ASSATEAQUE NATIONAL SEASHORE ALLIANCE, INC.

The Assateague Island Alliance is one of sixty-five cooperating associations nationwide that work with the National Park System. Established on January 1, 2008 it is the first combined friends group and cooperating organization at Assateague Island National Seashore. Its nonprofit corporate charter was issued on January 1, 2008.

MISSION STATEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

The Assateague Island Alliance was created to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore by supporting: interpretive and educational publications, programs and sales; stewardship through philanthropy; protection, restoration, and preservation of land, water, species, and historical sites; and high quality resource-compatible recreation.

To accomplish these objectives the Assateague Island Alliance develops, sells and distributes educational materials to the general public, visitor convenience items, conducts educational experiences, manages the Foster Horse Program, conducts fundraising, writes grants, and offers membership in the Assateague Island Alliance to the general public. The profit from these activities enhances educational and research programs, assists with long-term improvement projects within Assateague Island National Seashore, including land acquisition, capital construction, restoration and preservation of historic structures, development of educational exhibits, construction of trails, facilitation of programs, and development of handicapped accessible pathways.

VISION

“Through its character, behavior, and actions, the Assateague Island Alliance will be seen as the preeminent partner of Assateague Island National Seashore helping to shape its future and foster a dialogue of conservation, education, and recreation.”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Assateague Island Alliance Founding Board Members include:

1) Dave Blazer - President
   236 Ocean Parkway
   Berlin, Maryland 21811

2) Carolyn Cummins - Treasurer
   9628 Oceanview Lane
   West Ocean City, MD 21842
3) Sylvia Dizon  
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4) Paula Liebrecht - Secretary  
10417 Rosement Dr.  
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5) Jeanne Lynch – Vice-President  
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ORGANIZATION

Governing the Assateague Island Alliance are guidelines established by the incorporating charter (dated January 1, 2008), the most recent bylaws of the Assateague Island Alliance (January 1, 2008), and agreements with agencies of the U.S. Government and State of Maryland. The overall operation of the Assateague Island Alliance is supervised by a Board of Directors, which sets policy, approves annual budgets, supervises the Executive Director and approves the organizational structure of the Assateague Island Alliance. The Board includes a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The registered agent of the Assateague Island Alliance is Carolyn Cummins, Treasurer and Board Member. The Executive Director of the Assateague Island Alliance is Brandon Warner.

ORIGINS

Started by a group of passionate and dedicated visitors to Assateague Island National Seashore with the full consent and endorsement of the Assateague Island National Seashore Superintendent, the Assateague Island Alliance was established on January 1, 2008.