

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

9 August 2018 called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Julie San Martin

Present
Julie San Martin
Sara Dykstra
Nina York
Susan Wall
Charles Stith

Agenda item: Monthly VIP meetings

- Nina to attend next VIP meeting on 9/5
- meetings held first week of each month at 10:00 at the Warehouse

Agenda item: Triathlon

- Need to find out status of the permit and planning
- Brenda has left the island so we need another contact

Agenda item: Second Thursday Lecture series

- September- The Native Son
- October – all possible volunteer opportunities in the Park from Junior Ranger to Park volunteers; a chance for the public to meet Felix
- Would like to hold the October 11 lecture in Christiansted due to the subject of volunteering in the Parks
 - Julie will be off island for 10/11 lecture

Agenda item: The Danes and the Danish Guardhouse

- It is possible that the guardhouse can be repaired rather than rebuilt
- Want to make it portable for storm removal
- Nina has a diagram and history of the Danish Guardhouse for reference
- Friends of Denmark coming the last week of March for the 102nd birthday of the V.I. (Transfer Day)
- Schedule the March 2019 lecture on the Danes and what they're doing for St. Croix and the USVI

Notes:

- Who can we ask to fill George's vacancy
- AARP National President is from the V.I.
 - Charles suggested we let AARP know about October's lecture on volunteer opportunities in the Parks
- New Acting Superintendent – Felix Lopez (from PR)

- V.I. Department of Tourism does not mention the National Park sites in their promotional materials
 - Julie to bring up the subject with Tourism
- Brochure needs updating
- The NPS Southeast Regional Director is on island
- Charles recommended approaching the refinery about establishing a community representative

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Sara Dykstra