

**Friends of Twin Lakes
Annual Meeting
May 27, 2017**

All Board of Directors were present (Kelly Sweeney, Anita Mason, Judy Leaming and Joan Weber).

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m., but was delayed a bit by technical problems.

Caroline Schaefer (Wildfire Mitigation Specialist) said that funding has been received from the Colorado State Forest Service. They've cut 40 acres in Pan Ark. 25 acres have been allocated with cost share funds (per acre price). Call (or text) Caroline (503-539-9483) if you're interested in participating (email is not as reliable). They'll do an assessment and then homeowners pay half the cost of mitigation (or fuels reduction on vacant land). Mapping Gordon Acres is tricky, but she'll provide a map when it's finished. Caroline's presentation will be on the Friends of Twin Lakes website.

Minutes of FoTL meeting in April of 2017 were approved. Motion to approve by Colleen Schweigert + second by Joan Weber.

Annual election of board members. Anita Mason and Joan Weber agreed to serve another 2-year term if reelected. Kurt Schweigert agreed to stand for election to the 1-year term left vacant by John King. No other nominations were made. Kelly Sweeney moved unanimous consent to the election of Anita, Joan and Kurt. Judy McGraw seconded the motion. The election was unanimous.

Forest Service items.

- On May 13, 2017, there were 23 volunteers who helped clean up trails, trim back willows and aspen crowding the parking and picnic areas and installed a tarp on the back of the Clarion. The Visitor Center was cleaned, weeds and grass were wacked, signs were hung and weeds on paths were sprayed. We still need to sand and paint some of the picnic tables. Anyone who signed a Volunteer Agreement and worked on the 13th is qualified to do additional work all summer. We will provide information about volunteering and get signatures from any others who would like to help keep up the historic park area.
- Bob Mathes is supervising the construction of a footbridge on FoTL's portion of the Willis Gulch Trail. Leadville 100 donated \$2,000 in materials and provided labor during the Memorial Day weekend (Anita noted that Leadville 100 bought two heart monitors for Search and Rescue -- which benefits all of Lake County). We'll work on our portion of the trail one day in mid-June, July and August. (Bob and Kelly attended a Trail Adoption training workshop in Salida.) If you see anything that needs attention when you're

hiking the trail, please note the location (with as much information as possible) and send it to Bob and/or Kelly.

- Please see minutes from our meeting with U.S. Forest Service Ranger Mary Moore at the end of March (on FoTL website).
- Colleen Schweigert encouraged members to serve as alternate volunteers at the Red Rooster Visitor Center which is open every day (May 26 - Sept. 4, 2017) from 10 am to 4 pm plus weekends through September. Only four days are not covered now. However, sometimes regular volunteers need someone to cover for them when emergencies arise.

Other items.

- June 7 (1:30 - 2:30): Fire suppression training (using extinguishers and live fire) will be provided by Fire Marshall/Deputy Fire Chief Steve Boyle at the school house.
- June 10: Punky's food cart will open at the same location as last year.
- June 10 (4-6 pm): Dr. Ahmad Ghais will present a seminar on "Islam and the West" at the school house.
- June 12 (1-3 pm): Mike McHargue, Director of the Office of Emergency Management services, will discuss emergency preparedness/go kits at the school house. He'll provide useful guidelines + important factors to help us be prepared in the event of a quick evacuation.
- June 24 (afternoon): Twin Lakes school reunion at the school house will be followed by an open "fireside chat" with former students about life in the village/school. Time to be determined, likely around 7 pm.
- June 28 (8 am to noon): Mavic Haute bike race comes through Twin Lakes. They've made a \$400 donation to FoTL.
- July 10 (10 am): Fire Chief Dan Dailey will meet with property owners and residents of southern Lake County in the school house regarding our fire protection and plans for a new fire station.

CPR/AED/First aid training (May 24, 2017): Twelve individuals from the Twin Lakes area participated in this free training provided by St. Vincent's Hospital: Katie Bryan, Tim Jaster, John Kester, Michael OLeary, Lexie and Jim McMillen, Kurt and Colleen Schweigert, Susie Ramsdell, Rita Sovine, Joan Weber and Kelly Sweeney. They each received a 2-year certificate. If there's sufficient interest, we'll look into a second training.

Lake County Community Fund grant award (\$1,497.64). FoTL application was successful -- we received the full amount requested. We'll be ordering fire suppression items, a refurbished AED, new batteries and pads for the two AEDs on hand and other items requested. We need to be ready and prepared to provide gap services because we're located so far from emergency personnel.

Miscellaneous items:

- **If you are interested in a 6-week yoga course starting mid-June and/or in August,** please send email to friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com, indicating dates + days + times preferred.
- **Bingo** materials have been purchased. Joan Weber is our bingo organizer. First game will take place on June 7 (6 pm). There will be prizes, but no exchange of money. A donation jar will be provided (to enable the purchase of additional prizes).
- **Status of FoTL funds (as of 04-30-17):** We have 67 paid members. General fund: \$5,692. Historic district fund and fire station set aside: \$11,027 (approximately \$3,527 for historic district + \$7,500 for fire station).
- **"A Taste of Twin Lakes"** on May 21st raised \$230 for FoTL. Thanks to the Inn, Andy and those who attended!
- **Pot luck picnic** (end of July/early August) will be scheduled on a Sunday evening.
- **Little library book exchange/community bulletin board** will be available within the next couple of weeks.
- **Colorado Telecom tower construction** has been delayed because of snow.
- **Statewide pandemic exercise.** Leadville needs volunteers to help run a test of public health issues (Intermediate School Gym, June 16 -- 3-8 pm).

Lake County Sheriff Fenske arrived near the end of the meeting.

- Sheriff Fenske offered the use of his tower on Independence Pass for better radio service. He said they could set up a couple of channels for FoTL communications.
- His office is working with a new Forest Service officer in Lake County who can write tickets into federal court. 72-75% of Lake Co. is national forest.
- He warned about black bears in the area: they only attack to kill.

Next FoTL meeting: June 24 (9 am at school house).

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.