foundation engineered for 100 yr flood; built to earthquake standards. To see, 423-5343; message, 802/858-9252. Ample off street parking, 2-3 car garage. Owner w/finance \$100,000 of purchase price.
189 St. Bernard St.	Miriam Kourik 831/426-8224	\$235,000	Split level home, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, new septic tank, new roof; sunny with nice yard; allotment located in front of the Park.

IN MEMORIUM

Carol Gwendolyn Rhea, 2/22/05