Friends of Anastasia Board Meeting Notes/Minutes

April 15, 2014 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

President: Greg Adams (present)

Vice President: Rita Roberts (present)

Secretary: Sharon Burbelo (present)

Treasurer: Doug Imshaug (present)

Board members present: Rich Gallik, Karl Holland, Triss Holland, Bob Ganley

Board members absent: Dennis Salvati

Member Members/Guests: Diane Glass, Chuck Kranz, Richard Goldman (present)

Anastasia State Park: Brittany Sims

1.Call to Order

2. Mission

Friends Gathering Together to Celebrate, Protect & Enhance the Natural Beauty in Anastasia State Park.

3. Roll Call

3.1 Board Members – Greg Adams, Rita Roberts, Sharon Burbelo Doug Imshaug, Karl Holland, Triss Holland, Bob Ganley, Rich Gallik.

3.2 Guest -- Richard Goldman

Informed us that the over- all budget request to the governor is close. The state actually budgeted for \$15 million. Costs for construction and maintaining buildings are about \$45 million. Over 25 million people visit parks yearly.

State wide "Friends" groups exist in many parks and all should utilize the Partnership Parks programs for shared funds to assist with projects (the CSO assumes 60% and the state will contribute 40%). Provided to us was a handout of previously requested "Matching Fund Programs" by other Florida Friends groups. Ms. Small is the contact person for more info.

The annual "Friends" workshop is 1/16/15-1/18/15 and most likely will be held in Orlando.

The legislation is currently considering SB 1194 and HB 1153. Both would directly affect CSO's and fundraising. We were all encouraged to become more knowledgeable and to stay connected with our legislator.

4. Discussion and/or Approval of 3/18/14 Minutes:

Motion made by Rita, seconded by Sharon to approve minutes. All voted yes to approve.

5. Meeting Agenda

5.1 Anastasia State Park: Brittany Sims

Paul is retiring as of May 1, 2014.

Warren Poplin is the new Park Manager and will be extended an invitation to attend a future Friends Board Meeting.

Playground to be installed on 4/28/14.

Brian at the Island Grille may be offered a Corporate Membership. Rich made a motion in support, Karl 2nd and we voted to approve.

Volunteers are needed for Earth Day (4/26/14) to assist at informational table.

A conversation with Tom Payne regarding the money the park is owed as a result of the dredging was had. He agreed that we would receive it but the check has yet to arrive.

The shed was cleaned by members of "Friends" and looks good.

- <u>5.2 Financial Report</u>: Doug Imshaug sent by email prior to meeting. The bank total is currently is \$20, 210.
- 5.3 Membership Report: Diane Glass gave the membership report and presented a written summary. Total membership: 122 in good standing. Memberships Processed since 3/18/2014 are 11 (5=new, 6=renewal).

5.4 Committee Chair Reports

5.4.1 Fundraising – Open

5.4.1.1. Haunted Hayride: Discussion initiated by Greg that we should reconsider this event because we may not have enough volunteers or skits at this time. Other members also voiced their concerns and it was brought to attention that we might want to wait until next year to have this event. Brittany encouraged us to continue to plan for and work towards having the event in October as

planned because alot of work has been done and it has been advertised to the public. The other members also discussed and reflected on what is currently in place for the event. It was agreed that we would all consider this in detail and table a vote to hold or cancel the Haunted Hayride until the next meeting. Meanwhile we will continue to move forward with plans for the event.

Brittany also informed us that the TRAM is ADA compliant.

5.4.2 Endless Summer Run- Open

Doug reported that we now have 67 registrations (25% closed on the run and 7% closed on the walk).

Contributions from sponsors are coming in and he reiterated the process for obtaining additional sponsors.

Doug suggested that we have someone "in charge" of volunteers for the race and that schools should be contacted before the summer break if we are going to ask them to help. He also reported that we need to consider options regarding medals and he will present this at our next meeting. Doug also asked that we consider obtaining a LOUD speaker for the event that could also be used at other activities.

5.8.3 Roadside Clean-Up (Rita):

Next one will be JUNE 14, 2014 at 7:30 am.

5.8.4 Recycling/GoGreen (Greg):

Still collecting cans. The trailer needs some work and Greg will see to that.

6. Other:

<u>Popcorn machine</u>: Discussion followed and it was decided by the group not to purchase at this time. Triss made the motion and Bob seconded it.

Members of Friends recently spoke with Carey (she runs the Farmers Market at the Amphitheater). She welcomed the group back to the Market recognizing that it is a way to promote our purpose and activities. We will be able to have a booth once a month (starting 4/19/2014) in space 13 which is on the north side in the front. Karl and Rich will represent us this month and Brittany will provide the set ups.

The next Hot Dogs and Jam will be held on July 5th from 6pm-9pm.

Greg will have Friends name tags made for Triss and Karl Holland.

A discussion was had by all to continue to explore ways to update our Website.

Led by Greg, a discussion was had about various ways to encourage members of Friends to become involved with activities. Our plan is to invite members to a future event.

We were reminded that Brian's Island Grille logo needs to be included on our website.

6. Announcements -

The Next meeting to discuss October Haunted Hay Ride will be held @ 6pm on May 20th and all are invited to attend.

- 7. Next meeting 5/20/14 @ 7:00 PM
- 8. Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Doug.