

Sycamore Sage Sept. 2010



President's Message

What an amazingly pleasant summer we have had. While the weather has been great, the health of our board members has been tested. Bob Crafts had 2 cardiac stents put in place; DeAnne Erickson had hip surgery after an equestrian accident; Ann Tibbs continues her recovery from a broken foot; Gary Tibbs continues his battle with cancer. We also extend get well wishes to Mike Klein. The visitor center had its floor refinished and looks good. Outside, the rangers have done a lot of work with native plants and antique farm equipment. For more information about our local habitats please see http://www.californiachapa <u>rral.org/aboutus/boardofdir</u> <u>ectors.html</u> Carol

Minutes

Friends of Goodan Ranch and Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserves

Minutes: Aug. 2, 2010

In Attendance: Carol Crafts, Phoenix Von Hendy, Terry Callan, Ann Laux Tibbs, Gardner Grady and DeAnne Erickson.

The meeting was called to order by President Carol at 7:12p.m.

The motion passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 3, 2010.

Financial report by Treasurer, DeAnne Erickson: Checking: \$3,533,63, Primary Savings: \$408.87, Money Market Memorial Fund: \$361.52, CD-35 \$6,839.83, CD-36 \$0. Total: \$11,143,85 Pending expenses: Taxidermy of fox. In addition, DeAnne had a partial list of gifts to the reserve since 2005 which totals over \$11,000. She will be sending the

Statement of Information document with the check.

Old Business:

- 1. Sunrise Powerlink The forest service has approved the "southern" route along I-8.
- 2 The web master sends a report weekly.
- 3. We would like to see a CEQUA report for the helicopter pad.
- 4. The Friends of Blue sky have not let us know if we can share costs and have similar signs made for our reserve.
- 5. We have not heard anything more about the taxidermy approved in May.
- 6. Tracking: Phoenix reported rain in July and raccoon tracks on the road.

New Business:

- 1. Maureen reported that the Visitor Center would be closed for the resurfacing of the floor. The Apron display has been removed.

 Gardner will install a bicycle display in August.
- 2. The rangers have been doing a nice job developing native gardens including historic items.

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- 3. Robyn Flynn's position was eliminated. We are sorry to see her go.
- 4. Gardner attended the County Board of Supervisor's meeting.
- 5. It was suggested that a guest book would make a nice addition for our visitor center. Phoenix moved; Ann seconded. All are in favor. Deanne will purchase and Carol will deliver.
- 6. The County Parks system is holding meetings.

Community
Values and a
Vision for Parks
and Recreation
Services. Bob
and Carol Crafts
attended in 4-S;
Gardner in
Lakeside.
Gardner and
Carol plan to
attend the 1st
"Summit" in
August.

- 7. San Diego Union Tribune had a nice article July 11 on Goodan Ranch.
- 8. There were several small

- fires just north of Santee Lakes in July.
- 9. Carol attended the Council Interpreting North County History (CINCH) meeting.
- 10. Gardner and
 Terry expressed
 some concern
 about the
 condition of the
 trails. Should we
 post some type of
 warning? "Black
 Diamond" signs
 or ones saying
 "Okay for bikers
 to walk through
 sections " or
 "Technical Trails
 ahead".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Next Meeting: November 1, 2010 at 7:00pm Coco's on Poway Road

We all celebrate our Country's many blessing by displaying red, white and blue on Flag Day (June 14th), The 4th of July and the Star-Spangled Banner Weekend (Sept. 10 – 12th) but do we know the words or that there are four verses of the National Anthem written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 at the Battle of Fort McHenry (Baltimore, MD)?

O say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

O say does that starspangled banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep, where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, as it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, in full glory reflected now shines in the stream:

'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore, that the havoc of war and the battle's confusion.

A home and a country should leave us no more? Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave, from the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:

And the starspangled banner in triumph doth wave, o'er the land of

the free and the home of the brave!

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand, between their loved home and the war's desolation.

Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land, praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

And the starspangled banner in triumph shall wave, o'er the land of the free and home of the brave!

**There were 15 stars and 15 stripes in 1814.

Hear about some local history; Google Blip.tv.

Search for

- "John Gay" by Barbara Hogue
- "Searching for Stowe" by Carol Crafts
- "Edgemoor" as read by Carol Crafts – credits to Ken Gallo and Santee Historical society

"Santee" by Elaine Murphy

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www.projectwildlife.org

We need to keep following 2 issues: the Water District's San Vicente Pipeline www.sdcwa.org; click on "infrastructure"; then "San Vicente Pipeline" and

SDG&E's Powerlink: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/En vironment/info/aspen/sunri se/sunrise.htm

Events at Goodan Ranch/Sycamore Canyon:

Over ten miles of trails and service roads open to hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use. Preserve visitors are welcome to visit our new visitor center. Live animals and exhibits on Goodan History, Cedar Fire, Kumeyaay and the MSCP are on display. Events, hikes and programs start at various Preserve locations. **Some** require a one mile walk from Goodan Ranch staging to the Visitor Center. Please check descriptions closely. No vehicular traffic is permitted in the Preserve. Transportation for those with disabilities can be

arranged, by calling the ranger at (858)513-4737. Goodan staging area accessed from Poway Rd. east on Garden Rd, then south on Sycamore Canyon Rd. Sycamore Canyon Rd. ends at staging area.

Highway 67 staging area accessed through SOUTHBOUND Highway 67 only, half a mile south of Scripps Poway Parkway. All events are free. For information or to make event reservations call (858)513-4737 or email

<u>Justin.Gibbons@sdcounty.</u> <u>ca.gov.</u>

Saturday, September 18th, 2010 9:00am – 11:00am Introduction to Geocaching

Saturday, September 25th, 2010 9:00am – 11:00am **Hike and A Story.**

Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 9:00am – 11:00am **Edible Plants.**

Bike Saturday, October 30th, 2010 8:00am – 5:00pm Race with Racer and Chasers.

Saturday, November 6th, 2010 5:00pm – 7:00pm Star Hike.

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Sat., November 20th, 10:00am – 11:00am **Bats Alive!!!**

Saturday, November 27th, **2010** 9:30am – 11:30am Scavenger Hunt.

Check

www.goodanranch.org or http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/reusable_comp onents/images/parks/doc/d estinations.pdf for more details.

Beginning Tracking for Wildlife Surveys will be offered on Sat, Oct. 16th from 8 – 4 at the **Peñasquitos** Ranch Adobe. Fee is \$25. Go to www.sdtt.org then click on education and

for more information. ******

then volunteer training

Rendevous in Poway Sept.10th & 11th. Parade in Poway: Sept. 18th.





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