

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Mike Cohen; Karen Henry, Ray Ymzon, Mike Seiler, Steve & Liz Stonehouse, Carol Freno, Susan Kopp and Tom Pocklington.

MINUTES: The minutes for the October minutes. Ken was not present. Dawsonia was spelled incorrectly. Accepted.

TREASURES REPORT: Treasurer's report. Currently: 2995.60. Check #684 for 26.94 to Blackie's for Sgt Cobb's plaque; check #685 to Foolproof Web Design. Account fees \$30.00

Certificate Balance \$3432.08, ending balance \$6427.65. Previous balance \$7669.03

Motion to accept Mike S. Second Ray. Approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Liz told Tom that she had received some pincer-type musket ball makers as a gift from the husband of a friend who had died. She wanted to know whether the Museum might be interested in them as they are historic items.

Tom said he'd check and get back.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

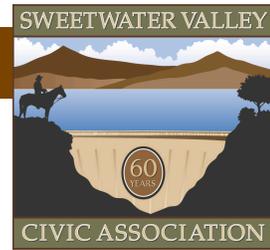
Civic Association welcomes Sgt. Tom Stromer to our meetings.

At this meeting he had no statistics as he had just returned from vacation. He promised to have some next month.

SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE REPORT

Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this report:

There is an ongoing issue between the Sweetwater Authority and the Board of Supervisors concerning the construction of the North side of the Sweetwater Reservoir Loop Trail. When the Sweetwater Authority was Cal-Water, public access was granted in 1970.



Now, due to both a supposed health issue and a maintenance issue, the Sweetwater Authority is not granting permission.

The Supervisor has gotten permission to accept a proposed multi-purpose trail which would be maintained by the County, however the Sweetwater Authority is stalling.

Virginia Stewart asked about the lights at the ball park at San Miguel Park. Apparently they are on too long at night and are an issue.

Michael said that he would contact Buck Martin and try to get a solution. Were these lights at San Miguel Ranch?

What was ultimately requested was that the lights be redirected so they would shine the correct way.

The Otay Water District proposed water pipeline has stalled. CEQA has halted. When last heard from they were in negotiation with Cal-Trans for permission to use part of Procter Valley Road. The benefits to Cal-Trans far outweigh the negatives.

The road closure is still pending. The budget is there, but there is an issue in the maintaining of the closed road.

There was a bulldozer in the flood channel at area 31 yesterday bulldozing some of the reeds down. Apparently the County now has control of this area and is allowed to bulldoze every now and then. The permits are given per location. The idea is to get a 2° slope to prevent standing water which would breed mosquitoes. This was hopefully accomplished this year.

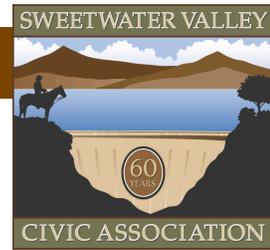
As a sidebar, Tom mentioned that his odyssey with 211 finally came to a close and he is now a supporter. He had been having trouble seeking help for a couple of his tenants. He told us that the region is getting trained in 211.

Susan said that she found 211 to be helpful.

Mike C. wanted to know whether they would be operating in a disaster. The answer was that their building was behind Voter registration on Ruffin Road.

Mike C. requested that we set up a 211 link on the website.

STANDING REPORTS



FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom P: Social Security will get a 3.6% raise. The Fire Department will get none.

FLOODING AND WATER: no report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS: There is a sold sign on the lot next door and on the lot across Central Ave. on Sweetwater. The land was sold by the same person.

PARKS: There is a lot of work going on in the Parks around Sweetwater. Most of it is improvement.

PLANNING GROUP : Parks and Recreation Dept. Representative Patrick McDonough came t discuss with us the plans we have for monies set aside for improvements. It seems some of our improvement budget is not going to be allotted as we want. But the good thing is that most of our requests have been followed. We have a new arena at Morrison Pond for horses and will be getting a challenge course for walkers and bikers. There are picnic tables there as well.

There is a tie rails and a picnic table at the top of Red Hill.

There is progress on getting lodge-pole fencing between the Pi9nery and the Stephani Rossi trail.

The request of a gate to help with unauthorized usage of the Conduit trail has been realized.

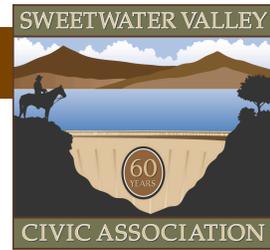
Mr. McDonough promised to return with more information at a future date.

MEMBERSHIP: 6 new members.

PROJECT REPORTS: No

SENIOR PATROL: Jim Woodford gave the following report: Last month 43 hours were logged. We worked the Bonitafest and the Sheriff's Station deserves a big thanks for coming out to help.

In October 436 hours, no Sundays. 27 home checks, 1122 miles driven. 12 citizen assists, 1 YANA, 29 calls, 1 visit. One month Sheriff's meeting.



Tom asked Jim to take his 211 pamphlet to Kiwanis meeting.

Carol mentioned that she had the Senior Patrol watch her house while she was away and paid them in donuts.

ENVIRONMENTAL : Covered

NEW BUSINESS: none

CONTINUING BUSINESS: none

ROUND TABLE:

Could we put that the Little Italy Farmer's Market was back on the website?

Steve mentioned that the left over water from Bonitafest went to both the Senior Patrol and the Allen School. There are plans to do the same if there is left over water next year.

Jim mentioned that everyone in the Shopping Center for the Bonitafest seemed to work well clumped together like that. It was easier for people to visit all the booths without having to walk for a long distance.

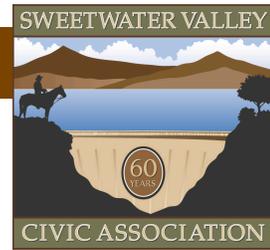
Mike C. mentioned that next year a push for small businesses and crafts would be underway to try to entice them to come to Bonitafest.

Ray wanted everyone to know that there were advantages to keeping up with tax records as a Senior. Perhaps it would be a good idea to get a financial planner.

Mike S. said that there would be no litigation on the SWA water issue. Right now they were exploring other ideas to motivate the SWA to reevaluate the water rates. They were planning a meeting in December to see who would come together and aide.

Tom said that a rate change had been passed that would start in January which was a 'pass-through' because 30% of our water is imported. Another study was could be asked for in January or February.

Karen Henry added that a position on the SWA board was opening up and why didn't Mike S. apply. The filing starts in July.



Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2011.

Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary