

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES –JANUARY 12, 2013 MEETING

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

Forest Service Guest

Meghan Mullholland, Archeologist for the Leadville Ranger District, on behalf of Jon Morrissey, visited about current plans for Interlaken and Cabin Cove. Interlaken will remain open as is to the public for day use with public access inside Dexter Cabin to preserve natural beauty and wildlife (bats). A caretaker/interpreter will occupy the Laundry house at times during the week. There will be a trailhead restroom and the trailhead will be moved to a less sensitive area. They are considering a boat dock for ADA access. Cabin cove will be available for day rental which should benefit local lodging and eating establishments.

Main discussion points and suggestions were: establish a second toilet at Willis; provide an emergency groover at Dexter with the caretaker shuttling out the solid waste; Search and Rescue will benefit from the dock; do not block access to the dirt roads around the dam that allow no fee access on a gentle slope for fishermen and families.

In response to questions, Meghan confirmed that volunteers from Twin Lakes and elsewhere had participated in earlier Interlaken restoration projects under Forest Service direction. The FS would welcome donations earmarked for future such projects.

FOTL Business Meeting

Ric Altman is resigning from the Board. Please consider serving the remainder of Ric's term to the end of May 2013.

There was no treasurer's report. The report from last month was: \$3505.45 on deposit which includes the funds set aside for the Historic Park (\$1000 from Ride the Rockies and \$1,171.52 from the Twin Lakes Improvement Association).

Fire Planning Board

The Lake County Fire Planning Board is considering pushing back the date for a Lake County Election to May of 2014 instead of the original 2013. Discussion was held and disappointment was universally expressed, we want the district to pass, but fear delay is at the peril of life and structures in southern Lake County. John moved that FOTL board send a letter in support of the Fire District and encouraging the Planning Board to work as quickly as practicable to bring it to a vote due to concerns regarding delay for enhanced fire protection in southern Lake County. Ahmad seconded the motion and it passed.

FOTL U.S. Forest Service Committee

There was a 2 hour conference call to revise the draft agreement provided by the Forest Service to work on the Twin Lakes Historic District (Park). The revised agreement and necessary talking points regarding liability, etc. will be discussed with the Forest Service to see if we can come to a workable compromise and agreement.

Grant/Historic District Preservation

We need to start working seriously on writing documents for funding. The Historical Society has funding to cover evaluation of the Historic Park.

No word from Climax on the grant request submitted at the end of the year.

VILLAGE SIGN

Susie Kester will move forward with the approved sign for Twin Lakes and is actively obtaining location approval including an initial approval out of Colorado Department of Transportation in Gunnison.

Minutes

Kelly moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved and Joan seconded the motion. It passed.

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