

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**March 4, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ray Ymzon at 7:00PM. Members present were; Ray Ymzon, Jim Burley, Ken Pitney, Rick Blacklock, Liz and Steve Stonehouse, Don Scovel, Carol Freno, and Tom Plockington.

**MINUTES:** Tabled

**TREASURES REPORT:** Steve reported that the checking account balance was \$5513.42 with \$1703.08 Due on contract. The CD balance is \$3398.20 with \$71.07 interest. The rollover is on March 9. Carol made the motion that the CD remain where it was. Rick seconded. Unanimous.

**GUEST REPORTS:**

Sgt Cobb of the California Highway Patrol gave this report:

In general the stats seem to be on a roller coaster, first up then down and so on..

Patrols are now on 12 hour shifts.

Collisions go down when enforcement goes up.

Tom wanted to know whether he was allowed to inform the Highway Patrol about the loud parties that break up at one AM. Would that be probable cause to get a patrolman out to ticket DUI drivers. Yes.

Ken mentioned that there was a new nightclub called the XO where Bon Gorno's used to be.

Julio Garcia from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department gave the following information:

Right now the state of the economy is not helping with thefts. People are breaking into anything that seems accessible and stealing things in plain sight.

- Now is the time to start protecting ourselves from crime in the coming season.
- *Do not leave packages in plain site in vehicles, or leave windows even cracked in lots.*
- *Park vehicle in well lit area at night. Be sure no one is following you. If you feel that you are in danger, go to security at the mall or store where you are and request a guard. You may have to wait, but one will be provided.*
- *Whenever you return to drop packages, move your vehicle so on one watching can think you're returning to the store.*
- *Be aware where-ever you use a credit card that only four digits of the card show on the copy that the store keeps. This is a law.*
- *And lastly, family members have been taking social security numbers and using the internet to gain access to credit cards and other things. Be careful where you leave confidential material, even in your own home.*
- *Do not leave doors unlocked and windows open when you leave home.*

Also beware of Counterfeit bills of \$20, \$50, \$100.

Frisbie Street is going to see more patrols there in an effort to stop the 'jumping' of the barricade. It appears more than one vehicle at a time seems to cross. Ken noted that there was a keylock gang in the 70's in California. Answer, they moved to the East Coast.

There will be a Citizen's Academy at the Police Station to show citizens just what goes on at the Police Station, and how the public can help law enforcement. It will be on the eighteenth and the next Saturday. A Continental breakfast and a lunch will be provided.

Rick complained about the number of Cell phone using drivers were on Allen School Lane in the mornings.

Right now everybody is involved in patrol, even senior officers and detectives. No one takes cars home anymore. There is no overtime.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

- Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave the following report:  
The Chili Cook-Off is the last Saturday of the month.  
The County Staff budget got a year extension, but will be the next thing hit.  
In answer to the San Miguel issue. People need to get in touch with Planning Group first.  
FedEx is planning to open a new facility on Sempre Viva in Otay.  
Don asked about the trail maps. The person involved with the trail maps has not gotten back to us yet.

If you get no answer call back.

Ken asked about the stop signal at Briarwood.

Apparently the contractor wants to complete the job though the money is frozen. It is more expensive to wait.

Tom noted that people are still stealing copper. That the old museum had been robbed in January.

**SPECIAL REPORT:** none

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Tom gave the following report: That the fire department was back to 100%. That they had a good balance between young and seasoned people. The Fire Department purchased new Doors as the old ones dated from 1992, that these will have a longer lifetime.

**FLOODING AND WATER:** no report

- **TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** Please report pot holes.
- **PARKS:** No report
- **PLANNING GROUP :** Already covered.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Stands at 90
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- **PROJECT REPORTS:** None
- **SENIOR PATROL:** none
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- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ROUNDTABLE:**

Jim hoped the changes at Briarwood would stop accidents there.

Carol mentioned that she had gone to a presentation at Qualcomm where the new thing was a rectangular bowl that charged batteries.

Don stated that he attended an HOA meeting at the Library where the Sweetwater Authority had issued a drought alert, asking for cutbacks. He wondered where this would lead.

Tom said he was going to warn his tenants that the fine was \$1000.

Rick said that when he bought his house he changed his toilets from five gallon to 1.5 gallon and made money on the deal. He was now in the process of changing out again for 1.16 gallon and expected about the same return.

Apparently the Regional Water Board will give rebates as long as they have money.

Jim said that he had a well and wasn't worried.

Ken complimented the new Website. It has a lot of material and is easy to operate.

Ray noted that all this money that the Government is granting to businesses to keep them going was going to be our children and grand-children's debt to pay off.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON April 1, 2009 at the Bonita Fire Station.**

**Elizabeth Stonehouse  
Secretary**