

FRIENDS OF ANASTASIA ANNUAL MEETING – April 11, 2019

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Rita Roberts – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny –Present

Board Members Present –Cecile Nusbaum, Kevin Monroe, Nico Recore

Board Members Absent – Timothy Coons

Anastasia State Park PSS –Chanell Guillaume- Absent

Park Manager- Mark Giblin- Absent

Member- Lynn Monroe, Andris Duffy

New Board Member- Beth McCoy

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm. Membership was welcomed by Rich Gallik, President, at the Watersports Classroom since there was a concert this evening which restricted our access to the Administration Meeting Room.

Discussion of meeting minutes from March 14, 2019. Motion by Cecile and seconded by Katrina and approved by all.

Presidents Report: Rich Gallik –

The Concert on Anastasia State Park Beach which will feature the Wheeland Brothers from California with Sean McCarthy as the local opening act will take place April 19th. The time is 5-9pm with the Amphitheatre providing food trucks and beverages for sale, as well as security, the stage, amps, extra manpower. This initial concert will be free with park entrance fee. Our CSO will receive a percentage of the food and beverage sales. However our responsibilities include housing and feeding the band. They have requested a furnished tent which could be used again at the Park for “Glamping” enthusiasts. Most details have been worked out and Mark Giblin has purchased what we need within our \$2000.00 budget. Extra parking will be available at the Amphitheatre and tram provided. ADA accessible wheelchairs will be provided for those needing assistance. Sponsors will be: Mellow Mushroom, Embassy Suites and the AMP. Also our CSO will have the opportunity to provide information relating to volunteering at the park or joining our CSO. We will also be selling our Turtle Stickers. Every effort will be made to make this a responsible event sensitive to wildlife and conservation. The concert area will be fenced off so as not to disturb the dunes or native inhabitants. It will be an all- age’s event and ADA friendly.

Rich relayed the information that Tim Coons has resigned from the board due to health issues. We thank him for his previous service on the board and hope to see him at our many events in the future.

Beth McCoy has become our latest board member. Welcome, Beth.

Mark has announced that the Amp is interested in using a parking area next to Admin for their food service people. The CSO will receive \$200.00 per concert for parking privileges. Mark is working on the contract.

Anastasia State Park- Chanell Guillaume-

Chanell is attending Ranger Academy. In her absence Rich handed out a list of Park Programs/Events for April 2019. Her programs include a look at the Old Spanish Quarries tour, Bird walks, Trail Hikes, Photo Scavenger Hunts, and Let's Talk Turtle. We were also reminded to report our volunteer hours and to fill out new Volunteer Agreement forms. New board members will be contacted by Chanell with instructions on how-to access these sites.

Our Earth Day Celebration will be April 22, 2019 at 1pm. There will be a project to make and movie screening about the effects of plastics on our world shown in the Watersports Classroom.

The city of St Augustine Beach will have an Arbor Day celebration at City Hall April 26, 2019 with booths from many organizations as well as hands on displays. Anastasia State Park will have an information tent as well as Photo Booth.

Kids Ocean Day is May 3, 2019 at Anastasia 9am to noon. Set up will be at 8am. More details to follow. This event is sponsored by A1A Scenic Highway.

Volunteers encouraged at any of these events. Contact Chanell.

Financial Report: Katrina discussed our Financial Report and its new format. Our 2019 Budget was amended to include new items such as Turtle Sticker purchases – Taxes are being formulated with help from a volunteer accountant Beth Brier. Since we are reporting revenue over \$50,000.00 we must use the 990EZ form.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership Report: Dennis provided his April report. Current membership 192, an increase of 17.

Fund Raising: Adopt-a-Nest and Turtle Sticker sales-

Sponsorships for the 2019 Adopt-a Nest program are going well. It continues to be a popular fundraiser. \$1,200.00 in profits this year.

We began the selling of Turtle Stickers in January 2018 and have sold \$765.00 so far. They have been so popular that a second order was necessary to stay ahead of demand with a large inventory supply for the summer season. \$0.396 cost with retail price of \$2.00.

Endless Summer Run – September 21, 2019 –

Runners have been registering for both the 5K and 10 K. We deposited \$5,565.00 from both runners and sponsors. We would still like to add some new Sponsors so please inquire among your business contacts. Paperwork needs to be received by mid-May so name can be included on t-shirt.

This year runners will receive a computer bag with luggage tag instead of the usual lightweight tote or string bag.

Cleanup: – The next CSO Beach Cleanup may be scheduled after the proposed Beach Concert or in June.

Recycling/Go Green: The Rangers have discontinued the can recycling program.

Web Site/Facebook:

Cecile has been redesigning our website. New pages have been added for the Endless Summer Run and the Concert. Logos have been added for our Concert Sponsors: Embassy Suites, Mellow Mushroom, The AMP as well as for Lovely Loo, Taylor Rental.

Our next general meeting is May 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

New Business –

Cecile announced she had found a sponsor for a New Golf Cart for the Park. THANK YOU, Cecile!! Well done.

It was noted that Ranger Priscilla will be retiring April 30, 2019. We wish her a Happy Retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.