

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING December 4, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by President Mike Cohen moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders. Members present, Mike S. , Mike C., Steve S., Liz S., Ken P, Jim W., Don S., Susan K.

MINUTES: No minutes from November.

TREASURES REPORT: Currently \$1562.50

Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3448.14

Ending Balance \$5010.64

Motion to approve Mike S. second Don S. accepted.

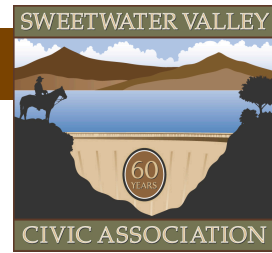
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Jim W. stated that the speed meter on Winnetka seems to be slowing traffic.

Officer Panfil agreed to continued enforcement.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Officer Scott Panfil of the CHP gave this report: There were no DUI arrests or citations in November. Of the six collisions, three were property damage only and three injury. There were 75 citations given, 36 for speeding: regs-4: stop signs 5: Failure to obey sign 16 (these were at Frisbie Street): cell phone 0: seat belt 1: other equipment 7: and other 6.



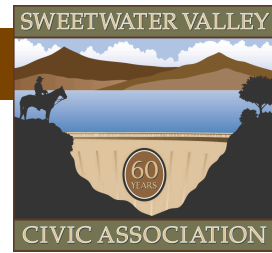
Officer Panfil noted that his stops on the following streets, Frisbie, Belle Bonnie Brae, and Winnetka had gone from ten an hour down to three. The trailer had made an impact. Mike S. mentioned that the speeding on Central Ave, and Country Trails leading to Central was getting worse, and that it was marked as 25MPH and radar enforceable the whole way.

Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia of the San Diego County Sheriff's office gave this report:

- 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.*

Auto theft is down, but burglaries are up. Assaults are up, perhaps due to the holiday. If you notice any suspicious behavior around your area, please call the Sheriff's as they are the only agency which will respond.

If you give your credit card to someone for a transaction, be sure the letters HTTPS are before the address.



ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SUPERVISOR COX'S REPORT

Michael De La Rosa gave this report: We have not heard back from Morali on the issue of last month.

Michael De La Rosa's phone 619-531-5511 leave a voicemail.

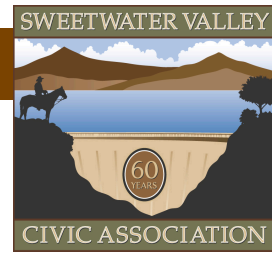
There was a meeting at Summit Park last night between the trail users and Sweetwater Authority. Sweetwater wants to close a section of the South Loop Trail because some of their trucks have created vernal pools which house fairy-shrimp. The discussion got a little heated, but Supervisor Cox came out in favor of keeping the trail open. Several other organizations are involved in possible solutions to this issue as fairy-shrimp are considered endangered.

There will be a meeting with State Fish and Wildlife Friday to try to find a solution. (note: a possible solution was found, but it will take time to implement. In the meantime Sweetwater closed the trail.)

CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN DAVIS' OFFICE

Gavin Deeb came from Congresswoman Susan Davis gave this report: Congresswoman Susan Davis helped introduce a Bipartisan Military Voting Bill. This bill will allow serving servicemen and their dependents overseas a greater voice in what happens in the elections in the U.S. It also makes the Department of Justice accountable for issues concerning voter's rights of serving military and their dependents overseas.

HUD is planning to close its San Diego office. The Congresswoman is working hard to prevent this.



STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: no report.

FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS: no report

PARKS: no report.

PLANNING GROUP: No meeting

MEMBERSHIP: No new members

PROJECT REPORTS: none

SENIOR PATROL: Jim turned in this report : Some goats had gotten loose in the parking lot of the shopping center between Plaza Bonita Rd and Bonita Rd. The Safety Center takes requests for Vacation Checks. There is also a program for elderly individuals living alone where someone will contact them daily. The fine for parking in a handicapped spot without a plate or tag is \$330.

The WELCOME TO BONITA sign was knocked down by a large tree. Kiwanis is working to find a way to replace it.

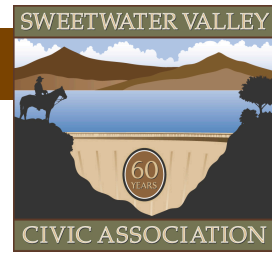
ENVIRONMENTAL: No report

NEW BUSINESS:.

OLD BUSINESS:

ROUND TABLE:

Don Scovel mentioned that George Kost a former member of Civic Association had passed on November 7th. He was interred at Fort Rosecrans. There will be a celebration of life on the 22nd at Glen Abbey Mortuary. There will be a reception at Chula Vista Golf Course following. George was very active in Bonita being a member of just about every organization and president of more than a few.



Steve mentioned that Supervisor Cox had made him the Troll of the Bonita Sunnyside Bridge. He will be missed.

Don told a short story. George had always felt the Valley was his home. He wanted very much to go to the top of San Miguel Mountain to look at the valley. So, the Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife and several people went with George to the top of San Miguel Mountain. George smiled.

Move to adjourn: Steve, second Don. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014.

Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary