

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 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, Tony Tieber, Carol Freno, Susan Kopp, Judy Tieber, Ken Pitney, Sharon Clayton, Sharon Coleman, Liz Stonehouse

Members present: Bill Coleman

Guests present: Michael Delarosa, Julio Garcia

MINUTES: Minutes from October meeting, motion to approve by Ken Pitney, 2nd by Carol Freno. Discussion: None, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report dated November, 2014, was approved.

Checking Account Balance	\$1,272.21
Includes: Dues Deposit of \$75.00	
Certificate of Deposit Balance	\$3,450.81
Total	\$4723.02

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Liz Stonehouse: Bonita Museum and Cultural Center is organizing the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at 5:30 on December 4th, membership meeting and opening of the Magi exhibit is December 6th.

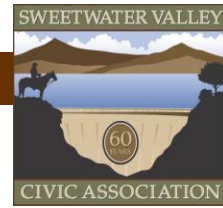
Ken Pitney: Installation of baffles at Bonita Museum greatly improved acoustics.

Sharon Coleman: Giselle (County) arranged to put in a speed feedback sign. It is not really helping and speeds are still too high. Sharon will send Judy and Liz the new email address for CHP Officer Panfil.

Mike Seiler: Area still experiencing noise from late night, low flying helicopters. His windows are rattling because aircraft too low. Should be at 1000 ft altitude.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

No law enforcement report from CHP.



Law enforcement report from San Diego County Sheriff's representative, Julio Garcia: Mr. Garcia presented crime data in Map Format which was very easy to understand. We had three burglaries with forced entry. Remember, if there is a door or window open, it becomes an opportunity for crime. He reviewed map showing crimes by neighborhood. He urged all to look at Sheriff's website and get a lot of information. Holidays are coming. Be vigilant, and call Julio for a free home security consultation. Sheriff Crime Prevention Unit will hold a Holiday Watch event on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Bonnie Brea Shopping Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fliers passed out. If shopping at a mall, be sure to move your car after placing packages inside—even if out of sight in trunk. Many malls have installed security cameras and beefed up security patrols but vehicles are still going to be stolen during the holidays.

Question came up: Are you planning for more crime with passage of proposition that will change some felonies to misdemeanors? Response was "yes" because we still have Three Strikes law. With new law, two misdemeanors will equal one felony. So after 6 misdemeanors, culprits will be back in jail. Sheriff's Dept. will continue doing what they do, and let the District Attorney figure out whether crime is a felony or a misdemeanor.

Mr. Garcia also addressed Department use of helicopters and priorities for bring them into service.

- Missing person at risk (dementia, sick, youngster)
- Suspect attempting to evade capture

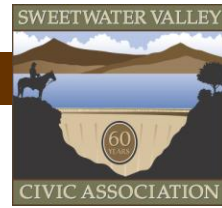
If a law enforcement helicopter is circling overhead, be sure windows and doors are locked, stay inside, and (if you want) call main communication center for information.

The Sheriff's Dept. is currently promoting the "Take Me Home Program" in which any person at risk can have vital information pertaining to behavioral issues, medical conditions, meds, doctors, emergency contacts, and photo with name on file in a registration database. The database can be accessed easily by law enforcement and is intended to provide information that will assist officers to provide appropriate services to an individual needing help. Currently there are only about 100 people registered.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Michael De La Rosa:

Michael De La Rosa addressed the eucalyptus tree issue on the corner of Proctor Valley Road and San Miguel Road. He wants us to bring this up with the Planning Group because currently they are saying no to tree removal. This group supports its removal, so would be a much stronger argument if both groups agreed. He also (with input from Liz) suggested the letter be addressed to Murali and copy him (Michael).



STANDING REPORTS:

Fire Department: No report

Traffic and Roads: No report

Planning Group: No report (no meeting in November)

Membership: Liz Stonehouse reported we have 74 Regular, 8 Community, 5 Gold, 1 Silver members.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Nothing of high importance going on. Discussion about using the speed feedback sign on Winnetka. The suggestion was made to place it on opposite side of street from where it was.

OCTOBER SHERIFF SR. VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

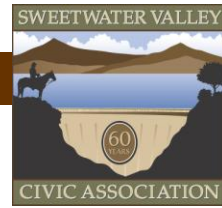
Hours on patrol	288
Number of Patrollers	25
Number of Miles Driven	1,142
Vacation Checks	93
YANA Visits	1
Citizen Assists	16

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

President Seiler discussed status of Sweetwater Authority (SWA) Water Rate Payer lawsuit (SARPA). The Capistrano Tax Payer Association Tiered Rate Law Suit was delayed from this November to after first of the year. Our local group is still on track to go to Court in February. Outcome of Capistrano case will set precedent for all California water authorities.

President Seiler wrote a nice letter to Max Branscomb congratulating him on great Bonitafest.

After discussion, those present decided on the following Vision Statement:
"The SVCA makes the Sweetwater Valley the best place to live within these United States"



NEW BUSINESS:

Our next step is to develop a Mission Statement that addresses:

- What do we do?
- Who do we serve?
- What value do we provide?

Please send your ideas to Judy at jtieber@cox.net.

ROUND TABLE:

Jim Woodford suggested we number the pages on the Minutes to make it easier to reference. Judy will do that.

Sharon Clayton addressed an HOA issue to Michael De La Rosa. County lost the original Bonita Highlands minor deviation permit (original land use documents/Master Plan) for Bonita Highlands Homeowners Association. The HOA rebuilt the Plan and submitted it to County. Now the County is charging the HOA \$1,400 for the standard processing fee to rebuild (update) the file that County admits to losing. This just doesn't seem right.

President Seiler will contact Max Branscomb to discuss ideas for Bonitafest 2015.

Kiwanis and Optimists are taking over the Chili Cookoff next May.

Liz Stonehouse moved to adjourn, Sharon Coleman 2nd, no discussion. Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Tieber
Secretary