

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Seiler with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country and a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders.

Directors present: Mike Seiler, Steve Stonehouse, Jim Woodford, Tom Tieber, Carol Freno, Susan Kopp, Judy Tieber

Members present: Liz Stonehouse, Sharon Clayton, Tom Pocklington, Sharon Coleman, William Coleman

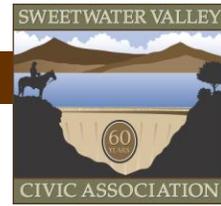
MINUTES: Minutes from July meeting. Motion to approve by Steve Stonehouse, 2nd by Sharon Clayton. Discussion: Tony Pocklington noted that SVCA members present at annual meeting were not noted in minutes and he was concerned that we may not have had enough for a quorum. With a few members at the meeting who do not usually attend monthly meetings, he felt we had just enough members to conduct the meeting. It was agreed that members present at annual meeting who were present at September 3rd meeting would be added to July meeting minutes. With that stipulation, minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report dated August, 2014, was moved to accept by Liz Stonehouse, 2nd by Susan Kopp. Approved

Checking Account Balance	\$2,524.36
Includes: CK 719, \$174.75 for supplies	
CK 720, \$127.15 for supplies	
CK 721, \$49.00 for postage	
Dues received, \$2,045.00	
Certificate of Deposit Balance	\$3,450.69
Total	\$5,975.05

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Sharon Coleman told group about a mail scam going around related to a "required" fictitious name filing with associated fees. If you get one, please throw it away. Liz Stonehouse found two metal stakes in middle of trail way. Sharon Coleman gave



update on Winnetka speeding problem. 25 MPH and Watch Downhill Speed signs have been installed. Level of effectiveness has been sporadic. Michael De La Rosa will get more "stick in the ground" signs for Sharon to distribute around her neighborhood.

SVCA ELECTION RESULTS:

President Seiler reviewed election results for officers and board members.

Officers:

President: Michael Seiler
Vice President: Tony Tieber
Secretary: Judy Tieber
Treasurer: Steve Stonehouse

Board Members:

Seat 1: Carol Freno
Seat 3: Ken Pitney
Seat 5: Steve Stonehouse
Seat 7: Jim Woodford
Seat 9: Sharon Clayton
Seat 11: Sharon Coleman
Seat 13: Susan Kopp

There was considerable confusion about which seat went with each area and why. Discussion followed and, as planned by President Seiler, Seats were reassigned based on who lives in and/or near the neighborhood designations.

New designations:

Seat 2: Liz Stonehouse	Seat 7: Ken Pitney
Seat 3: Jim Woodford	Seat 9: Sharon Coleman
Seat 5: Steve Stonehouse	Seat 11: Tom Pocklington
Seat 6: Carol Freno	Seat 12: Sharon Clayton

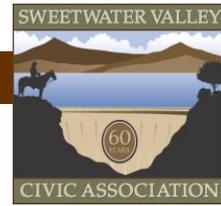
The attached spreadsheet reflects these changes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT: No law enforcement reports

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Michael De La Rosa:

When Michael asked if there were any issues the association wanted him to address, Steve Stonehouse asked about the wisdom of continued building and development in the County when water conservation was an almost daily discussion topic. Water resources have been a hot topic at the federal, state and local county levels for the duration of the current drought. At this time, Michael could not recall a related document comprehensive enough to pass on. He did send a board letter regarding energy policies. When he has something about building and water use he will bring to



this organization. The County of San Diego does not have jurisdiction over that resource. The concerns about urban sprawl and more dense building (redevelopment) near existing infrastructure are already in place in the form of “smart growth and urban core planning”. All new development plans are required to state compliance with County General Plan guidelines and policies.

He felt the State of Bonita went well, perhaps a little long, but seemed to be well received. Supervisor wants more interaction with citizens. There is a possibility that another option exists for the Otay water line currently planned to go up Corral Canyon. However there is nothing definite at this time. Supervisor Cox thinks it is a good idea to keep the trails meeting separate from the State of Bonita, and he is willing to do them both as long as they are a productive use of everyone’s time.

Michael will take action to find a suitable solution to the safety issues associated with poor visibility at the Proctor Valley Road and San Miguel Road intersection.

Gavin Deeb:

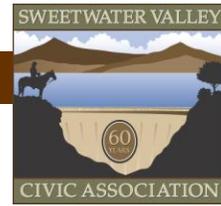
Gavin distributed the latest Davis Dispatch and discussed the most important topics addressed there-in. These include the Survivor Outreach and Support Campus Act. Co-sponsored with Barbara Boxer, this legislation would require colleges and universities to establish an independent, on-campus advocate to support survivors of sexual assault.

Everyone is invited to participate in a Family Health and Fitness Fair on Saturday, September 27th from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the South Bay Family YMCA at 1201 Paseo Magda, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Congresswoman Davis will also have a presence at the upcoming Bonitafest. When asked about internship opportunities, Gavin explained that interns, mostly college students and an occasional high school student, work about 10 hours a week. This is excellent training for how to effectively communicate with people over the telephone.

STANDING REPORTS:

Fire Department: Tom Pocklington shared that everything was going well and all members of the department function in an outstanding manner. All community feedback/reports reflect well on the department. Those present were cautioned to stay aware and guard against wildfires.

