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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2015

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, Tom Pocklington, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Susan Kopp, Don Scovel, Liz Stonehouse, Carol Freno, Ken Pitney, Jim Woodford, Sharon Coleman

Members present: Daryl Hern, Bill Coleman

Guests present: Michael Delarosa, Julio Garcia, Scott Panfil, Harriet Taylor

Liz Stonehouse announced that John Reese, former planning commissioner, passed and gave the time and place for his service.

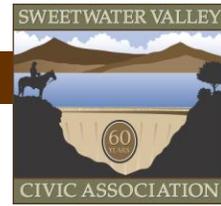
MINUTES: Minutes from January meeting. Liz Stonehouse motioned to approve, second by Don Scovel. Discussion: Jim Woodford noted that Sr. Volunteer Patrol Stats were missing for December and Year-end 2014. These statistics, along with January's, will be added to February minutes. Minutes accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report dated February 2015, was approved.

Checking Account Balance:	\$1,192.21
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,450.98
Ending Balance:	\$4,643.19

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Harriet Taylor addressed the issues of large eucalyptus tree and other concerns about the intersection of San Miguel Road and Proctor Valley Road. This visit and update is in response to the Civic Association letter to Mr. Murali Pasumarthi regarding concerns with this intersection. The Sweetwater Community Planning Group (CPG) has suggested a three-way stop. The CPG understands a recent traffic study did not produce the volume that will warrant the three-way stop, but the Group would like to take that recommendation to a Citizens Advisory Committee and then to the County Board of Supervisors. Murali did not agree with this course of action, and instead, will present an alternative plan at next month's CPG. He will propose a line change along east-bound lane at intersection. All Civic Assoc members are welcome to attend. (Note: CPG for March 3 is canceled).



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LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Officer Scott Panfil was busy in Bonita during January, as shown by his stats. He focused on the San Miguel Road, Winnetka, Frisbee Street, and the San Miguel Road/Conduit intersection stop signs. Officer Panfil was asked to pay attention to the number of drivers parking on Belle Bonnie Brae and Central where they drop off kids/and/or accompany them across Central where there is no crosswalk. He was also asked to work at the San Miguel Road/Bonita Road where drivers are barely slowing down before turning right on a red light.

Julio Garcia, Sheriff's Dept. started his presentation with good news: With a low crime rate, our area had only one break-in resulting from an open window at Butternut and Hollow Lane. Cars continue to be vandalized in the Briarwood-Robinwood area. We were reminded to always remove valuables from our cars.

STANDING REPORTS:

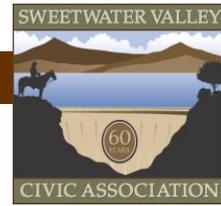
Fire Department: Tom Pocklington reported an average 3.5 calls/day and are mostly medical. Did have one fire caused by a gopher sonar system malfunction.

Traffic and Roads: Don Scovel reported we still have no definitive schedule and/or master plan for road repairs. He did comment on recent and current road repair activities on Belle Bonnie Brae, Bonita Road from Sunnyside Bridge up to Quarry Rd, Dsonia, and Bonita Glen streets. Since this is Don's last meeting, Tony Tieber volunteered to take over his responsibilities for traffic and roads. Liz Stonehouse moved, Susan Kopp seconded it, no discussion, motion approved.

Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse reported the Sweetwater Community Planning Group (CPG) was given a presentation by County staff about a project commencement to replace existing street lights along main roads in Bonita with more efficient lighting. The change will save a lot of electrical utility expense and provide better, more directed lighting downward where it is needed. At some future date, when funds are available, County will convert existing neighborhood street lights.

Membership: Liz Stonehouse reported no new members.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Jim Woodford reviewed monthly stats, and announced they have one new member, Rick Buttitta.



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Sheriff Sr. Volunteer Activities Report:

Activity:	<u>December 2014</u>	<u>2014 Annual</u>	<u>January 2015</u>
Hours on Patrol	240	3,325	302
Number of Patrols	20	286	26
Number of Miles Driven	1,012	13,806	1,296
Vacation Checks	86	1,237	91
YANA Visits	none	29	none
Citizen Assists	2	137	9

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Michael Delarosa (Supervisor Cox's Office):

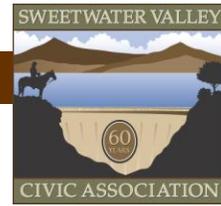
Michael Delarosa acknowledged Don Scovel as a tremendous community asset and volunteer with whom he has both worked, received guidance from and carried out candid conversations. We should all appreciate his volunteer efforts on our behalf.

Regarding road resurfacing list, Michael reported it is listed on the County computer. DPW is waiting for a funding stream. At this time, apparently the State needs \$59 billion to start being able to keep up with State infrastructure needs. Toni Atkins, State Assembly Speaker has proposed a \$52/yr funding stream paid by California drivers to specifically address infrastructure repairs/replacements. Other funding opportunities come from redirecting State gasoline taxes and truck registration fees back to fund transportation expenses. Irrespective of these outcomes, San Diego County is continuing to work on its own funding plan.

Re eucalyptus tree at San Miguel Rd and Proctor Valley Rd: Murali Pasumarthi, Dept. of Public Works, will be coming to the March 3, 2015 CPG meeting to discuss how to keep the tree and change traffic lines to enhance safety and keep traffic moving. If we all work together, we will come up with the best plan. Judy asked Tom Pocklington if he remembered when we had that really bad accident at this intersection which resulted in the sign "Cross Traffic Does not Stop". Tom thought it was about 10-12 years ago. Michael also announced he is working with Sweetwater Authority about the loop trail, regarding how best to deal with storm water runoff permitting process.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Mike Seiler discussed the idea/feasibility with Michael Delarosa to add a "Community Websites" menu to County's existing "Residents' drop-down menu" as a way to get more visitors to use our SVCA website. Can we add community groups? Michael agreed to look into it as a possibility. It could be as simple as adding a hyper-link to our organization. Michael Delarosa talked about how social media, such as Twitter, has



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driven a whole new world of how to manage information that is coming in so fast it is nearly impossible to keep up with it, much less manage it. He felt our best bet would be to use social media to get the word out.

Both Julio Garcia and Scott Panfil will work together to address the concerns expressed by SVCA about potential vehicle-pedestrian accidents at Belle Bonnie Brae and Central Avenue. Officer Panfil will ask his Sr. Volunteer Patrol to park there as a deterrent. Michael Delarosa also reported that Murali Pasumarthi is also working on this.

Now that we are getting monthly stats from Erica Lund on website visits, we will continue to monitor and report this activity every month.

ROUND TABLE:

Tom Pocklington reported on status of his discussions with City of Chula Vista regarding code enforcement to address the number of cars parked in Museum/Safety Center/Library parking lot. As soon as the parking lot sign can be reworded and reposted, the cars can be cited and towed. He is continuing to work on the premises homeless issue as well.

Michael Seiler noted that signs were up next to "Post no Bills" sign. Tom will remind appropriate organizations about that.

Jim Woodford noted that the Chili Cookoff, sponsored by the Kiwanis and Optimists will be held May 17th, near the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot this year.

Darryl Hern announced that the Bonitafest planning meeting was held last Thursday. Those present thought the Bonita Vista High School parking lot was a great venue

Michael Seiler liked the bulletin board at foot of Otay Lakes Road and felt it would be a good place to put a notice about the SVCA. Judy will post a flyer at the Sunnyside Saddle Club bulletin board as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Tieber
Secretary