



**Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting**

**September 29, 2016  
Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department**



Quorum was established and Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 4:50p.m.

Committee members present: Chair Tom Sheridan, Vice-Chair Dan Brocious, David Yubeta, Dr. Wade McLean, Patricia Preciado-Martin, Karen Cesare  
Stan Riddle attended via conference call.  
Members absent – Nan Walden, Amanda Castillo

Staff Present: Robert Vaughn, Simon Herbert, Valerie Samoy

Committee recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. McLean made a motion, seconded by David Yubeta, to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

1. Election of new Chair and Vice Chair – Dr. McLean made a motion, seconded by Karen Cesare to elect Chair Sheridan to another 2- year term as Chair. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Sheridan made a motion, seconded by Patricia Martin to elect Dan Brocious to another 2- year term as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Canoa Report by Robert Vaughn – 3700 volunteer hours recorded for 2015-2016 at the ranch which equates to 1.8 FTE, almost 2 full- time employees. These are tour guide and site rehabilitation volunteers. Green Valley Gardeners volunteer year round at the ranch, about 6 hours a week with the herb garden, vegetable garden and will start the new patio garden in Manning Jr./Schnauffer House. Canoa Ranch needs more volunteers and will hold volunteer recruiting sessions in the near future. Discussion took place to have CRCC members help with public presentations given by Robert Vaughn and Simon Herbert to help interpret the site to outside groups i.e. Chamber of Commerce and the importance of having a volunteer coordinator for the ranch volunteers. Robert Vaughn gave an update on the various restoration projects in the Grijalva House, the Foreman's House and adobe walls. Mr. Vaughn spoke on the new Mexican Vaquero Family Exhibit which will be launched at the Oct 22 Anza Day event. Discussion took place on types of donated artifacts. Period appropriate items for the ranch from 1900 – 1967 are desired. The agreement for Pima County to acquire the Proctor Redondo Collection has been finalized. It's an extensive collection which includes a working still. Plan is to display the entire collection at Canoa Ranch. Maintenance work will begin in Manning Sr House. A new Anza tour will be offered at the ranch in the near future.

3. Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation presentation by Ellie Kurtz – Group has equipment to record and gather oral histories; filming Bill Mortimer oral history. Group has acquired silent video of ranch roundups from the 1940's from Leslie Manning. The group has donated many books to the ranch from the 30's and 40's. *Friends* worked with Visit Canoa to produce the plastic handout cards which list all the attractions in the Santa Cruz Valley. The *Friends* group is registered with Amazon.com and portions of sales go towards Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation. Mentioned a fundraiser with the showing of the film *Bottom of the Bottle*. It was stated that the mission of Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation is to collect artifacts and oral histories for Canoa Ranch. Discussion took place encouraging NRPR and *Friends* group to meet in the near future.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Discussion of private/public partnerships and what proposals concerning Canoa Ranch come to the committee i.e. lease of the stable area (Raftery lease)

**Call to Public** - no one addressed the Committee in Call to Public

### **Adjournment**

Wade McLean made a motion, seconded by David Yubeta to adjourn. Duly motioned and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10p.m.