

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 5, 2014

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., Daryl H., Jim W., Ken P., Don S., Susan K. and Sharon C.

MINUTES: Minutes from January. Move to approve Ken. Seconded Susan. Passed.

TREASURES REPORT: Currently \$1256.82

Membership Fee \$25.00

Liability Insurance \$193.68

Donation for George Kost \$50.00

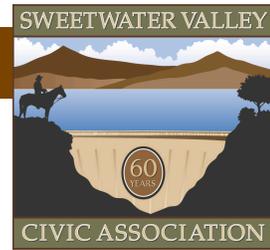
Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3449.29

Ending Balance \$4706.11 Previous Balance \$4924.20

Approved as read.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Daryl Hern spoke on behalf of the Bonita Museum. There are some artifact exhibits now that are from this area as well as from the Smithsonian and National Archives. In March Women's history Month will be celebrated. There will be a flower show as well as the



Optimists Book sale. The Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday 10 to 7.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

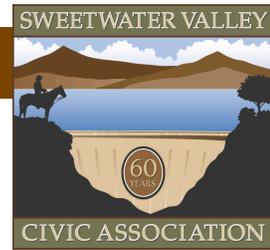
Officer Scott Panfil of the CHP gave this report: There were three DUI arrests or citations in December. Of the eleven collisions, four were property damage only and 1 injury and one DUI related and one fatality. There were 109 citations given, 32 for speeding: stop signs 15 (these were mostly on Corral Canyon): Failure to obey sign 31 (these were at Frisbie Street): seat belt 2: Registration 6: other equipment 10: and other 13. Other includes Cell Phone violations. There were 2 DUI arrests. Officer Panfil noted that he had recently patrolled around Conduit and that his presence slowed traffic down. That until the speed limit could be certified it was hard to stop speeders because law enforcement could not use radar on a non-certified road.

Proctor Valley Road is attempting to get certified at 35 mph for radar enforcement sometime in March.

There was a short discussion about people either listening on headphones, talking on their phones or texting. They have a tendency to be really dangerous. Ken mentioned that they could walk out into traffic. Liz mentioned that they were a hazard on the trails.

The last note was to call the CHP for vehicles that appear to be abandoned, left over 72 hours or illegally parked

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.*

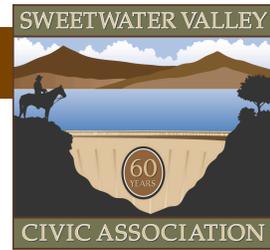
There have been break-ins of homes under fumigation. This investigation is ongoing. Cars stolen is down, as are burglaries but theft and robbery are up. There was one assault. All in all the stat sheet is shorter this month.

The Presbyterian Church was robbed between one and three A.M.

The usual cars are still being taken, Hondas and Toyotas made between 1995 and 1999 being the easiest to steal.

There is a new scam out there. If you get a call where the phone rings twice and there is dead air when you answer, DO NOT #69 THE CALL. The group will have your information and you will be charged for phone usage up to \$150.00.

(Note: there was a mix up about the day Lieutenant Ryan was supposed to come to us. It's April, not March.)



The Sheriffs' are opening a new station in Casa Del Oro to handle that area. The Sheriff's station in Lemon Grove will remain open but will not handle calls outside Lemon Grove.

Sharon asked whether the Sheriff's handled mail theft. File a report with the Sergeant. He'll contact the postal inspector and things will move on from there.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SUPERVISOR COX'S REPORT

Michael De La Rosa gave this report: The Sweetwater Authority finally signed the papers to get the permit process started to move the South Loop Trail away from the Vernal Pools. Both County Parks and California Fish and Wildlife are on board with this move.

Funding has been found for the switchback trail on the West side of the Reservoir.

The County Department of Roads is coming next month to discuss Capital Improvement as it pertains to the roads in this area.

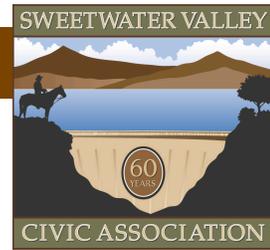
Michael De La Rosa's phone 619-531-5511 leave a voicemail.

CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN DAVIS' OFFICE

Gavin Deeb came from Congresswoman Susan Davis gave this report:

Mike C. asked about Obama Care and how it seemed to be causing people to lose jobs rather than create them.

Liz mentioned that the \$10.00 hour pay raise was going to hit those with limited or fixed income hard. Their allowances might not rise with it.



It was also mentioned that skilled labor jobs have left this area. Most of the skilled labor force were not college graduates, but since there are no apprentice programs left, there are no skilled laborers. By skilled, he meant furniture makers, metalworkers, and other woodworking.

Ken mentioned that at Southwestern College they teach things like Auto Body Shop.

Gavin listened and said that he would take the report back to the Congresswoman.

STANDING REPORTS

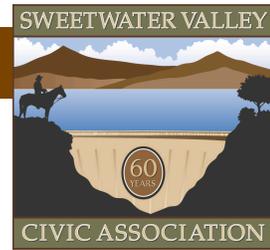
FIRE DEPARTMENT: no report.

FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS: Don S. gave this report: there are three items to be mentioned:

1. The County is surveying Proctor Valley Road to implement a recommended speed limit. This should occur within the next month.
2. County Roads is sending a group out to the corner of Proctor Valley and San Miguel Road to once again discuss the corner there. Although there apparently are not enough warrants to get a stop sign, the brush and the big eucalyptus tree seem to be causing a visibility problem. The idea is to get as many representatives out there as possible.
3. The 7/11 signage was going to be reviewed by County Roads. The lane nearest the building is signed right turn only but that leads only into a parking lot. The road there (Frisbie Street) is closed to north/south traffic.

PARKS: no report.



PLANNING GROUP: Steve and Don gave this report:
The largest part of the meeting was a presentation by Jim Smythe from Sweetwater Authority discussing the wetlands restoration taking place at the far eastern section of the reservoir. As a result of this restoration, for the Bell's Least Variole, the shoals will be relocated and more area will be obtained for water storage. He told us that this project will take a lot of time because of the winter stoppage for animal breeding. Also, \$361m had been identified for the new trail at the North side of the reservoir near the access road which is closed to horses.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members

PROJECT REPORTS: none

SENIOR PATROL: Jim turned in this report via email:

Sheriff Senior Volunteer Patrol

Jim agreed to place the speed reporting trailer near the hill before Conduit. The trailer is hard to position and heavy but there are chocks for it.

There was a question about parking in the fire lane at the Post Office.

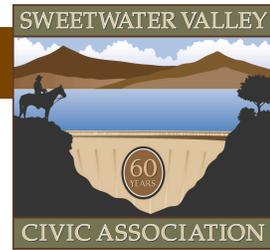
ENVIRONMENTAL: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Erica has contacted us about the Go-Daddy renewal, which will be for Go-Daddy 7.0. the fee is \$217.33 for three years.

Motion to renew Mike S. Seconded by Liz. Passed

OLD BUSINESS:



ROUND TABLE:

Daryl talked about the Bonita Valley Horsemen's Mardi Gras ride, bike walk your dog etc. It will take place at Summit Park. Fees are \$10 in advance if you are a member, \$20. At the door. You can register at bonitavalleyhorsemen.com

In April, along with the Sheriff's Lieutenant, there are hopes of a presentation from Morali's group about the speeding on Winnetka.

Mike Cohen brought up the issue of the Welcome to Bonita sign that was destroyed when a eucalyptus tree fell into it. The Kiwanis want everyone involved with the sign to pay something toward its replacement. Liz motioned that SVCA give \$150 toward the rebuild. Judy seconded. Motion passed.

Ken mentioned that there was still a banner from last year's Bonitafest on Otay Lakes Road.

Motion to adjourn: Liz second Ken Passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:00P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2014.

Please note, this meeting is to be held at the BONITA MUSEUM. This is a one-time thing.

**Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary**