

FRIENDS OF ANASTASIA Membership Meeting – September 12, 2019

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Rita Roberts – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny –Present

Board Members - Present – Kevin Monroe, Beth McCoy

Board Members - Absent - Nico Recore, Cecile Nusbaum

Anastasia State Park – Chanell Guillaume

Members- Lynn Monroe

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Membership was welcomed by Rich Gallik at the Administration Building Meeting Room.

Discussion of meeting minutes from August 8, 2019. No changes required. Motion to approve by Katrina and seconded by Rita and approved by all.

Presidents Report: Rich Gallik –

We continue to pursue donations of “gifts” for the Silent Auction held along with the Endless Summer Run September 21 and also the preceding evening during package pick-up. We have received numerous restaurant gift cards as well as hotel vouchers. Kevin is putting final touches on his Adirondack chair with turtle painted on it.

Final plans are being made to organize the race so that all runs smoothly. We will be using our new CSO tent with our CSO logo and turtle graphics as a VIP tent for sponsors and for use as a check-in site for volunteers. We also plan to arrange extra water stations along the course for the runners as well as staff a First Aid Tent with EMS provided by the Fire Station. Last year numerous runners had issues with dehydration. Again, this year, finalist medals will be awarded to those completing the course. Hopefully, Mother Nature will provide us a beautiful day.

Packet Stuffing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 at 4:30pm. Please come and assist and be rewarded with pizza.

Last month the Board purchased a Club Car golf cart for the Park. We had a unanimous vote by email to spend \$3500.00 for it. We plan to invite St. Augustine Nissan (who made a donation of \$1500.00 for a golf cart) to be photographed with the cart and a plaque to be installed.

Anastasia State Park: Chanell Guillaume

Progress on the new Amphitheatre/campfire area has been made. The cement walkway from the parking area has been installed. We are adding 15 benches, a fire pit and the area will have lighting and electrical. It will also have a screen for showing videos. The Park is adding wooden steps from the camp road to the area. This will become a wonderful location for group educational talks and other activities including outdoor cooking demonstrations.

The Park has also completed an overlook viewing deck at our Old Spanish Coquina Quarries with more signage describing the significance of the Coquina Quarries, and a walkway.

The paving of our main park road scheduled to begin on September 22nd has been delayed due to hurricane Dorian.

The Park will be adding Ranger Station staff - collecting entrance fees. This is a paid position \$10.00 per hour and the person will work 3 days per week.

Again this year the campground loops will be closed for maintenance beginning September 29 as, one by one, they are updated, cleaned and trimmed up.

Our Park texting service has come up for renewal. The number of users has increased so the fee has increased. Motion to continue and expand service was approved by the Board.

A retirement party for Ranger Kim has been announced to be held October 31. Come and enjoy the Halloween festivities as we wish Kim well.

Financial Report: – So far \$33,000.00 has been collected in sponsorships and race entry fees for Endless Summer Run. The Amp has given Friends \$6,000.00 in parking fees for the Widespread Panic Concert. The Sing Out Loud Concert Series will also generate parking fees. Our bank balance is \$60,000.00.

Membership Report: Dennis reported our Membership on 9/12/19 was 208. (9/20/18 at 157.) He will do a Membership Purge shortly. {In 2018 he dropped 39 members.}

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

Sponsorships for the 2019 Adopt-a Nest program are going well. The Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Program August 11 at Sarbez was canceled. We talked about having an Adopt-A-Nest tent setup at our Endless Summer Run.

Endless Summer Run – September 21, 2019 –

We are sold out.

It was noted that the Race has become so popular there may not be enough parking for the runners, spectators and volunteers. Carpooling is suggested. We have secured a shuttle service to off-site parking (the event field behind R. B. Hunt) The COA will provide two buses. They will waive the normal transportation fee (since we are a nonprofit). We will “tip” the two drivers.

Center State Bank has donated 650 bottles of water for ESR.

Cleanup: We will be doing a Take Back Our Woods Clean up on National Public Lands Day, September 28 from 9-11am. Ranger Dean will be supervising. Meet at Anastasia Watersports. You may RSVP and learn more at: <https://npld2019.eventbrite.com>

Web Site/Facebook: Cecile and her staff are updating our site. She will send the board a link to the new site when completed. ESR and Adopt-a-Nest will have their own pages and the new design will make it easier to access all information.

Our next general meeting is October 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.