

## **FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES – APRIL 27, 2013 MEETING**

Officers in attendance: John Kester, President, Kelly Sweeney, Secretary and Joan Weber, Member at Large.

### **New owners of the General Store:**

Carl and Katie Bryan are the new owners of the General Store. Katie will run the store with Carl providing support and he will also continue his business providing home inspections.

**Minutes:** Kelly reminded everyone to look at the link for Lake County Connect and to take the survey to help supply information on the level of internet service used, needed and desired in Lake County at [lakecountyconnect.com](http://lakecountyconnect.com). Kelly moved the minutes be approved; Joan seconded the motion and it passed. Minutes can be viewed on our website. <http://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/meetings/>

### **Board of Directors Vacancy and Election:**

At the annual meeting to be held June 1<sup>st</sup>, two positions on the Board of Directors need to be filled. One is the position vacated by Ric Altman and the other is the position held by John Kester. Under the by-laws we have rotational vacancies so that a new board is not elected every year. The terms are for two years. The Board then elects the officers for the year. The officer positions are: president, vice-president/treasurer (combined) and secretary. The president and treasurer are authorized signatories on our bank account. For more details, our by-laws are posted on the website. <http://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/by-laws/> **PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION THERE WILL BE 3 POSITIONS FILLED.**

### **Volunteers for Wildland Fire Exercise:**

Please let John Kester or Anita Mason know can volunteer to be an evacuee for a full scale exercise on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Evacuees will go to the Leadville shelter for 4 to 5 hours with lunch and useful demonstrations on things like “defensible space” around structures, etc. Susie Kester volunteered.

### **Volunteers for Red Rooster:**

There were 4500 visitors last year. Roy Sovine and Steve Erickson were new volunteers. Joan encouraged people to have a buddy to agree to cover a day/time, then if one of you was unable to make it, you would have a back up. Additional discussion was had on approaching the Forest Service to allow us to put up a FOTL membership table.

### **Agreement with the Forest Service:**

John has signed the agreement and it was sent to the Forest Service attorney. A copy of the agreement will be posted on the FOTL website.

Joan, John and Steve will meet with the new Forest Ranger sometime in May to continue developing our positive and collaborative relationship with the Forest Service. We would like to be more informed and involved where possible in the permitting of large scale events that have a corresponding impact Twin Lakes businesses and land owners.

Joan requests that we get another local member of the History Committee to assist in meetings, planning and events related to the Historic Park. Please contact Joan if you are interested.

### **Historical Assessment:**

We are working with Jody Reeser to get the historical assessment done for the Clarion with History Colorado. The assessment would be paid for out of History Colorado funds, approximately \$10-15,000. We will be able to use the assessment to proceed with renovation work and to seek additional funding for our projects in the Twin Lakes Historic Park.

**Life Time Fitness:**

The letter has been sent to Josh Colley of Life Time Fitness to encourage them to collaborate with us on making the race events positive for visitors and residents. We also would like them to consider providing some donation toward our efforts to improve the Historic Park.

The Sheriff has been trying to limit the number of entrants in an effort to improve safety. As noted we will also visit with the Forest Ranger regarding input on major events permitted in surrounding forest land that impact Twin Lakes.

**Village Sign:**

The sign is finished and approved by CDOT for placement. We are waiting for Mark Quintano from CDOT to determine the location before the flashing speed limit sign. Efforts will be made to have it in the ground by Memorial Day to take advantage of the funding donation offered by the Wagners. It needs to be supported by wooden posts for break away purposes. Huge thanks to Susie Kester for carrying the laboring oar on this project!

**Use of Twin Lakes School House:**

The meeting with the Lake County Superintendent was cancelled by her. Bruce Hix will schedule another in May to see what is needed for us to use the school house for meetings, etc.

**Fire Planning:**

John is charged with seeking funding from groups that support the development and implementation of fire districts. The funding will be used to pay for advertising the need for the fire district.

**Bike and Build Staying in Twin Lakes Wed., July 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Similar to a Habitat for Humanity effort, this group travels the country assisting in building homes for economically disadvantaged families. We will host a dinner, Anita will donate the burgers and her grill, Carolyn Abbott will provide some deserts, other folks will be sought for donations or food contributions. The following individuals will provide showers: Carolyn, Anita, the General Store, Kesters, possibly Roy and Dixie. We will also approach the Inn.

**Recycling:**

Discussion was had on the need for recycling cans for water bottles/cans and experiences of abuse by visitors to the area leaving garbage. Joan will explore with Grey Wolf Recycling getting a bin with just an opening for cans and bottles. Carl will look into placing it by the General Store, if feasible. If it is abused, we would ask Grey Wolf to take it away.

**Highway Clean Up:**

Carolyn has orange highway trash pick up sacks. Sacks are available at the General Store for those who want to assist in cleaning along the highway. She covers from 1 mile up from Ball Town to the top of the pass. No specific day is planned, just as people are able. Please contact [friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more details.

**Fundraising:**

We need other means to raise money besides dues. Liz has offered use of the Inn during the week for things like Bingo. As mentioned, we will confer with the Forest Service about hosting a booth regarding membership at the Red Rooster. Roy and Carl are going to explore doing a FOTL garage sale sometime after June and before the end of the summer.

**NEXT MEETING** will be on Saturday, June 1, 2014 at **9:00 a.m.** in the Twin Lakes Dance Hall. This is our annual meeting and 2 members of the board of directors need to be elected.