



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday April 14, 2022 – Meeting at Island Beach Grill Pavilion- 6pm

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Andris Duffy – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present

Board Members - Present – Maureen Long, Beth McCoy, Mary Boutte

Board Members (absent) - Nico Recore, Bridget Blake, Cecile Nusbaum

Anastasia State Park – Michael Watkins

Members- Robert Edwards

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

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

Minutes from February 10, 2022 and March 10, 2022 were approved.

President’s comments-

- a. Thank you to all who volunteered for the JJ Grey Concert March 11& 12 and Cleanup March 13 & 14. It was a very successful event and very much enjoyed by concertgoers and those enjoying the State Park. We hope to schedule another concert next year with some improvements.**
- b. JJ Grey donated part of his ticket sales to help improve the community. We plan to use our profits of \$24,267.00 to improve the Sea Turtle playground which has sustained some weather related damage. It will need some repairs and ADA upgrades as well as a new shade cover. Thank you JJ Grey who was made an honorary Life Member of Friends of Anastasia. And a big thank you to Brandon Volbrecht, Asst Park Manager, and the many Rangers who helped with the staging and tear down, cleanup of the parking lot concerts.**

- c. **Mary Boutte was elected to serve on the Board. Thank you for all your past help with our various events.**
- d. **We filed our 2021 990-EZ. Katrina and Jill Atwood CPA compiled the necessary data.**
- e. **Rich Gallik, Andris Duffy and Park Manager Michael Watkins will attend the CSO District 3 Meeting on April 21, 2022 at Wekiwa Springs State Park.**

Our Park Manager Michael Watkins has hired two new PSS (Park Service Specialists). Michelle Schenck, our Friends' liaison and camp host manager and Maggie Boselowitz, our resource management specialist. We look forward to working with them during many future events.

Michelle will be formulating an all-inclusive volunteer list for the very busy summer season at the Park. This way we can utilize the many talents of our volunteers.

Michael announced there are two openings for part-time Rangers at the Park. These applicants need good organizational skills.

Financial Report – Katrina sent March financials to the Board. Our total balance this month was \$44,838.00 after expenses for Endless Summer Run shirts and medals. Thank you to Katrina for all you do.

Membership Report – Maureen reports our current Friends Membership is 208. With 36 Life Members, 4 Corporate Members and 168 regular members.

We now have a QR Code to help facilitate membership sign-ups.

Endless Summer Run November 19, 2022 – Registration sign-ups for the Run have been opened. We have about 100 runners signed up so far. A Virtual Run is also available.

Adopt-A-Nest 2022 – the Sea Turtle Adopt-a Nest Program is being reorganized. The program will include more educational and community outreach. Andris Duffy and Bridget Blake are improving the concept and hope to incorporate the new name, Turtle Nest Program, to further explain its purpose. Andris asked for volunteers to take visitors on beach walks.

Please remember to sign a volunteer agreement and complete other various paperwork.

We will need volunteers for Kids Ocean Day which is April 22, 2022 in conjunction with A1A Scenic Highway. Around 150 children will spend time learning about the ocean, vegetation and sea life. A pizza lunch will be served. All events held in Hilltop Picnic Area.

Turtle Sticker sales have been very popular. We have a new design for our third year of sales. These are sold at the Beach Store and Ranger Station.

Web Site/Facebook -Cecile. Thanks to Cecile and her company for the new website.

Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting needs to be scheduled - (date to be determined). June 2022?**
- 2. Kids Ocean Day- April 22, 2022 with A1A Scenic Highway at Hilltop Picnic Area.**
- 3. Suggestions for a Friends tee or polo shirt.**
- 4. Next meeting May 12, 2022. Location to be announced.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.