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### SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING December 5, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Library Community Room. President Seiler welcomed members, guests and those contemplating membership to the meeting. We were invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country followed by a moment of silence to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety Professionals.

Directors Present: Michael Seiler, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Steve Stonehouse, Sharon Coleman, Mike Clowers, and Glenn Kopp.

Members Present: Prudence Prince, Harold Todus

Guests Present: CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon; CHP Officer Mark Hale; Representative from CV Councilman John McCann's office Samantha Trickey; Deputy Fire Chief Mike Sims, Bonita Fire District.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November minutes were not ready for approval.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Stephen Stonehouse reporting.

Checking	\$1,618.79
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,453.62
Ending Balance	\$5,072.41

Report accepted.

President Seiler announced a change to the order of business. From this meeting forward, we will have the Fire Department report moved from Community Forum section to its own stand-alone report under the heading: Fire Safety, as item no. 6 in our agenda.

#### **Law Enforcement Reports:**

CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon reviewed the Bonita CHP Stats for November 2018. There were a total of 66 citations given, the highest being 23 for speeding. We had four non-injury and one minor injury traffic collisions. Prudence Prince mentioned the significant issue of speeding traffic coming down Tim Street onto Acacia. There is significant danger to anyone crossing Acacia Street. The Officers will spend time on those streets in an effort to slow down the traffic. Officer Thepkulchon continues to work the homeless situation. Tony Tieber asked about the heavy equipment/trucks parked on Central by the Post Office. They block the view of oncoming traffic and create a real danger especially for drivers turning left out of the Post Office parking lot. Glen Kopp also expressed concern and relayed a near miss incident. We would have to go to County and ask for curb designation change such as red for no parking. Officer Thepkulchon introduced Officer Mark Hale, who is the motor cycle Officer working Bonita. He does not give warnings, as it is his understanding the community is serious about speeding and other offenses. When asked about the fines associated with speeding, he thought a 40 mph ticket

given in a 25 mph zone was about \$300. If a driver is stopped for speeding at double the rate or higher of the posted speed limit, his/her driver's license can be suspended. We expressed our thanks to both officers for their continuing efforts to keep our neighborhoods safe.

No San Diego County Sheriff's report was available due to representative Julio Garcia being absent..

No Federal or County Elected Officials Representative reports as Jessica Mier and Victor Avina were absent. Please see attached item re: apartment construction just west of I-805 south of Bonita Rd.

Samantha Trickey, representing Chula Vista Council Member John McCann, told us that Council Member McCann plans to attend our February meeting. Tony Tieber asked about the covenant/agreements put in place at the time Pappy Rohr donated the park to Chula Vista and whether they were available for the general public to see. Samantha agreed to look into it and see what she could find for us. Mike Seiler asked if we could get an update on Rohr Park and the golf course now that we know the City does not intend to make it a legacy park.

**Fire Safety:** Deputy Fire Chief Sims reported a total of 143 calls during November. The Bonita Fire District sent a crew to help work the Woolsey Fire in Malibu. We might be interested to know they used the fire gel on six homes/walls, and these homes survived the wild fire. He told us that insurance companies will start giving discounts to residents who buy and use the gel and have it available for fire fighters to use. The Fire Dept personnel have been and will continue to help with Thursday morning traffic safety on San Miguel Road near Sunnyside Elementary School. The brush mitigation effort to cut back the brush and dead trees, and trim others along Proctor Valley Rd. has made a big difference in the removal of wild fire fuel. The combined effort between US Fish and Game and SDG&E ends at the Chula Vista City limits. It is our hope that this work will continue with the City of Chula Vista stepping into the process. Lastly, we learned from DFC Sims that 17 fires have been started in Rohr Park trash cans. He asked us to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity in this regard.

Tony Tieber and Glenn Kopp both expressed concern that one of the new Verizon repeater installations. The in-ground boxes recently installed along Corral Canyon near the Sweetwater Authority pumping station might not support the weight of fire trucks that have to access the open space by driving over them. DFC Sims will look into it. A member of the Fire Dept always reviews plans such as this, but maybe it needs another look now that the boxes are installed.

#### **New Business:**

President Seiler noted that our SVCA "sandwich board" needs to have the meeting start time updated to 6:30 p.m. Judy and Tony Tieber will take that as an action item and also assume responsibility to get sign out on meeting days.

#### **Community Forum:**

**Bonita Alliance** - No report as Lisa Martin-Goodsell was absent.

**Planning Group** - No meeting was held, so no report by Steve Stonehouse.

**Traffic/Roads** - No report given by Tony Tieber.

**Membership**—Sharon Coleman reported on current membership numbers: 23 individuals, 38 families, 2 silver memberships, 12 gold memberships, and 7 community nonprofits.

**Sr. Volunteer Patrol** - No report as Jim Woodward was absent.

**November 2018 Sheriff Sr. Volunteer Activities (info provided after meeting):**

Number of volunteers	19		
Hours on Patrol	240	Number of Patrols	21
Number Miles Driven	980	Vacation Checks	55
YANA Visits	0	YANA calls	49
Citizen Assists	8	Traffic Control	8

**Trails** – At Mark Kukuchek’s request, Judy Tieber announced a planned Bonita Community Cleanup hosted by the Watershed Warriors, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday 12-8-2018. Location is Sweetwater Regional Park: Western Staging Area, 3121 Bonita Rd.

Glenn Kopp told us about a recent fall he experienced due to large mulch (actually 1-2 inch pieces of cut branches) spread out on slope going from library parking lot down to trail by golf course. Because the cut pieces are too big and round, they have a tendency to roll when stepped on. He felt this was a real hazard and that CV Parks needs to either replace this material or top it with something to stabilize it. Samantha Trickey accepted the piece of mulch and will take it to Parks Department ASAP to address. Ms. Trickey was also asked about getting Bonita Road cleaned up in the area of the “Welcome to Bonita” sign.

Tony Tieber moved and Steve Stonehouse seconded to adjourn meeting. Unanimous.

President Seiler adjourned meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Tieber  
Secretary, SVCA

**Mission Statement:** The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association is the direct conduit to local County elected and appointed officials, law enforcement and emergency first responders to discuss and resolve issues directly related to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley communities.