

**Friends of the St Croix USVI National Parks**  
**Board meeting at UVI Great Hall**

14 June 2018 called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Julie San Martin

<b>Present</b>
Julie San Martin
Sara Dykstra
Susan Wall
Rick Starr

Also in attendance:

- Ixander Rodriguez – Park representative providing triathlon information
- Charles Stith – Park volunteer

Agenda item: Triathlon

Purpose of Friends group involvement:

- to manage funds from Triathlon to NPS
- responsible for the parts of the race on Park property
- we're the go between for the Park and the Triathlon permittee (Theresa Harper)
- collect fees (Cost recovery fee/Administration) – we will keep part to cover our expenses
- use this opportunity to promote our group

Notes:

The area of Park property that the triathlon will use is from Mahogany Alley to the wharf  
Expecting 300 entries

Tents on Park property: medical, massage, food

Across from the tent area will be the communication tent, though not in the Scale House  
Park law enforcement will be at the event

The Dos and Don'ts for the permittee are listed on the permit

Friends group needs a copy of the permit so we know what to help enforce

- Anhil in Puerto Rico works with NPS there on triathlons – he's a resource we can use

The fort will be kept open during the event

Other dates:

Practice swim 11/29 and 11/30

Block party 11/30

December 1 – Limpricht Park fair

December 1 – last meeting

December 2 – event (Sunday)

Item: Charles (Park volunteer) introduced the idea that the Friends group be involved in the Fort volunteers monthly meeting.

- Charles is on island from January – August (cannot be Volunteer rep on our Board)
- the meetings are the first week of each month; at 11:30 for about 1 hour, followed by lunch
- Benito would like a Friends representative at the meeting
- we would rotate who attends
- about 15 volunteers who are involved

Item: Wendy Solomon of gotostcroix.com

- runs the webcams
- would like to put a webcam on the Fort or within NPS property, or/eventually on Buck Island
- has an affiliate with EarthCam which would bring good publicity to STX
- possibility of putting more cameras around the island
- where to put the camera to showcase the Fort area? – view of the water is a must.

Other notes:

- Brenda off island until 6/25/18
- Janelle – writing the Triathlon permit

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Sara Dykstra