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**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**May 6, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, Ken Pitney, Carol Freno  
Guests present: CHP Officer Scott Panfil, San Diego County Sheriff Liaison Julio Garcia

**MINUTES:** Minutes from April meeting were approved as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report dated May 2015, accepted as written.

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 918.54
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,451.15
Ending Balance:	\$4,369.69

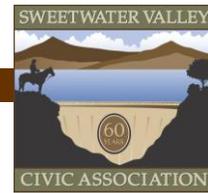
**OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:**

The SVCA welcomed new attendees, Dave and Debbie Pigden who live on Sylvia Street. They came to meeting with concerns about new construction occurring on their street, and about speeding along Sylvia predominately in the early evening.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

Officer Panfil handed out and reviewed his citation activity for the months of March and April, 2015. Besides speeding, the next largest category of citations were for "failure to obey sign at Central and Frisbee". Officer Panfil was instrumental in having another No Right Turn sign installed that is very easy to see as drivers head north on Central toward Frisbee. He also updated us about:

- School cross walk going in at Central and Belle Bonnie Brae,
- Felt an all-way stop at Proctor Valley/San Miguel Rd intersection would be very beneficial in slowing traffic and creating a safer intersection,
- Traffic light at Bonita Valley Community Church/Bonita Rd. has been updated with a camera to help control traffic. Lights now set: 75 seconds for Bonita Rd traffic and 45 seconds for church traffic. This seems to be working well for all concerned. Traffic flow will be directed by lights rather than hired security guards.
- In response to question about legality of hiring contractors to manage traffic, Officer Panfil stated not a problem as long as contractor is "certified" to perform this task.



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Julio Garcia announced that Lt. Dave Brown will be attending the State of Bonita Address so we can all meet him. Julio handed out and reviewed Sheriff's Dept. statistics for the months of March and April involving our area including peak times for criminal activity. He reiterated the importance of keeping windows and doors locked. He assured us that when Deputies have time, they will also help monitor the school crosswalks.

**ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:** None

**STANDING REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** Tom Pocklington presented an interesting activity report for the Fire Department. March was the busiest month ever in the history of our fire department with 185 incidents. (Fires 14, false alarms 7, Medical Aids 134. Traffic collisions 13, Hazardous Conditions 3, and public assists 14) Additionally, a new needle drop off system has been installed on the east side of Fire Station property. He also had the opportunity to meet Lt. Dave Brown and invited him to attend our meetings.

**Traffic and Roads:** Tony Tieber announced:

- The school cross walk is going in. Members asked if crosswalk could have bold yellow striping so more noticeable.
- Bonita Rd will be resurfaced in September from the Bonita Valley Community Church to San Miguel Road.
- The Bonita Valley Community Church will have a large concert Friday night, and this will be first test to make sure traffic lights work better.
- We now have a committee to address the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) about the community need for an all-way stop at San Miguel Rd/Proctor Valley Rd intersection.

**Planning Group:** Steve Stonehouse reported three items:

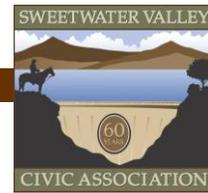
- Tony Tieber was elected a new member of the Sweetwater Community Planning Group. Must be approved by Board of Supervisors before official.
- Judy Tieber will head up the community effort to get the all-way stop put in at San Miguel Rd/Proctor Valley Rd intersection.
- Representatives from Ace Self Storage Co. spoke for a few minutes about their intentions to pursue construction of a storage facility on property next to Fire Dept on the east side.

**Membership:** Liz Stonehouse reported that membership applications are in the process of being sent out for July 2015-June 30, 2016 year.

**Senior Volunteer Patrol:** No report.

April 2015 Sheriff Sr. Volunteer Activities

Hours on patrol	224	Number of patrols	19
Number of Miles Driven	1,009	Vacation checks	71
YANA visits	None	Citizen Assists	5



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### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

First two items already discussed.

SVCA website: The SVCA spends \$100/month to maintain website. Statistics show that users are on our site for very short periods of time. We agreed that we need to update our site to keep it vibrant and algorithm imbedded in software so search engines will pick it up. Tony asked if we have a contract with FoolProof Marketing. Steve did not know of one. Maybe we need two people: A website developer and an administrator who does updates. Could get a young person to help us. Erika has only six hours left for this year. Tony will meet with Erika to get educated on our expectations and her understandings of what she is being paid to do.

Regarding previous discussions about Association visibility, we were reminded that the June and July SVCA meetings will be held at the Library Community Room. This move will be highlighted on the agenda for June meeting, and Mike Seiler will 1) develop wording for a meeting announcement sign and 2) post a notice on the door of the Fire Dept. meeting room reminding people of new location. Judy will take on responsibility to have the large sign made to post outside the library on our meeting days.

**New Business:** None

### **Roundtable:**

Tom continues to notice the Chula Vista Police Dept about homeless and cars parked overnight on the lot. Chula Vista Code Enforcement is not quick to respond. Tom noted that two abandoned cars were on the parking lot for over 30 days. Process is working but slowly. He plans to continue working to keep homeless away and the parking lot empty at night (except for Safety Professionals). Tom also informed us that the museum received \$8,000 from the BBPA to fund the Safety Center. In August there will be a western show at the museum. Carol Freno announced that the Willow Street Bridge construction has started. More on this will be discussed at the State of Bonita Address by Supervisor Cox. We also had discussion about the possibility of doing a zip code mailing as a way to introduce/remind the community that the SVCA exists and how we can all work together to improve the livability of our community. Carol also feels the Area Directors should be more vocal and active in the community. Mike Seiler attended the Provence House Open House with walk around the golf course, pancake breakfast, and introduction of Community and County luminaries. It was a very nice affair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Tieber  
Secretary