

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ray Ymzon at 7 PM at Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department. Members present were Don Scovel, Ken, Tom, Liz, Steve, Rick, Susan.

MINUTES: Tom motioned to accept as presented, seconded by Ken.
Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve read the following report. The checking account balance is \$1435.33 . The CD balance is \$3300.32 , which brings it to \$4735.65.

GUEST REPORTS:

Sgt Cobb of the California Highway Patrol gave this report. Bonita stats are just about the same. Of the nine collisions, only three were in the Bonita Area.

The motorcycle patrolman who had been on a training cycle had finished and was now back on active patrol.

After being entertained by a story from Tom concerning LIDAR and the Navy, we learned that LIDAR is more pinpoint than Radar, and can actually get one vehicle among many. It is used also for distance and speed calculation.

Of the upcoming regulations, the one about cell phones take effect in July.

After a question, Sgt Cobb said that Country Trails was on the CHP hot spot list.

SPECIAL REPORT:

None

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- No one attended from State Senator Hollingsworth's office.
- No one attended from Congressman Filner's office.
- Fernando Reyes came from Assemblywoman Shirley Horton's Office and gave the following report:
- Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave the following report.

- Several people went to the Central Avenue Drainage Ditch opening, quite fittingly, in the rain.
- Frisbie Street will be opened on the seventeenth of January. On the sixteenth they will start work on the K-rail.

The Board of Supervisors had an adjournment for Jo Holehouse sponsored by Greg Cox.

The State of the County meeting will be held for the first time in a theater. Seating is limited, so call early.

Michael promised to have a sheet showing the new additions to the Supervisor's staff next month.

Susan mentioned the possibility of standing water in the new drainage channel on Central Ave.

Had they put mosquito-eating fish in there?

Michael said it was in the budget.

He also mentioned that the proposed website was a capital improvement project and that the Civic Association could get funds for it. What was needed was three or four proposals and a letter stating the Association's non-profit status.

The Supervisor had identified money for the removal of the homeless encampment by the 805 freeway. Apparently, RG Donovan Correctional Facility would supply manpower for a nominal fee for twelve months.

STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: no report. But to a question, Don mentioned that George was fine. He had come down with a cold that had lingered and lingered, and he missed us.

- **FLOODING AND WATER:** no report
- **TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** no report
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- **PARKS:** No report
- **PLANNING GROUP :** no meeting
- **MEMBERSHIP:** No new members
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- **PROJECT REPORTS:** None

- **SENIOR PATROL:** They seem to be growing and are very busy.
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ENVIRONMENTAL:

NEW BUSINESS: Rick made a motion: People should investigate websites and learn what is available. Please bring this information to the next meeting, along with examples. Ken seconded. Passed Unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: I have the most complete copy of the By-Laws. I'm sure it's not the latest, but it will have to do.

Since there has been a lot of discussion about updating the By-Laws, this will have to do as it's the most complete set I have of four sets. We can start there. Please read over this copy, make changes to it if you can print it, and bring the changes to the next meeting where we will discuss them.

ROUNDTABLE: Ray thanked us for being with Jo for her last meeting with us as he was unable to attend.

Liz told the story of how she became Secretary because Jo had volunteered but discovered she could not keep up and write at the same time.

Don mentioned that if everyone could get one person to attend the meetings from their neighborhood perhaps we would have better attendance.

Tom, after mentioning that he got his ballot, mentioned that toll roads charge a fee to emergency vehicles.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON February 6, 2008 at the Bonita Fire Station.

Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary