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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Community Room. He then 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: Mike Seiler, Tony Tieber, Stephen Stonehouse, Carol Freno, Jim Woodford, Tom Pocklington, Sharon Coleman, and Judy Tieber

Members present: Bill Coleman, Valerie and Robert Kay

Guests present: Officer Pete Thepkulchon, CHP; Michael De La Rosa

MINUTES: Motion by Michael Seiler to approve March and April minutes, 2nd by Sharon Coleman. The minutes for both March and April 2016 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted as written.

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 841.23
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,451.84
Ending Balance:	\$4,293.07

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

CHP: Officer Pete Thepkulchon told us the CHP Information Systems Dept is still working to collect/report collision numbers, and he hopes to be in a position to report this statistic at some future meeting. He continued to work the problem areas for speeding/running stop signs/failure to obey signs at the usual places with the addition of Tim Street. Speeding enforcement on Winnetka is working. His efforts are now also including evenings because there is now a problem with speeding up the hill. The entire report for April 2016 will be posted on the SVCA website along with the minutes.

Sheriff's Dept: Mr. Garcia was not able to attend meeting.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

Office of Supervisor Cox: Michael De La Rosa acknowledged the Community concern about the growing issue of homeless people living in our open space areas. Mr. De La Rosa asked if it would be better to have a separate meeting with the Supervisor to address this issue. It might make the State of Bonita too long. He feels we need to get a public forum of local law enforcement officials together to address resident concerns. Perhaps devote the July 6th SVCA meeting to this topic. We would have to get the word out to the community, but may be a more effective way to address the issue. Judy Tieber was asked to contact other community groups to see if they are interested in attending/supporting such a meeting. Michael De La Rosa also reported that work is continuing on the trail bridge between Willow and the Western Staging area to make it strong enough to accommodate horses. When asked about the status of the County land lease along Sweetwater Rd and Bonita Rd (currently the Pinery Christmas Tree

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Farm), Michael De La Rosa told us the land is still being leased to a “seasonal operator” and, therefore, not available for other uses such as previous suggestions to set up a community garden. Carol Freno then brought up the problem of homeless continuing to infiltrate our County open space.

Congresswoman Susan Davis’ Office: Jessica Mier unable to attend.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Tony Tieber reported on status of his developing/writing the Community Reinvestment Grant Application for a new web site. He is still working on a detailed cost estimate and plan to bring up the new web site. He plans to bring up the new site on a separate server so we can review it, test it, make changes, do training, etc. without disturbing the current website operation. Within six months, “Go Daddy” will no longer be supporting our current platform. Go Daddy also supplies our current server space. Tony Tieber needs to find out how that will work with a new system. He expects the monthly cost to go from \$150 to \$100. Ball park estimate for this project is \$7,500.

Michael Seiler introduced a new version of our membership form. Judy Tieber moved to approve it for use. Sharon Coleman 2nd the motion. Approved by voice vote.

President Seiler also displayed the new Association/website banner. Everyone liked it. Steve Stonehouse will be the custodian.

Sharon Coleman then addressed our interest in providing promotional items to new members. The company that she and Bill use for their business is running a special for engraved pens at \$1.29 including free set up and free shipping. There are less costly ones, but you get what you pay for. After discussion, it was moved by Tom Pocklington, 2nd by Sharon Coleman, to move forward with a purchase of 100 pens at a cost of \$1.00 each to hand out to new members.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Fire Department: No formal report. Tom Pocklington reviewed the April 19th fire in Bonita View neighborhood. Home was a total loss, but no lives lost thanks to a neighbor’s involvement. He also talked about how 911 emergency calls are routed. Depending on the caller’s location, the call is automatically directed to another, appropriate agency. More than likely, we should plan to change out the flag in September.

Roads: Tony Tieber reported he has not yet heard back from Murali Pasumarthi regarding the vision obstruction on Sweetwater Road between Evergreen and Cresta Verde. He will follow up. In a recent discussion with Sweetwater Authority workers changing out pipe on Steeplechase Road, Tony was informed that the work was being done now because the County plans to resurface this road and others within the neighborhood. This was news to him.

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Sweetwater Community Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse reported there was no Planning Group meeting in May. However, at the June meeting, representatives from the City of Chula Vista will present possible golf course plans and ask for community input.

Membership: Sharon Coleman is the new Membership Chair.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Jim Woodford sent in his activity report and told us everyone in the Dept. went to a security briefing in which privacy issues were discussed. They have one more gentleman going through the academy. They now have 23 patrol officers. Jim reminded us that anyone over the age of 50 is eligible to sign up and attend academy.

April 2016 Activities:

Hours on patrol	300	Number of Patrols	26
Number of Miles Driven	1,285	Vacation Checks	73
YANA Visits	None	Citizen Assists	4
Traffic Control	0		

SVCA members Robert and Valerie Kay would like to advocate for a dirt bike lot to be used as a recreational “Challenge” park/course. It would be an “Open Park” similar to how our County trails are set up. This would address any concerns about liability issues. President Seiler asked if Robert and Valerie would like to attend our next meeting, June 1, 2016, and give us a presentation about this. They agreed and also told us that other trail bike riders from the area would attend with them.

There was one last reminder: The Bonita-Sunnyside Pancake breakfast will be held at the fire station on Sunday, May 22.

The Flag will fly at half staff on May 15, and until noon on Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tony Tieber moved and Tom Pocklington 2nd to adjourn. Approved, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Judith A. Tieber, Secretary

Enclosures: CHP Activity Report April 2016