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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JUNE 3, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The 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: Michael Seiler, Tony Tieber, Stephen Stonehouse, Elizabeth Stonehouse, Sharon Clayton, Carol Freno, Tom Pocklington, Judy Tieber

Members present: Daryl Hern

Guests present: Michael de la Rosa, Jessica Mier, Officer Scott Panfil, and Julio Garcia, Sheriff's Office, Pete and Taffy Komars, Dave and Debbie Pigden, John McElroy

MINUTES: Minutes from May meeting. Liz Stonehouse moved for approval, Sharon Clayton 2nd Approval of minutes passed.

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

Checking account balance:	\$ 918.54
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>3,451.09</u>
Ending Balance:	4,369.63

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

A suggestion was made that we start each meeting with a roll-call so members and guests can introduce themselves. Daryl Hern discussed Bonitafest 2016 which is planned for Bonita Vista High School on 9-19-2015. The School Music Dept. will again be the recipient of event proceeds. The theme for this year is "Making the Scene". In addition, the evening before, we will again have the Twilight Parade around the Chula Vista Golf Course. The parade will include walkers, bikers, and equestrians. The Bonita Valley Riders will hand out glow sticks again this year to all participants. This year, they are considering a half way party. The booth charge will be \$50. Additionally, Daryl wanted us to know that the Bonita Museum is in desperate need of docents whose primary function would be greeters. Shifts go from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We need two docents/shift. Mel Lawson will be sponsoring "Cowboy Artists of the West" opening at Museum on August 8, 2015.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

California Highway Patrol: Officer Scott Panfil reviewed his activity stats. They were a little lower than usual because he was not in area for two weeks. He announced that the school crossing signs and markings were in place and ready for next school year at the intersection of Central and Belle Bonnie Brae. Traffic on Winnetka is slowing down. He also reported that County put down car counter/speed indicator tool in an effort to learn more about traffic conditions on this street.

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Sheriff's Dept: Safety Officer Julio Garcia reported Sheriff's Dept stats for May. In addition to three auto thefts, he reported that most crime is still occurring up near 54 and Briarwood. Most frequent days for criminal activity are Fridays through Mondays. If we see suspicious activity or people, call the non-emergency number at 1-858-565-5200.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

Michael de la Rosa from Supervisor Greg Cox Office: The State of Bonita Address is now scheduled for July 16, 2015, and originally planned at the Summit Park Community Room starting at 6:00 p.m. Discussion followed and the Association Annual Meeting/State of Bonita will be held at the newly renovated Provence House on Sweetwater Rd. at 6:00 p.m. on July 16, 2015.

The Bonita Trails Meeting with Supervisor Cox and County staff will be held on June 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. also at Provence House.

He reported that County staff is struggling with the homeless encampments. Parks and Sheriff's staffs are working together to deal with this issue. The homeless are given 30 day notices to move and offered services to help them; but most just pack up and move on. Many have outstanding warrants. If you encounter any homeless issues while out on the trails, please call Louis Chertkow, Supervising Park Ranger for Sweetwater Campground/Sweetwater River Valley at 619-472-7572.

In response to questions received about County response to Drought conditions, Michael passed out a comprehensive document describing several actions taken by County to adequately respond to Gov Brown's executive order for saving water to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water usage through Feb. 28, 2016 as compared to 2013. This document is attached to minutes.

Michael also acknowledged the cooperation between the CHP and the Sheriff's Dept. to work together with our community to resolve problems.

Jessica Mier from Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office: The Congressional Art Contest concluded with 3 local winners, 1st place from Helix High, 2nd and 3rd from Olympian High School.

The Congresswoman recently toured the Richard A. Reynolds Groundwater Desalination facility in Chula Vista, and then went to the new Poseidon plant in North County in an effort to learn how we can solve future water shortage issues.

Congresswoman Davis is also planning a "Retirement Event" for sometime in July or August to help people figure out Medicare and Social Security benefits. She also introduced legislation to help prevent diabetes in seniors. Additionally, she traveled with other Congresswomen to celebrate an early Mother's Day with troops in Afghanistan.

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STANDING REPORTS:

Fire Department: Tom Pocklington reported that a few fires in open space were started by the homeless. He updated us on status of clearing out the library parking lot at night—slow but some progress. We need Chula Vista to take more ownership of this problem. Tom plans to bring this up at State of Bonita. He also informed us that it is legal to call 911 while driving if we see an emergency situation. Finally, we are invited to conduct a flag changing just before the September 2nd meeting. All who wish to participate, please come 30 minutes early. **(NOTE: THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE BACK AT THE FIRE STATION SO WE HAVE TO RETHINK THIS.)**

Traffic and Roads: Tony Tieber reported that Judy Tieber will be making a presentation on June 12th to the County Traffic Advisory Committee regarding County plans to rework traffic flow at the intersection of San Miguel Road and Proctor Valley Rd.

Sweetwater Community Planning Group (CPG): Steve Stonehouse reported that the CPG reviewed the 2015 General Plan to bring a 5-acre parcel sold by SBX to San Miguel Farms LLC. The zoning was amended to 1 acre parcels in order to be compatible with existing properties. Tony Tieber was elected to CPG. We must wait for Supervisor Cox to approve appointment before becoming official.

Membership: Liz Stonehouse reported we have 19 renewed memberships.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: No representation, however, Jim Woodford sent in his activity report for May.

Hours on patrol	234	Vacation checks	74
Number of patrols	20	YANA visits	0
Number of miles driven	1,133	Citizen assists	8

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Proctor Valley Rd/San Miguel Rd Intersection addressed in Traffic and Roads report.

Tony met with Erica Lund to find out what are her duties as website administrator and to get educated on history/purpose of the SVCA website. He received a copy of the contract with FoolProof Marketing and a copy of the original grant application. The funding for our website came from Supervisor Cox for the purpose of supporting the entire community. Erica's company is moving to healthcare coaching. If we renew our contract with her, our web support will be handled by another, more-junior staff member. Our fee will be \$900/year, and we will pay quarterly. So the question we have to ask ourselves is "What do we expect from her?" At this time, our interaction with her is pretty much totally reactive, in that we ask her to do something; and she does it. The contract with Erica is up in August. We need to decide if we want to continue as a community venue and her company does our posting, or do we want to change to a more interactive mode that includes Facebook. After discussion, we decided

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to form an ad Hoc committee to work on this issue and determine how we will interface with other community activities. Tony will lead, and members are: Mike Seiler, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Sharon Clayton, Carol Freno.

Mike Seiler reviewed website statistics. Jessica Mier commented that the foreign locations coming to the website are most likely hackers and reminded us that website security is essential.

NEW BUSINESS:

State of Bonita with Supervisor Cox will be held at annual meeting scheduled for July 16, 2015 and will be held at Provence House so more accessible to community members. We will have a regular meeting on July 1st with the most important business being the establishment of our 2015-2016 slate of officers.

ROUNDTABLE:

Tony mentioned that the Provence House patio can be chilly at night so bring sweaters or jackets. Steve reminded everyone that SVCA family memberships are a good deal at just \$25/year. Carol sends an SOB flier to her neighbors in a successful effort to get them to the annual meeting. Tom brought up the Citizens' Academy which is held 2 x year, 80 people each class, run by District Attorney's office at USD Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Tieber
Secretary