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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING April 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President **Judy Tieber** called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Library Community room. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy asked for a moment of silence to honor the people of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety Professionals; and an appreciation of those currently serving to protect us, including Health Care workers and Teaching Professionals.

Directors Present: Sharmane Estolano, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Stephen Stonehouse, Mike Clowers, Sharon Coleman.

Members Present: Bill Coleman, Mark Kukuchek, Jim Woodford, and Mike Parnell.

Guests Present: Amanda Angulo of Mayor John McCann's office, Mike Sims Chief of the Bonita/Sunnyside Fire Department, Julio Garcia Crime Prevention Specialist SD County Sheriff's Dept. The other guest present was Julio Garin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Judy asked for a motion to approve minutes. Mike Clowers moved to approve; Sharon Coleman provided the second. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen Stonehouse reported the April 2023 Treasurer's Report.

	<u>April 2023</u>
Checking	\$ 1,533.76
Grant Received	\$ 1,165.21
Ending Balance	\$ 2,698.97

Previous Balance was \$2,676.36.

There was a charge to KIG of \$180.00 for Web Service; and \$75 to KIWANIAS for sign fee.
Membership Dues Received--\$316.86.
CD Transfer was \$1,390.69.

The report was accepted as written.

Fire Safety: Bonita Fire Chief Mike Sims: Chief Sims reported that a new EPA approved cleaner burning natural gas-powered emergency generator is currently being installed. This unit was partially funded using grant money. The old generator was donated to the Tijuana Fire Bomberos. In response to a question from Sharmane, Chief Sims said the grant was for one-third of the \$139,000 cost of the generator.

Captain Jason Oosterbaan was honored by the Chula Vista Rotary Club with the "Above and Beyond" award.

Firefighter Halley Rivera successfully completed her probationary time and received her badge on March 14, 2023, with her mother, sister, and her husband, who is a Chula Vista firefighter, in attendance.

Heartland's 35th Fire Academy will be graduating twenty-four recruits on April 22nd.

The 20th annual County Wildland Drill will be taking place on May 1,2, and 3. The Barona Indian Reservation is hosting this year. Tony volunteered to be a guest on the first day May 1st of the drill.

Law Enforcement Reports:

Sheriff Dept. Crime Prevention Specialist, Julio Garcia: Crime Prevention Specialist Julio reported that some cars sit on the street for extended periods. Often they belong to the military people who are on deployment. Often, these cars are broken into. Other cars that are just parked overnight, for example, are unlocked and thus make it easy for thieves to enter the car or truck.

It was unusual, but Julio Garcia reported that there had been vandalism in Bonita.

The Crime Specialist talked about scams and asked people to be alert. As an example, he talked about a scam where a caller will try to convince a relative that an accident has occurred and their son, daughter, nephew, etc. needs financial assistance and they need it immediately. This is a ruse, and the scammer will ask for a credit card number. Tony and Julio discussed the types of scams including emails and text messages, and phone calls, as Tony has received all three kinds of solicitations.

Julio Garcia reported that the Sheriff and CHP coordinate their traffic enforcement in the Bonita area. In March, the sheriff wrote twelve speeding tickets and 12 tickets for the running of stop signs. Many of these tickets were on Corral Canyon Road. Julio said that the Sheriff statistics show that most tickets issued are to people who live within three miles of where the ticket was issued. Mike Parnell said that he saw both the Sheriff and CHP were issuing tickets on San Miguel Road.

CHP Public Information Officer, Jesse Matias. Not in attendance.

Elected Representative Reports:

Andrew Harvey, Supervisor Nora Vargas Representative: Andrew Harvey was not in attendance.

Council Member John McCann's Office representative Amanda Angulo. Amanda reported about a new affordable housing project and its grand opening. The project was built specifically for the homeless and there were 4000 applicants for the 80 units.

The City of Chula Vista is meeting with the General Counsel of Mexico to strengthen bi-national ties.

Mayor John McCann continues to have his First Friday breakfasts.

Amanda reported that there is a new housing project planned for the old Chula Vista Golf Course.

Amanda reported that April 22nd is the day of the child, and a celebration will be held at Memorial Park. This will be a Chula Vista Community Collaborative.

April is the month when the nation emphasizes "Drug Bring Back Day".

Stephen asked Amanda who to contact at Rohr Park so that the Sweetwater Community Planning Group can schedule a speaker from the park.

Sharmane also noted that Mayor John McCann has asked her to be on the Committee for the preservation and revitalization of Rohr Park.

U. S. House of Representatives (52nd District) Juan Vargas Office Representative Michael Rivas. Michael Rivas was not in attendance.

California State Assembly Representative David Alvarez: David Alvarez represents California's district 80. His representative, Lisa Schmidt was not in attendance.

State Senator (18th District) Stephen Padilla office representative Thomas Lawton. Thomas Lawton was not in attendance.

U. S. Senator Alex Padilla Office Representative Angel Marquez. Angel Marquez was not in attendance.

New Business. Sharmane Estolano tabled the discussion about increasing vehicle violation fees.

Community Forum: Traffic and Roads Mile Clowers: Mike reported that he has observed CHP motorcycle traffic officers in the Bonita area who are getting familiar with the neighborhoods. On the day that Mike interacted with the officers, they told him that they had issued 60 citations just that day. Mike was hoping that this enforcement would continue on a regular basis.

Mike Clowers reported that he goes to the Traffic Safety meeting once a month. The next meeting is on April 28, 2003.

Mike indicated that there are stripping issues and potholes along Sweetwater Road, and that he will address these issues with the county.

Stephen Stonehouse remarked that he also saw the motorcycle traffic enforcement officers and one additional CHP car. Mike Parnell indicated he also saw the enforcement officers.

Sweetwater Community Planning Group Stephen Stonehouse: Stephen noted That the Sweetwater Community Planning Group had a presentation from the County regarding Affordable Housing Plans. The County needs to comply with State of California laws and the County is working to do that.

Senior Volunteer Patrol Jim Woodford: Jim reported that they only have ten members and only six of those are available to patrol. Thus, patrolling is limited. In addition, one member staffs the Safety Center. And the Senior Patrol makes one YANA call.

An attendee reported that a traffic enforcement officer was monitoring the stop signs on San Miguel Road and Proctor Valley Road.

It was also reported that the Senior Patrol worked for 4 hours to help direct traffic when a car hit a house on Corral Canyon Road.

Mike Parnell, President of the Bonita Highlands Homeowners Association, said he will put a request for new Senior Patrol members in their May Newsletter with a goal of recruiting new Senior Patrol members.

Membership Sharon Coleman: Sharon reported on the current membership level and provided the following membership report.

Individual 14

Family 17

Gold 21

Silver/Family 1

Org/Profit 4

Org/Non-Profit 5

Sharon noted that is time for membership renewals and that she will be sending out notices. She also reported that she had sent emails to nonmembers who were at the SVCA Traffic meeting asking if they would like to become members.

Trails Report Mark Kukuchek: Mark reported that the trails were muddy but that some work was done on the trails.

Sharmane commented about the Snow melt in the mountains and wondered if any of that would affect the trails.

Sharon Coleman was concerned about the trail by her house and wanted to notify the County. Mark gave her the number of the "Trail Boss" which was 858-740-9493.

Other Announcements: There were no other comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony P. Tieber, Secretary, SVCA

Mission Statement: The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association is the direct conduit to local County elected and appointed officials, law enforcement and emergency first responders to discuss and resolve issues related directly to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley communities.