

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES –FEBRUARY 16, 2013 MEETING

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

Current Events and Information

Potential Boat Tour Concession Operators, Jim and Lexie McMillen introduced themselves and explained that they are potential Twin Lakes boat tour concession operators with the Forest Service. Both are licensed and very experienced waterway pilots. Their application to provide tours from Cabin Cove around the lake and to Interlaken is out for comment with the Forest Service and they welcomed any questions about their proposal to use a 28 foot hull boat and provide this service.

Representative Millie Hamner will be at the CMC library on February 23rd for those who are interested.

The USA Pro Challenge Bike Race will be coming through Twin Lakes on only one leg of its August tour, likely August 20th.

Ahmad encouraged anyone who uses or wants to use internet in Lake County to please complete the survey on lakecountyconnect.com. The information is being gathered to try to encourage broadband service providers to provide increased broadband speed at a lower cost.

Minutes: Kelly moved that the minutes from January be approved with the identification that initial approval of the sign was approved by the Colorado Department of Transportation in Gunnison. Ahmad seconded and the motion passed.

Twin Lakes Sign: The sign is complete and being stored by the maker. FOTL has paid for half and the remaining charge is being calculated with consideration of our 501(c)(3) status. Local CDOT contact Mark Quintino (sp) will approve the distance from the middle of the road as well as the sign location.

Agreement with the Forest Service on the Historic Park Restoration/Preservation: Progress is being made and key the considerations for the committee are to keep liability for the project with the Forest Service, use FOTL to agree upon projects, obtain most funding and provide volunteer workers.

- Jodi Reeser from Gunnison is an historical architect who will come out on Friday, February 22nd to survey the park. Please email John Kester if you would like to meet with Ms. Reeser and accompany them on the tour of the park. There is no initial cost for her to look at the park and fill out the request for historic assessment. She will be paid out of the grant proceeds. History Colorado major grant submission deadlines are April 1 and October 1, 2013.
- We need to have someone look at other possible funding sources. Although he was not present, John King accepted the assignment following contact after the meeting.
- Bruce Hix reminded us to consider “in kind services” to fulfill grant funding match requests.
- The Climax grant that was sought is still pending.

Fire Planning: Not much progress to report. Ahmad will draft the letter requesting that the Fire District be aggressively pursued. The Fire Planning Board needs to write articles for the Herald explaining plans, need and funding.

Nominations for Vacant Board Seat: There were no nominations or volunteers, so we will hold the position open pending a nomination that is accepted.

Use of School House: Bruce Hix volunteered to contact the Lake County School Superintendent about an agreement for the use of the school house for meetings and events. We likely would need to pay for propane.

Ideas for fundraising (being mindful of not competing with local businesses):

Bingo, but likely involves getting a license; spaghetti dinner during the races; pancake breakfast during the races; movie night; walk-a-thon and garage sale. We are very open to ideas and encourage members to pay their dues.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 16, 2013 AT 9:30 AM TWIN LAKES DANCE HALL.