

Friends of Anastasia Board Meeting Notes/Minutes

August 18, 2015 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: Karl Holland, Triss Holland, Rich Gallik, Louise Gallik and Katrina Leonard (present)

Member/Guests: Timothy Coons (present)

Anastasia State Park: Brittany McDermott (present), Warren Poplin (present) Rene Acuna (present)

Note: Tonight's meeting was held at the sea turtle pavilion next to Island Beach Grill so that we could see the newly installed shade cover over the beach playground.

1. Call to Order

2. Mission Statement

To generate supplemental resources which will provide increased recreational opportunities and further enhance protection of the natural and cultural resources of Anastasia State Park.

3. Roll Call

3.1 Board Members

Greg Adams, Rita Roberts, Sharon Burbelo, Doug Imshaug, Rich Gallik, Louise Gallik, Karl Holland, Triss Holland and Katrina Leonard

4. Discussion and/or Approval of 7/21/15 Minutes

DISCUSSION NOTE: Greg reports that a vote by the Board occurred on 16 March 2010 regarding the earlier Mission Statement. At the 7/21/15 Board Meeting Greg reported that prior to January of 2010, the Mission Statement did not exist and that no evidence could be found that a vote was ever taken regarding the current Mission Statement.

With the above discussed, an approval of the amended minutes was made with a motion by Triss and seconded by Karl. All voted yes to approve.

5. Meeting Agenda

5.1 CSO President Report

Thanked the Board Members for their help and support.

5.2 Manager's Report: Warren Poplin

The shade cover on the day-use playground has been completed. The CSO should be proud for getting that accomplished. The other playgrounds in the campground have been installed. They have the rubbery, pour-in-place material for the ground of the playground, which is more accessible. They are still finishing up some of the ADA parking and cement work.

Again both Anastasia State Park's and Fort Mose Historic State Park's Unit Management Plans are being reviewed. There is a public meeting at the St. Augustine Amphitheater on Wednesday, August 26th at 7 p.m. Anastasia State Park's Land Management Review will also be occurring shortly. Professionals will be reviewing the status of the park's efforts to maintain its natural and cultural resources and will in turn, make recommendations to the state.

5.3. Anastasia State Park: Brittany McDermott

Reported that with the name change, the Friends brochures and flyers have been updated accordingly.

It has been suggested that the Annual Meeting (October 24, 2015) be held at the Windsurf pavilion with Island Beach Grill providing a buffet style meal. The Board was in agreement and this plan will move forward.

5.4 Financial Report: Doug Imshaug

The report was sent by email prior to the meeting. Total as of end of July is \$26,120.

The budget for 2016 will need to be discussed at the next meeting in preparation for the annual meeting in October.

5.5 Membership Report: Dennis Salvati/Diane Glass

Dennis provided us with monthly report for July in a written summary and the details were reviewed at tonight's meeting. Total membership: 169 in good standing. Memberships processed since 7/21/2015: 5 (new = 2, renewal= 3). Net yearly change (8/21/2014 (146) to 8/18/2015 (169) = PLUS 23.

5.6 Committee Chair Reports

5.6.1 By-Laws and Finance

By Laws have been completed. Financial policies still need to be developed.

5.6.2 Fundraising

5.6.2.1 Endless Summer Run

A meeting was held to discuss details of the race at 6 p.m. tonight. Orders were taken for safety shirts that Board members can wear to be easily identified. These shirts will be generic, so they can be used for other events.

5.6.2.2 Develop "Case for Support"

Greg would like the Board members that assisted with the By Laws to be members of this committee. Warren will assist in developing the goals.

5.6.3 Beach Clean-Up: Rita Roberts

A "Trail Clean-up" will be held on September 26th at 8:30 a.m. The application has been completed for the "Adopt a Beach" program. A discussion was had regarding the need to replace the road sign currently on A1A.

5.6.4 Recycling/Go Green: Karl Holland

Karl reports that he will get together with Warren to deliver the collection of recycling.

5.6.5 Website:

Brittany reported that the new website was ready to be launched. A vote was taken by the Board to launch the website with a motion to accept by Karl and seconded by Rich. All voted yes to approve. Katrina Leonard has agreed to take over the role of editor of the site and will get some online training from Natalie. A Thank You to Natalie was written and signed.

6. Old Business:

6.1 Friends of Florida State Parks Membership

We did join Friends of Florida State Park and Greg will be sure to share that information with the rest of the board.

6.2 Music in the Park

This month's Music in the Park was a huge success, bringing in about 60 people. We attribute this large turnout to the radio promotion from Beach 105.5 and will be continuing with that relationship. The promotion for next month's Music in the Park has already been recorded. The next Music in the Park is scheduled for September 12th at 6 p.m.

7. New Business:

7.1 Brittany McDermott Resignation

The Park Services Specialist, Brittany McDermott, announced her resignation with the park to pursue another career opportunity. Her last day will be August 31, 2015. All communication that regularly went to her will go to Warren instead until they fill the position.

7.1 Annual Meeting

Reminder that the 15th Anniversary Annual Meeting is to be held on October 24, 2015 at 3 p.m. It was suggested that a speaker from the Lighthouse be asked to make a presentation.

7.3 Leave No Trace

Greg is currently investigating the Leave No Trace organization and will report back.

7.5 Board Members Contact

An updated list of contact information is being compiled.

7.6 Publicity

Time Magazine announced that Anastasia State Park ranked #2 as the prettiest beach campsite.

7.7 Blue Tubes

Blue Tubes are now on the beach. They contain plastic bags that can be used to pick up trash, etc. For the cost of \$125 the organization's name can be on the side of the tube. A motion was made by Triss and seconded by Rita to pay this fee and the Board all voted Yes to approve.

7.8 Unit Management Plan

A further discussion was had on the Unit Management Plan and some of the proposed changes were discussed. They are as follows: Develop a new campground loop with 30 sites on a previously disturbed area of the park, add an additional boardwalk and two beach access points to provide better beach access, build a new non-motorized boat rental concession facility to enhance boating opportunities at the Salt Run day-use area, construct a large pavilion to provide more picnicking opportunities, and continue to add/improve interpretive exhibits/signage throughout the park.

8. Next Meeting

September 15, 2015 at 7 p.m.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Motion made by Triss and seconded by Greg.