

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES – MARCH 16, 2013 MEETING

Officers in attendance: John Kester, President, Kelly Sweeney, Secretary and Ahmad Ghais, Member at Large.
Minutes: Ahmad moved the minutes be approved and Diana Slifka seconded the motion, it passed.

Current Events and Information:

There is a current events lecture series in Buena Vista called **Collegiate Peaks Forum Series**. To find more lecture information and dates look at collegiatepeaksforum.org or www.nrel.com and www.jisea.org.

Operation Round Up through Sangre de Cristo is a community service program developed to gather voluntary contributions from participating members by "rounding up" their monthly bills to the next dollar. This is an easy and inexpensive way to give funds that are disbursed to organizations for food, clothing, shelter, health needs, and education programs in the area. See details on the program and how to sign up at
<http://www.myelectric.coop/roundup/operation-roundup.cfm>.

Please support our organization by making a donation and picking up a Friends of Twin Lakes bumper sticker.

9Health Fair is on April 20, 2013 from 7 AM to Noon at the Lake County Middle School. Register online 9healthfair.org/findafair.

Lake County Connect: 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. Please contact Ahmad at 7194861875 with questions on the program or how to complete the survey.

Boat Tour Concession: Jim and Lexie McMillen were granted the use permit to provide boat tours from Cabin Cove around the lake to Interlaken.

Agreement with the Forest Service on the Historic Park Restoration/Preservation: The agreement is almost complete. We need additional funding to assess the best way to proceed with restoration in the Historic Park. History Colorado is a source for money for such assessments, but it requires an historical architect to submit it. John has called numerous architects on both the western slope and front-range, the most interested candidate who is also available to do the project is Jodi Reeser from Gunnison (who visited the site with John and Joan Weber on 2/22). There was a discussion of potential structural engineers and folks to do adobe work.

Paula Ghais moved that we proceed with Ms. Reeser to start the assessment process and Diana seconded the motion, it passed.

Cabin Cove and Interlaken: Wes Duran provided a copy of the Cabin Cove and Interlaken plan to be carried out by the Forest Service. The plan will be scanned and attached at a later date to the meeting minutes.

Fire Planning: there are articles prepared to discuss the proposed Fire District in southern Lake County. Drawings were shown at a recent Fire Board meeting that included both a station and a Fire Academy to train fire fighters. John moved that he send the letter drafted by Ahmad to urge the Board to seek the Fire District as promptly as possible, the motion was seconded by Carl Wagner and the motion passed. Bruce Hix and Chief Dan Dailey will publish a survey to determine interest in the Academy.

Life Time Fitness: Portions of the draft letter were read where FOTL would like to collaborate with Life Time Fitness to maximize the experience for participants, local residents and visitors alike. In addition, we invite their support for the Historic Park restoration. Judy Leaming moved that the letter be sent and Paula seconded the motion, it passed.

Fund Raising Ideas: Carl and Cathy spoke with Liz and James Doughtery about offering the Wagners' services to teach a wine pairings/tasting where all attendees donate \$10 to FOTL. Since attendees would already pay for their own meals, it would be a straight tax deductible donation to FOTL. The Wagners would donate their services. We also discussed a walk-a-thon, there were no volunteers to organize it.

Sign: We need to send a letter to the Janet Leigh of CDOT to get official permission for FOTL to post the sign. Mark Quintana, the local CDOT contact, will come out to determine the location for the sign. It must have a wood base for traffic safety purposes.

Board of Directors Vacancy: Unable to obtain a volunteer for the vacant position, we will fill the vacancy with the next election at our annual meeting. Please search your hearts and be willing to serve to help us with this fledgling organization!

NEXT MEETING will be on Saturday, April 27th at 9:30 a.m. in the Twin Lakes Dance Hall.