

## FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES

June 22, 2014 MEETING

SIGN UP FOR REVERSE 911 NOTIFICATIONS IN THE EVENT OF FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY:

<https://signup2.tfcci.com/signup-web/login.html?token=85ad2798ab7f0356fd2dd50c4e97cd09c30ff05f>

Board of Directors in attendance: President John Kester, Vice President/Treasurer Anita Mason, Secretary Kelly Sweeney, At Large Representatives Ahmad Ghais and Joan Weber.

**Minutes:** Joan moved that minutes be approved and Paula Ghais seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Next meeting:** July 26, 2014 at 9:00 in the Twin Lakes Emergency Services Station (the old Twin Lakes Fire Station next to the mailboxes).

**Bike and Build on July 10<sup>th</sup>:** please contact John Kester to offer a desert, salad or to allow some of the volunteers to take a shower at your home. Punky's will supply their white tent to set up the cook out down at the White Star camp ground.

### **Proposed amendments to bylaws:**

Judy Leaming moved that the amendments be adopted as submitted, Paula seconded. Following a brief discussion, the amendments were adopted as submitted.

IV. B. **Selection, Term, and Removal.** The Board of Directors shall choose, from among the Directors or voting members, the officers of the Corporation. Each officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for a one-year term and may be removed from office at any time with assigned cause by the Board with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. ~~After an individual serves three (3) consecutive terms in an office, that individual shall then be ineligible for selection to that office for one year.~~

In the process of reviewing the bylaws, we noticed a scrivener's error and would like you to consider this amendment, too:

VI. E. **Repeal, Alteration or Amendment.** These Bylaws may be repealed, altered, or substituted. Bylaws that are repealed, altered, or substituted may be adopted only by the affirmative vote ~~or of a~~ majority of the Directors and a ten percent (10%) quorum of voting members, provided that proper notice of the meeting stating the proposed changes to the Bylaws and the reasons therefore has been given.

**Comprehensive plan for Leadville and Lake County:** they will be coming to Twin Lakes on July 15 in the Twin Lakes Emergency Services Station at 6:00 (time will be firmed up prior to the meeting). We encourage FOTL members and all people who own or rent property in southern Lake County attend to express their desires for priorities and planning over the next five, ten, fifteen years and beyond. Particular items of interest discussed at the meeting were water conservation, waste water, broadband, fire protection, roads, input in development of the Village (building codes and zoning to preserve the area). PLEASE SEND EMAILS TO ALL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS IN THE AREA TO COME—*Leadville and those in closest proximity to it are not the only voices of Lake County, but we will not be heard if we do not participate meaningfully and in numbers.*

**Fire Station:** Progress is slow. The Fire Planning Board is working on a plan to figure out where the capital equipment needed and planned expenditures stand by assessing age and functionality of equipment, with remaining usage years. It is estimated that \$1.5 million is needed yearly for upkeep and to get new equipment, however, less than \$900,000 is in the current budget and there is nothing guaranteed for future years and the Fire Department does not receive a mill levy. Two years ago, they did start putting money from fighting wild fires into a capital expenditure and training fund. MANY THANKS TO ANITA AND JOHN FOR DEVOTING THEIR TIME TO ATTEND THE PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS AND FOR SERVICE ON SEARCH AND RESCUE.

### **Clarion Hotel and Historic Assessment:**

The Historic Assessment will not be done until the end of July. We do have a preliminary report from the arborist which is posted on our Projects web page [Twin Lakes Spruce Tree Consult1.pdf](#). John and Kelly met with the Forest Service representative Lisa Corbin on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We have a follow up meeting scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m., to allow the Forest Service and FOTL to review and develop comments on the Historic Assessment. At that meeting we need to:

- Identify overall goals for Clarion Hotel (preserve so it doesn't fall down; restore as education center, etc.)
- Determine any small scale projects that do not require a full NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act Assessment or Impact Statement) that can be broken out and possibly submitted to History Colorado or other granting agencies in fall grant submission deadlines. For example, one interim step on the trees around the Clarion Hotel would be to prune/trim them to take away some of the top wind sail of the trees that makes them particularly susceptible to wind shear blow downs.
- Discuss how to make this project a priority so that we can be considered for Cultural Resources money out of the Forest Service FY 2015 budget; as well as making it a priority for the local ranger to get a replacement archeologist for this project. We believe that demonstrating the Forest Service has "skin in the game" will assist us in getting additional grant money for the project.

Once we have established goals and potential timing, FOTL needs to help the process by writing letters to our Senators, Representatives, the paper and both regional and national Forest Service contacts to assist in bringing the importance of this project to those who can guide the project to a greater priority status. Kelly will work on a letter for our elected representatives from FOTL as well as a template for interested individuals to use for their own letters. We also need to use the "time lost" this year to research and find additional granting sources as History Colorado will require a 25% hard cash match for any further grants. The next round after October 1<sup>st</sup> is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Great dismay was expressed by many that this process and delay may result in irreparable harm to the Clarion or loss in momentum and support as it pertains to FOTL's role in the project.

**School House Lease:** John and Kelly have a tentative meeting with Superintendent Wyman to discuss the lease on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We are hopeful to move the lease forward and start work on the School House. Ahmad and Judy will accompany us.

**Twin Lakes Sign—West Side:** Ahmad and John will work to set the posts; John has already stained the posts. The location approved by CDOT is not too far from Fred Woodcock's and is very rocky.

**Lake County Tourism Board:** Carl Bryan attended the May meeting and Kelly relayed his report. The board had hired an agency to help them promote Lake County, but at the meeting, they seemed not to follow the recommendations and stuck with what they were familiar with for an Insider's Guide to Lake County. He said that more participation is needed! Many thanks to Carl for attending and serving as ears and a voice for our local businesses.

**FOTL Brochures:** Anita will get them printed in two weeks.

**Wildfire Mitigation:** Discussion was had on the need for Southern Lake County home owners to become educated and engaged in Fire Mitigation. There have been two meetings in Leadville and it appears that there will be pine tree removal to mitigate wildfires around County Roads 17 and 4 to clear the right of way for 50 to 40 feet of the pines. At one meeting two insurance companies said that they are not going to cover counties in Colorado that are not engaged in mitigation. It was suggested that Damon Lange could be contacted for mitigation assessments for a very modest fee.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:** July 10<sup>th</sup> Bike and Build; July 12<sup>th</sup> Paddle Fest in Twin Lakes; July 15<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Planning Meeting ; July 26<sup>th</sup> FOTL Meeting 9:00 a.m.; August 10<sup>th</sup> Leadville Trail 100 Bike Race; and August 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Leadville 100 Mile Race Across the Sky