Traffic and Roads: Don Scovel is gone for two months, but concerns were raised and discussed about the condition of Central Avenue. Some potholes have been fixed, but



many still exist. We have not received any County feedback on our top 25 roads needing resurfacing.

Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse announced there was no Planning Group meeting held in September.

Membership: Liz Stonehouse gave a membership update. Liz reviewed member categories and reported we have 66 total members. This is fewer than in past years, but because of member categories, we have more membership dues income than last year.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Jim Woodford announced that his group has not met yet this month. The Senior Patrol did assist officers who established a DUI Checkpoint in Imperial Beach the Friday of Labor Day weekend. They worked 8:00 p.m.—Midnight. Thirty five cars were pulled into the secondary inspection area. Senior Patrol is doing about 6-8 vacations checks a week so staying busy.

Minutes sent to Judy Tieber.

August Patrols

Number of Patrols	24
Number of man hours	290
Number of Miles driven	1122
Number of Vacation Checks	53
Number of Citizen assists	31

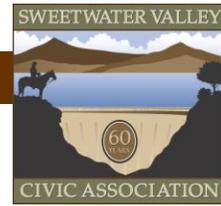
Continuing Business:

Foolproof Marketing Contract:

President Seiler explained that the FoolProof Marketing Contract cost the organization about \$100/month. Liz Stonehouse moved to approve the FoolProof Marketing Contract for 2014-2015 FY, 2nd by Sharon Clayton. Motion passed. Discussion followed about opportunity to keep control of BBPA domain name which has a paid up account with GoDaddy. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

Progress on Bonita signage project:

President Seiler announced that the organizer, Bob Chicca, is waiting for two more organizations to approve signs. For SVCA, our recommendations were to make colors more vibrant and to change small inner oval to say "60 Years". There was a motion and 2nd to change years of service to year established because years of service would



outdate much too quickly. Motion passed. President Seiler will take responsibility to communicate that change back to Bob Chicca.

Utility Box Update:

Howard Woodward stopped the original project on Fire Station utility box because SDG&E planned to replace the box. His high school art group will return to this project next Saturday. SDG&E did approve the painting. Severe health problems experienced by Mr. Woodward delayed this Project, but everything is now on a completion track.

Sweetwater Authority Rate Increase/SARPA Lawsuit:

President Seiler announced that the Sweetwater Authority Rate Payers Association Lawsuit is going forward against the tiered rate structure. The lawsuit was filed yesterday (9/2/2014), and the SWA was serviced notice today.

Bonitafest 2014:

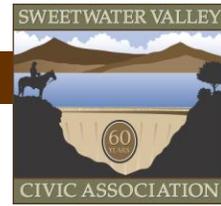
Bonitafest is scheduled for September 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. President Seiler asked members if we wanted to participate. We can still get a free space. Members agreed and planned as follows: Judy Tieber will complete and submit application form for booth assignment.

President Seiler will staff the booth. Steve Stonehouse will get 275 bottles of water on Friday before. Liz Stonehouse will give Mike Seiler 100 membership forms, and 100 copies of the SVCA flyer. Tony Tieber will help setup and take down the booth.

NEW BUSINESS:

Four Waste Collection Companies now in Bonita.

The plethora of trash collection services continues to grow with the new marketing started by Dailey Disposal Services. If they start working our neighborhoods with three more trucks (trash, yard waste, recycle), we will have a total of 4 services and 12 trucks taking a toll on our neighborhood roads/streets. The question was raised if organizations like Bonita Highlands, or San Diego County can advertize and go out for bid with the hope of achieving exclusive services (franchise agreement) from just one company. Currently, we have no end in sight for on-going road destruction and unsightly containers out four days/week. Michael De La Rosa suggested contacting Eric Wolff, Administrator, Solid Waste Planning and Recycling at 858-694-2468. He may have some suggestions for how to put out a bid for 600 homes. Tom Pocklington raised the point that this environment creates more competitive rates which benefit all home owners in area.



Update on low-flying aircraft:

President Seiler wrote a letter to Vice Admiral Buss, Commander Naval Air Forces regarding the low-flying aircraft and associated noise we have experienced over the past two years. He did get a response from Chief of Staff of the Commander, Naval Air Forces. The letter was somewhat disappointing in that nothing specific was identified that will significantly alleviate the aircraft noise or periodic over-flights because they have not deviated from plan for the last two years. The Navy has no plans to change anything, but at least they have been made aware of the problem. President Seiler suggests we not write any more letters until next change of command.

Bylaws:

The Association Bylaws were reviewed and approved last year. We will try to get a signed copy on the website.

- The elected officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Board of Directors composed of elected officers and selected representatives of local neighborhoods (area directors)
- Organizational Directors
- Community Directors
- Associate Directors

Liz Stonehouse moved to approve the changes made earlier in meeting to area director-assigned neighborhoods. Sharon Clayton 2nd. Approved.

It was noted that Association needs 5 members of the Board of Directors to have a quorum (page 6, section 6).

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Sharon Clayton stated it was good to live in area represented.

Sharon Coleman requested 50 black and white copies of the SVCA flier.

Jim Woodford moved, Liz Stonehouse 2nd that meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Tieber
Secretary