

FRIENDS OF ANASTASIA BOARD MEETING - September 20, 2018

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Rita Roberts -Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present

Board Members Present – Tim Coons, Cecile Nusbaum

Board Members Absent – Michelle DeAngelis, Nico Recore

Anastasia State Park PSS –Chanell Guillaume-Present

Park Manager: Mark Giblin- Present

Friends attendees- Kevin & Lynn Monroe, Pete & Charlene Peters, Dale Bowers

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Rich Gallik.

Discussion of meeting minutes from August 16, 2018. Motion to approve by Tim, seconded by Rita. Approved by all.

Presidents Report: Rich Gallik –

Update on the Adopt-a-Turtle-Nest Program - Linda Buschman working with David Jones has reported we had 25 people adopt-a-nest. The program brought in \$2,854.00 less expense of tumblers. Linda's "Let's Talk Turtle" Programs have created lots of interests in our hatchlings and their journey to the sea. Turtle season ends in October. Linda would like to continue interest by creating turtle Christmas Ornaments to sell through a gallery downtown. Thank you Linda for your efforts with this program.

Our last Music in the Park Concert for the summer was August 19- The concerts proved to be quite popular and brought newcomers into the Park. Next year we hope to enlarge the seating area and shelter for the band.

Endless Summer Run 10K & 5K were very successful, bringing in over \$40,000.00 less expenses. We had 546 runners. Our increased number of volunteers kept the race orderly and the runners well hydrated. We did have several runners who required assistance from EMS due to the extreme humidity and exhaustion. There will be a post-race critique September 27th to discuss what we can do to improve the race. The Silent Auction sales \$2,375.00. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers, Jim and Renee Wauldron, Friends of Anastasia, Anastasia State Park Rangers, Tim Tooker, Rich Gallik.

Mark Giblin: Mark reported that Tallahassee would like the CSOs to work with the Park on the Unit Management Plan. This would include building/adding stairs to the beach at the Overlook, developing a trail and building a dock on the pond behind the shop, adding signage at the Coquina Quarry.

The Park has been moving ahead with the road paving and sidewalk widening plan. Surveyors have been seen working along the entrance road. Sidewalks will be widened to 10ft to accommodate 2-way traffic for walkers plus those on bicycles.

Campgrounds will be closed a couple of days each week on a rotating basis to accommodate renovation and maintenance October 3 through November 15. We are looking for volunteers to help with the renovations. Also, two new showers will be installed near the long boardwalk to the beach. There is also a new bridge built by the Rangers connecting Salt Run with the campgrounds.

Chanell Guillaume: Chanell provided us with “Upcoming Events in September”. She also reminded us to report our volunteer hours on the website.

Chanell has been successful in creating many new programs to draw visitors to the park. The “turtle talks” and hikes have been very well received. More interpretive talks will be added in the future. A Youth Fishing Clinic will be held September 29 from 9am to 11am. Registration is already at capacity. This Program will be expanded in the future due to lots of interest. Hopefully we can find a Sponsor to accommodate the necessary addition of more rods, reels, nets, etc.

Text messaging through Slick Technology has been set up at the Park. You may enroll by texting ANASTASIA to #31996. Campers and those interested may receive messages about events, alerts involving bad weather or surf conditions.

David Jones, PSS is organizing some “hands on” volunteer opportunities for resource management: invasive vegetation removal, tree trimming. Other possibilities may include starting a butterfly garden or building bat houses.

Financial Report: Katrina reported our bank balance is approx. \$27,975.00 not including PayPal receipts.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership Report: Dennis emailed his report. Membership on 09/18 approximately 157 members after purge of 39 from active-paid up roll.

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

Endless Summer Run – September 15, 2018 –A successful event. Final amount of profit still being tabulated.

Cleanup: – Rita has arranged a beach cleanup on October 13 from 8 to 10 am – meet at Island Grill.

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

Web Site/Facebook: The event calendar is updated.

Our next general meeting is October 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

New Business – The CSO will be scheduling the Annual Meeting in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.