

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ray Ymzon at 7:00PM. Members present were; Ray Ymzon, Rick Blacklock, Janet Reno, Ken Pitney, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Jim Woodford, Tom Pocklington, Ernie Schnepf.

MINUTES: Tabled

TREASURES REPORT: Steve reported that the checking account balance was \$4024.88. Payments: Foolproof \$1404.07 Balance Due = -0-.

Sec of State \$20.00

Postage \$44.00

Supplies \$44.96

Banner \$68.51

Cash for Change \$100.00

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Deposits: Memberships \$1577.00

Cash for Change \$100.00

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$3416.96 Interest \$18.76

Total: \$7441.84

GUEST REPORTS:

Sgt Cobb of the California Highway Patrol gave this report:

Although there are no clerical reports for last month, I have these statistics. Six citations were given for damage, one for DUI, 4 injury, and two unsafe speed.

While we used to have two officers patrolling Bonita, we now have one because the other was injured at an accident.

There was a fatal accident at 15 and 94. A Cal-Trans worker was killed.

The CHP got a federal grant for LIDAR usage and will be using it from Highway 54 to the Border on the Freeways. The grant is for three years.

In answer to a question about safety on the freeway: it is permissible to get to the nearest exit to pull over if an officer should attempt to stop you in an area which *you* feel is unsafe, provided that you signal the officer that you understand.

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

Someone tried to pass a counterfeit \$100.00 bill at Seven-Eleven. The manager did not take the money.

Marijuana is now the drug of choice here. So far, seven people have been arrested.

The Good Samaritan Law is back in effect.

- 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.*

ID theft is now a major crime.

If you suspect Domestic Violence, call the non-emergency South Bay number 211. If you know there is violence, dial 911. South Bay Community Service 800-640-2933 can help both victims and children.

From June 15 to 20 two deputies worked graveyard arresting people bringing drugs to the US. So far they got 400kgs, 40kgs and 50kgs. They also got illegal aliens.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave the following report:
There was a Ground breaking at Summit Camp Grounds to celebrate the expansion of 52 campsites. 105 have been completed.
The State of Bonita was a success.
Ernie Schnepf mentioned that in winter the water in the river bottom floods onto his property.
Sweetwater Authority came back about the Loop Trail. If certain conditions are followed, they agreed to let it be built.
The construction for the light at Bonita Woods has been started. The light will be an on-demand light. When the digging started, the first thing that occurred was a water main break.
There will be a meeting about noise abatement from the 125, but SBX does not seem to be complying.
Liz mentioned that Cal-Trans had not yet signed off on the project.

SPECIAL REPORT: none

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom gave the following report: First he was glad to see Ernie.

SBX raised their rates again.

The Fire department is in the black. They just received a \$5000 automatic pulse machine which saves lives. They traded the old one and paid \$2000 for the new one.

The Fire Department is 100% manned.

Toys for Tots goes until Dec 21.

In response to a question, the Fire Department is a first responder, they can go from Sweetwater Valley to Lincoln Acres.

FLOODING AND WATER: Ernie had a lot to say about the water in the flood channel. He complained that it took just 3.23 inches of rain to create a flood.

- **TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** Please report pot holes.

- **PARKS:** No report
- **PLANNING GROUP :** No Meeting.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** As of today we are down twenty percent in membership. Last year we had 103 members: this year we have 86.
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- **PROJECT REPORTS:** None
- **SENIOR PATROL:** none
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- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** None

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ROUNDTABLE:

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON November 4, 2009 at the Bonita Fire Station.
Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary**