

## **FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES – JULY 6, 2013**

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

Kelly moved that the minutes of the June meeting be approved, Carolyn Abbott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Bike & Build Tour**

John confirmed volunteers for showers and food on Wed. July 10th. Carolyn, Kesters, Carl Bryan (General Store), Dixie Pierce, Inn (Liz Dougherty) and Cornelia Patti will provide showers. Food will be supplied by Kesters, Carolyn, Dixie, Barbara Marcum, John King, Joan and Cornelia for their 5:30 dinner. Bike & Build is kind of like Habitat for Humanity on bikes, they travel and do construction/improvement projects for economically disadvantaged individuals. They were being allowed to sleep in the Twin Lakes Dance Hall courtesy of the DeCew's.

### **FIRE!!**

Great dismay was displayed with the lack of movement by the Fire Planning Board to come up with a solid plan in the last three years for meaningful fire protection for southern lake county property owners. Discussion was held about issues regarding significant insurance increases, difficulty in obtaining insurance, etc. Frustration was expressed about the failure to have things teed up for educating residents of the benefit of a Special District this summer and having a special election date on the near horizon. Bottom line, we want service and we want movement, we want to help educate folks, however, everything seems to be stalled. Discussion was held about the extraordinarily high qualifications Lake County has set for a volunteer fire fighter who needs to have the same hours and training as a full time fire fighter, something that the other 70% of the fire departments across the state and county that allow volunteers do not require (we recognize training is needed but 5-7 solid weeks of training is not practicable for most individuals) some questioned if this was due to the union.

Stories were told of realtors and others stopping by the Visitor Center and local establishments who ceased their review of properties in southern Lake County upon hearing there was no fire station, engine or brush truck in the area.

We will engage in a letter writing campaign urging progress and also will explore any legal avenues for property owners to nudge this process forward.

MITIGATION: John had information about mitigation on property and there is also a lot posted on our website at <http://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/fire-protection/>.

### **HISTORIC DISTRICT ASSESSMENT**

John had success in locating an architect that has a significant amount of experience in adobe structure preservation as compared with to the individual with whom he initially contacted from Gunnison. The Historic District Assessment grant will likely be pursued with the more experienced firm.

### **SCHOOL HOUSE**

We will be able to lease the school house for meetings, etc., but first we need to get insurance. John will confirm that it is only liability/renter insurance in the event that someone is injured on the property, etc. It would likely be impossible to get insurance on the structure as we are not the owners.

In addition, we want to confirm the building is safe for use before proceeding, there is a significant amount of rodent waste inside that needs to be removed.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Twin Lakes Dance Hall. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.