

Friends of Anastasia Annual Meeting Notes/Minutes

January 28, 2017 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

President: Greg Adams - present

Vice President: Rick Gallik – present

Secretary: temporarily shared by Louise Gallik and Rita Roberts – both present

Treasurer: Doug Imshaug - present

Board Member: Louise Gallik, Rita Roberts, Katrina Denny all present - Cecile Nusbaum, Mary Connell and Tim Coons all absent

Call to Order – Greg Adams

Today's meeting is the Annual Meeting for 2016 which was rescheduled because of the damage to Anastasia State Park from Hurricane Matthew which hit Florida in October 2016.

Mission Statement

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

Introduce CSO Board and Park personnel – Friends Greg Adams, Rich Gallik, Doug Imshaug, Rita Roberts, Louise Gallik, Katrina Denny - **Park** Renee Market and Rene Acuna.

Greg thanked all those who came to the meeting. He mentioned how appreciative we are to Brian Outtrim and the Island Grill staff for providing the food for our meeting.

Presentation – Introduced Guest Speaker from Marineland Dolphin Adventure – Terran McGinnis (Manager of Education and Community Development).

Ms. McGinnis gave us a brief history of Marineland starting with its beginning in 1937 as a Marine Studio and talked about their current operation and educational programs. She mentioned in 2004 they closed and built the new facility. They are currently owned by Georgia Aquarium Inc. a 501 (C.3) non-profit.

Lunch

Call to order at 1:45pm

Greg again thanked and recognized all the board members, committee chairs and members who have worked very hard in our support of Anastasia State Park. Friends of Anastasia is the recognized primary organization providing support to Anastasia State Park.

As required in our Bylaws - Article VI Meetings – section 6.2 Annual Meetings

- a. Elections of the Board of Directors and Officers was held. OFFICERS - Greg Adams President, Rich Gallik VP, Mary Connell Secretary (new addition), Doug Imshaug Treasurer. Board Members – Rita Roberts, Louise Gallik, Katrina Denny, Cecile Nusbaum and Tim Coons (a total of 9).
- b. Our Treasurer Doug Imshaug and President Greg Adams presented the most recent year's activities and financial report.
- c. Doug also presented the 2017 Budget (which is available on our website).

A motion was made by Rich Gallik and seconded by Louise Gallik and approved as presented and accepted by all.

Anastasia State Park Reports: Rene Acuna and Renee Market

Rene Acuna and Renee Market both thanked the Friends Group for their support of the park. They presented a brief overview of the damage caused by Hurricane Matthews and its effect on our park. They thanked the CSO for purchasing two carts last year to replace some damaged by Matthew.

Rene mentioned the upgraded electrical system that is being added to the Sand Dollar Camping Loop to accommodate RVs requiring larger 50 amp service. Project should be completed by April or May. Picnic tables and fire rings need to be reset. He mentioned the Admission Gate Pad that was damaged beyond use on 1/1/17 is being replaced. The park will hire a firm to remove the heavy debris at the north end of the park beach caused by hurricane Matthew.

Renee talked about our Camp Hosts and the work they and the CSO do which allows the rangers to provide services that are required. She said the Motorcycle Run will be postponed until 2018.

Committee Chair Reports:

Endless Summer Run: Doug Imshaug – 66 runners have signed up for this year's race. Jim W. has confirmed several big sponsors already.

Cleanup: Rita Roberts – 21 people participated in the First Day Hike/Beach Cleanup on Jan 1, 2017. We are planning a work day In February.

Recycling/Go Green

Rangers are handling the recycling at this time.

Website

Cecile Nusbaum has been updating and managing our Website.

Next General Meeting:

Next meeting – February 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Next annual Meeting:

Will be in October 2017 – date TBD.

Meeting Adjourned:

2:00 pm – Louise made a motion to adjourn meeting and was seconded by Rita and approved by all.