

FRIENDS OF ANASTASIA ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 12, 2019

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Rita Roberts – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny –Present

Board Members Present –Cecile Nusbaum

Board Members Absent – Timothy Coons, Nico Recore

New Board Member- Kevin Monroe

Anastasia State Park PSS –Chanell Guillaume-Present

Anastasia State Park PSS- David Jones-Present

Park Manager: Mark Giblin-Absent

Meeting called to order at 12:15pm. Membership was welcomed by Rich Gallik, President, and encouraged to enjoy lunch provided by Island Beach Grill and to meet other members. Meeting was held in Anastasia Water Sports classroom.

The board was introduced as well as our two PSS's (Park Service Specialists) Chanell and David. Chanell thanked the CSO for providing new golf carts and other vehicles which are challenged daily by the salt and sand at the beach as well as daily use by the resident Camp Hosts. It was mentioned that Anastasia State Park is one of the top 10 State Parks in the state and a very popular campground. Our Facebook Page attests to that fact by so many positive responses. Our Park definitely benefits by having such an active Citizen Support Organization and the help of the Camp Hosts who keep our campsites clean and tidy.

Discussion of meeting minutes from October 18, 2018. There were no meetings in November or December because of the holidays. Minutes were approved by Rita, seconded by Cecile and approved by all.

Presidents Report: Rich Gallik –

The quarterly Appreciation Dinner for Camp Hosts and Volunteers was held December 19, 2018. Chanell manages the Camp Host Program which is very challenging and often must deal with unusual problems: animal invasions, plumbing problems in the bathrooms, noisy campers or Camp Hosts cancelling their visit at the last minute. New replacement Camp Hosts must be found.

Cecile Nusbaum was thanked for her web services expertise through her company Old City Web Services. She manages our website and advises on computer-related matters such as the need for an SSL certificate to prove our website encrypts our data and is secure.

David Jones will be attending the Florida Marine Turtle Permit Holder Meeting in February in Orlando. The CSO will be paying his conference fee. Linda Buschman will also be attending.

Kevin Monroe was unanimously approved by the membership to become a board member. Motion to approve by Cecile, seconded by Katrina approved by all.

Rich discussed possible CSO Projects for 2019:

1. Build stairs from Overlook to beach.
2. New kiosk- signage and possible boardwalk at Coquina Quarry
3. Possible footpath/trail and fishing platform at "borrow pit" behind maintenance building
4. One more vehicle or golf cart

Katrina discussed our Financial Report. Our account total to date is \$27,854.00. The 2019 Budget will be on the Friends Website. We would like to thank Beth Breier who offers help with finances and tax preparation. Our share of profit from Endless Summer Run event was \$12,700. Our ESR partner, Don's Friends, also received an equal amount. Also included in our account total is profit from the Adopt-a Nest-Program.

Update on the Adopt-a-Turtle-Nest Program -

Linda Buschman working with David Jones has reported 34 families adopted turtle nests as well as 10 Corporate Sponsors during the 2018 season. There is a \$50.00 fee for a Family nest adoption. Corporate Sponsorships cost \$250.00 and a Small Business Sponsorship costs \$75.00. With adoption you get a certificate, tote bag, tumbler and nest updates. David credited Linda with much of the success of the adopt-a-nest program. She has tirelessly worked to organize the program as well as find sponsors. David inputs the data required by Tallahassee. They are already at work for the 2019 season.

Norie Flowers, a Master Gardener, has worked with David to organize an invasive plant clean-up at the Park in the month of January. Brazilian Pepper Trees have overcome a vast section of the terrain along Salt Run. Fifteen Master Gardeners have volunteered to dedicate their time for this project. More volunteers are needed as this is a large project. They will meet twice a month to work on the project. Bill Rosenthal, a Master Gardener and photographer, will be documenting the progress.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership Report: Dennis emailed his report. Membership on 1/12/2019 = 168 members, including 19 Lifetime members, 2 Corporate Members (FL Adventures and Cape Leisure Grill, Store and Watersports) and 1 non-profit SABCA - St Augustine Beach Civic Assoc. Dennis has asked that someone volunteer to assist him because he will be unavailable in the near future due to travel plans.

Fund Raising: Michelle is working on obtaining donations of Golf Carts.

Endless Summer Run – In 2019 Endless Summer Run will be held on September 21. Jim is already hard at work finding sponsors and organizing. This year runners will receive a different style of bag. Tim Tooker will again be Volunteer Coordinator. The Save-The-Date fliers are being printed.

Cleanup: – Rita reported A First Day Hike/ beach cleanup was held January 1st. We had 90 volunteers help us clean the beach and parking lot. We will have another beach cleanup in a couple of months.

Recycling/Go Green: The Rangers continue to do the recycling.

Web Site/Facebook: The event calendar is updated.

Our next general meeting is February 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Park Admin Building. We now meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.