

**Friends of Anastasia State Park Annual
General Meeting of the Membership Notes/Minutes
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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

Board members Absent: Katrina Leonard

Anastasia State Park: Warren Poplin (present)

LOCATION: Anastasia State Park – WINDSURFING PAVILION (Covered pavilion near Anastasia Watersports on Salt Run)

A total of 24 people attended the meeting

1. 1.Call to Order (Rich Gallik ran the meeting for Greg Adams)

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: Board Members – Greg Adams, Rita Roberts, Sharon Burbelo
Doug Imshaug, Karl Holland, Triss Holland, Rich Gallik, and Louise Gallik**

4. Discussion and approval of 22 September 2015 Meeting notes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Karl and seconded by Triss with all others voting yes.

5. CSO President report (Note: Items Greg Adams asked to mention)

Board members were thanked for their hours and contributions

5.1 Utilization of Facebook page encouraged

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5.2 Bylaws updated and standardized with Friends of Florida State Parks documents. Our 8/27/15 MailChimp notice stated that the NEW BYLAWS were available for viewing by sending a request to friendsoffantasia@yahoo.com

Approval of the By Laws with a motion made by Rita and seconded by Karl with all present voting yes

5.2 We have joined “Friends of Florida State Parks”

5.3 New website design –Katrina Leonard is now managing the website (No report provided as she did not attend the meeting). All are encouraged to view the Website to review posted documents, membership information and CSO events.

5.4 5.5 ESR continues to grow

5.5.1 Sold out by end of July (450 folks) Doug reported that \$6,282 was the net gain. Next year 50 more spaces will be available for the 5K and a new option (0.0 K) will be given to those wishing to purchase the shirt and bag but not run in the event.

5.6 The playground was covered for sun protection

5.7 Motorcycle run was a great success and received well by the community. The next one is 3/6/2016 and details will follow.

5.8 Liability Insurance policy was started to protect the group

5.9 Rita Roberts reported that Adopt a Beach was started and beach cleanups were conducted (Currently considering holding the events during the week). In addition, we participated in Earth Day activities.

5.10 Original FOA artwork was located and is being used – and are included in the gift bags that Louise provided to those attending the meeting

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5.11 Purchased four golf carts for park use with a cost of \$2,500 each.

5.12 Music in the Park continues with thanks to Kayla, Chuck, Bob and Warren. The next is scheduled for 11/14/2015 from 6pm to 9pm.

6. Park Managers Report – Warren Poplin

Thanked the CSO for helping the park meet Goals and Objectives that have been identified. Reminded us that his door is always open and we will again meet to design future plans to include a Kiosk to educate those who visit the park.

Reported that Alex's spot has been filled by Kristen Zimmerman from the District 3 Office and made introduction. She will help with the new hire Renee Market (replacing Brittany) who starts on November 1st.

No vehicles were purchased this year and those no longer being used will be taken off of the books

He attended the annual State Park conference in West Virginia as well as one in South Carolina and found that they share many of the challenges that Florida State Parks have.

Next year's Southeastern state park directors meeting will be held in St Augustine and the CSO will assist in showing off this wonderful state park!

He reviewed the Florida State Park Economic Impact assessment providing some interesting statistics. State wide there was an increase of 14.5% in attendance, \$2.8 Billion in direct economic impact was seen with \$ 184 million in

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increased sales tax revenue and 45,049 jobs were supported as a result of state park operations.

- 7. Financial Report – Doug Imshaug. He provided a brief report explaining that we have an ending balance of \$18,000.00. The ESR resulted in a net profit of \$6,282.00. The budget for 2016 was approved at the last CSO meeting and is similar to 2015.**

- 8. Membership Report – Dennis Salvati/Diane Glass. Dennis reported that this is a nine month report as the last Annual meeting was held on January 25, 2015. There are currently 172 memberships in good standing (with a 9 month net decrease of 5 and a net increase of 28 since January of 2014). The Membership Breakdown is as follows:

159 Individual/Family (including 9 Gift Memberships)
11 Lifetime
2 Corporate (1 pending renewal)**

- 9. The Cape Leisure Report – Brian Outtrim and staff reported they contracted to provide services for the next 10 years.**

- 10. Recycling/Go Green – Karl Holland is now overseeing and reported that \$385 has been made this year through recycling**

- 11. Old Business –
15.1 Develop Goals – we will resume working with Warren Poplin**

- 12. New Business**

Doc Wilson attended the meeting and spoke about the opening of the Sea Turtle Hospital in Marineland. He also reported that the Green Turtle is thriving and over 3,000 hatchlings of all species occurred this year at the park.

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13. Announcements

14. Next monthly meeting NOVEMBER 17, 2015 @ 7PM -
Anastasia State Park Administrative Building.

15. SPECIAL GUEST Speaker – CHUCK MEIDE – LAMP
Director

St Augustine Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program (LAMP) – founded in 1999 – LAMP archaeologists manage an active research program surveying inland and offshore waters to discover new shipwrecks and other archaeological sites. He provided us with an interesting account of the many shipwrecks discovered in the waters of St Augustine reporting that it was “ the epicenter of shipwrecks”

16. Adjourn –Motion made by Doug and seconded by Rich with a Friends party/Social to follow.

Our thanks to our Friends Corporate Sponsor – Cape Leisure Corp - Brian Outtrim and his staff who have donated the food and gift items for our Annual Meeting plus we had an opportunity to try some of the water sports items they rent. The Park and Louise donated some goodies for the gift bag that folks received to help us celebrate. Thanks to Rita and Triss for the goodies they brought. Thanks to all members for your help and support to keep the Friends Group active.