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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
May 7, 2025

**Directors Present:** President Judy Tieber, Treasurer Stephen Stonehouse, Mike Clowers, Richard Scott

**Directors Absent:** Sharon Coleman, Theresa Capanis, Guillermo Torres, Carri Fernandez, Sharmane Estolano

**Members Present:** Tony Tieber, Felix Felix, Mike Parnell, Daryl Hern, Liz Stonehouse, Jim Woodford.

**Guest Present:** Fire Chief Michael Sims, Amanda Angulo from Mayor John McCann's office, Genevieve Fong from Representative Juan Vargas' office, Steven and Dennise Elliott (new Members), Lisa Schmidt from David Alvarez's office.

**1 CALL TO ORDER:** 06:34 PM by President Judy Tieber at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Community Room.

**2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** following the pledge of allegiance, there was a moment of silence to honor the people of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and especially our Fire and Safety professionals and express appreciation for those who are currently serving to protect us.

**3 SIGN IN:** Everyone was encouraged to sign in, so we have a record of who is attending. Judy introduced the officers and acknowledged that Liz Stonehouse, acting Secretary, would be taking minutes. Steven and Dennise Elliott introduced themselves. They are old Chula Vista residents; he worked for Naval Special Warfare.

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The draft April 2, 2025, meeting minutes were circulated via email prior to the meeting. Move to accept by Steve Stonehouse, seconded by Mike Clowers, minutes approved.

**5 TREASURER'S REPORT:** Stephen Stonehouse provided the April Treasurer's report.

\$5481.03	Checking Account Previous Balance, expenses this past month included:
\$51.60	Check 849 to Judy Tieber for expenses
\$19.98	Check 848 to Tony Tieber for web fees
\$180.00	Check 851 to KIG-March website
	Paypal paid to Mail Chimp \$45.00
\$48.16	Check 853 to Stephen Stonehouse for Web fees
\$215.88	Check 850 to Stephen Stonehouse for Web fees
<u>\$75.00</u>	Check 854 to Kiwanis Sign Fee
\$5,061.29	Total Ending Balance

**6 FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL SIMS:**

The Pancake breakfast was a huge success. 544 guests were served.

Ambulance performance-100% with 98 responses.

There were several training topics scheduled, among them County Wildland Drill

Chief Sims will be bringing a Captain to future SVCA meetings to give the BFD report so he can evaluate their communication and public interaction skills.

**7 ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:**

**Amanda Angulo from Mayor John McCann's office** told us that Mayor McCann will open the Gaylord Resort on May 15<sup>th</sup>. On May 27<sup>th</sup> there will be The State of the City address at the Public Plaza at the Gaylord Resort.

Mayor McCann has been working closely with the Chula Vista Clergy Alliance, a group of pastors in South County, to host the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Memorial Park. If you are interested in attending, the event will begin at 10am.

**Genevieve Fong from Representative Juan Vargas' office** did not attend.

**Lisa Schmidt from David Alveraz's office** gave this report: Gas prices are down because gas now has 15% ethanol in it,

**8 JOSE ORTIZ, SHERIFFS OFFICE:** The new Lieutenant's name is Christophen Galve. Officer Ortiz gave us a map which showed: 1 breaking and entering: 2 destruction of or damage to property: 5 larceny or theft offences, 1 stolen vehicle and 2 stolen property. If you have a repetitive issue, you can call the I.B. station and ask to have deputies patrol at certain times.

**10 NEW BUSINESS:** Liz made a motion to let Ernesto Castaneda, formerly of Nora Vargas' staff and soon to be from David Alveraz, stay on, Judy seconded. The motion passed. Sharon was excused. Judy made the motion to accept what the Nominating Committee had presented, Liz seconded. Judy stated that Liz would act as Secretary until August. She was on the ballot for that position.

**11 CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**12 COMMUNITY FORUM:**

**A) Sweetwater Authority**

**B) Traffic and roads- Mike Clowers**

The California Highway Patrol has a new liaison, SGT. Donnie Rhodes-DRhodes@chp.ca.gov

**C) Sweetwater community planning group- Felix Felix**

The Sweetwater Community Planning Group met on May 6th. Two standing ad hoc committees were formed. The first called the San Miguel Watershed ad hoc will investigate the problems caused by the watershed and advocate for improvements, Judy Tieber will chair. The second, named Rural Residential Zoning Ordinances for Community Planning Groups, has no chair. Liz stated that she wanted to do the research only. What this ad hoc wants to accomplish is discover what the zoning laws are like in other California Counties.

**D) Membership- Sharon Coleman** Sharon was excused.

**E) Volunteer patrol** Jim said that they were setting up the speed trailer in the areas between Sweetwater Road and Central Ave. Also, on Bonita Mesa Road. They were doing traffic patrols on Central Ave for Sunnyside School children.

**MARCH 2025 VOLUNTEER SHERIFF PATROL ACTIVITIES**

APRIL 2024 SHERIFF SR. VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Hours on patrol 78

Number of Patrols 7

Number of Miles Driven 310

Vacation Checks 0

Citizen Assists 2

Traffic Control 4

Number of Volunteers 5

**13 OTHER ANOUNCEMENTS:** Michael De La Rosa, one of Supervisor Greg Cox's community liaison's and beloved of the community has opened a restaurant (Roberto's) on Shelter Island. He'd love to see all of us.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Liz Stonehouse, Acting Secretary

**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.

