

# Making the Sweetwater Valley the Best Place to Live

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## SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING January 6, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Community Room. President Seiler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country followed by a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders.

Directors present: Michael Seiler, Tony Tieber, Stephen Stonehouse, Liz Stonehouse, Sharon Clayton, Tom Pocklington, Jim Woodford, and Judy Tieber

Members present: None

Guests present: Julio Garcia, Sheriff's Office; Officer Pete Thepkulchon, CHP; Michael De La Rosa, Supervisor Cox' office

**MINUTES:** Minutes from December 2, 2015 meeting. Jim Woodford moved to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Stonehouse. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Accepted as written.

Checking Account Balance:	\$1,441.23
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,451.61
Ending Balance:	\$4,892.84

### LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

CHP: Officer Pete Thepkulchon reviewed stats from his December 2015 report ( attached). He added a new category to track verbal warnings. He announced the CHP has developed a new set of assignments that will provide better coverage to Bonita/whole South Bay area between hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. He did patrol Winnetka at various times and found the downhill speeding has quieted down, but drivers are going faster up-hill. He did remind us that "hands free" means hands free. We need to focus on our driving. He asked about the history of why Frisbee is closed from Bonita Road to Central. He was well educated on this 7 year process. The Officer will start sending his report to Judy as an email attachment so it can be included in minutes and on website.

Sheriff's Dept: Safety Officer Julio Garcia reported Sheriff's Dept. stats for December, 2015. Mostly our area experienced car break-ins to steal items plainly in sight. Also had a few commercial break-ins, and shoplifting. Be careful when visiting loved ones at Glen Abbey. Lock your car door, even if car is in your direct line of vision. Bonita is still one of the safest places to live. He reminded us, if we see suspicious activity or people, call the non-emergency number at **1-858-565-5200**. Mr. Garcia also reviewed the changes in local command as officers have transitioned to fill positions of those who recently retired. As the Crime Prevention Specialist for our area, Mr. Garcia is available to visit your home and make suggestions to improve your home security. Call the non-emergency no: 1-858-565-5200 to make an appointment.

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### ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

Supervisor Cox' Office: Michael De La Rosa informed the SVCA that the criteria was met to install the in-pavement lights on the new crosswalk at Central and Bonnie Brae. Next step is to find the funding. It will happen. He also told us about a new County app that provides live updates on emergency situations. He urged us all to get it set up on our phones.

This is how:

Go to app store and do search: San Diego County Emergency

Get to: **SD Emergency, County of San Diego**

Press: Get, then install (must know your Apple ID password)

Select your settings for preferred language and other options like notifications.

It is pretty cool. It will link to Twitter for disaster preparedness updates.

Next discussion was the status of road tax formulas and how to keep roads repaired. Michael reported the funding streams continue to decrease, and we need a new formula.

Mr. De La Rosa also mentioned some sketchy news about two attempted kidnappings or attacks on trails near East H Street during December. He urged everyone to be careful when out alone at night. *(Since this meeting, I believe a young man turned himself in to the Chula Vista Police).*

Jim Woodford asked if a County permit was needed in order to post signs on the chain link fence at the bottom of Briarwood at Sweetwater Rd. He asked because if the Kiwanis post a sign, someone removes it. However, there are other signs that stay up for a long time. There is no permit process. County doesn't want signs there, but will not make a special trip out to remove them unless someone complains.

### CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Tony Tieber talked about the SVCA website. The County gave our organization funding 10 years ago to build the website. The site is now very old, and the technology used at that time will not link to Facebook. Amanda Schoedel will be attending the February meeting to discuss options we can consider as it regards our desire to link website, Facebook and Twitter. She would like to have an executive session after next month's meeting to further discuss our options. At which point, several meeting attendees (Sharon Clayton, Steve Stonehouse, Tony Tieber, Mike Seiler and Judy Tieber) volunteered to be on the executive committee. Additionally, we need to coordinate with all the Community Groups to keep the information updated and ongoing. Tony urged us to think about this and strategize for how we can get it done this year. Facebook is still the preferred information sharing tool for everyone under the age of 40. Discussion followed with possibly using a high school student who needs community service hours. President Seiler talked about a "boost" feature on Facebook where one person could send out a message to thousands of people. We need someone under the age of 25 to help us. Some calendar updates are needed at this time. Tony urged everyone whose club lists meetings on the website to review listings and make updates as needed. For example the Optimists still meet on Thursday mornings, but have relocated from the Library Community Room to Provence House.

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## COMMUNITY FORUM:

Fire Department: Tom Pocklington reported that everything is going well. Sandbags/dirt are still available at east parking lot. Bring your own shovel. Tom was asked why both a fire truck and an ambulance respond to emergency calls. The answer is that at least one of the fire fighters is also a paramedic. The ambulance is there to transport once the paramedic has the person stabilized. The Fire Department is experiencing about a 20% increase in calls. Two trucks always respond to each fire. One truck will come from Bonita Sunnyside, and another will come from a nearby community such as Chula Vista or National City. The team that arrives first is in charge of situation.

Membership: No new members.

Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse reported there was no January meeting.

Roads: Tony Tieber still needs to address the line-of-sight issue at Evergreen and Cresta Verde/Sweetwater Road. That will be addressed this month. Tony was asked to look into:

- filling cracks from the bridge on Central north to Dawsonia.
- Fix and patch pavement on Sweetwater between Central and Briarwood.
- Restripe and replace center line reflectors on Proctor Valley Road between San Miguel Rd. and San Miguel Ranch Road.
- Repair blacktop at traffic calming structure near Loping Ln. on Corral Canyon.

Mr. De La Rosa told us that the number to call for these services is 619-660-5897.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Jim Woodford sent in his activity reports:

<b>December:</b>		<b>Annual 2015:</b>
Hours on patrol	248	2,927
Number of Patrols	21	249
Number of Miles Driven	1097	12,610
Vacation Checks	73	946
YANA Visits	None	None
Citizen Assists	12	94
Traffic Control	0	0

Jim Woodford reported their patrol car was hit in the back, and it may be a while until they get a "new" car. To serve on the Sr. Vol. Patrol, you must commit to 6 hrs/wk. Shifts run 8 a.m.-2 p.m. or 8-1 and 1-6 p.m. if enough volunteers.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Steve Stonehouse moved to adjourn at 8:30. Liz Stonehouse 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Judith A. Tieber, Secretary

Enclosures: Sheriff's Dept Bonita Crime Report December 2015  
CHP Report: Bonita Statistics December 2015