

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES
MARCH 29, 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>

PRE-REGISTER FOR THE 9NEWS HEALTH FAIR ON SAT. 4/12: <http://www.9healthfair.org/register>

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

We thanked Liz and James for opening the Inn for our meeting and providing coffee.

Minutes: Kelly moved that the minutes be approved and Ahmad seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Sheriff Fenske addressed the group on a variety of topics. He reported that there would be a greater presence starting in the spring. Please contact his office if you have specific concerns or see problems. He has received numerous complaints of dogs running at large in Twin Lakes. He wanted us to help him get the word out to tether your dog or keep them fenced or the Sheriff will start issuing citations. (A suggestion was made to talk to County Road and Bridge about some signs indicating that there is a leash law.) He will get a list to us of the upcoming dates for the race events in Lake County. He received positive feedback from attendees on shutting down the town to traffic during the LT 100. He said that earlier and more frequent shuttles have been promised with people being allowed to park next to the highway, but none west of the Village. He is not sure about giving out cards for residents after hearing rumors that the cards were being sold. His office has a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation where they patrol Forebay and the campgrounds, marijuana usage is still illegal in the National Forest. He is trying to get a grant to hire or pay overtime for an officer to work traffic duty in the Village. He warned about slab avalanches this time of year.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$13,347 in the bank.

Brochure for FOTL: Ahmad received board approval to spend up to \$100 dollars to have the brochures printed. First, he will send out the file and Anita, Susie and Kelly will shop it to see if there might be some better prices with Silver City, Vista Print or Kinkos. We would like to be able to give out the brochures at local businesses and the visitor's center.

Jim McMillen said that he and Lexie planned on doing an informational newspaper to hand out with events, etc. in Twin Lakes, they would probably sell ads to local businesses and they could be handed out in the Village and elsewhere.

Update on Fire Station: Leadville plans to match the \$25,000 contributed by Lake County for the design of the new fire station. The lowest bid from the 7 applicants submitting bids was \$50,000. The building is designed to be 9,000 square feet. It has staged add ons.

Fire Mitigation: John applied for a \$500 grant and was one of 84 applicants from 24 states. May 3rd is Wildfire Awareness Day. There was a fire table top exercise done recently and in June there will be a power failure exercise. Emergency Services of Lake County wants to:

- make residents aware of the registration for emergency announcements by reverse 911. Registration is available on the Lake County Website.
- Wildland fire mitigation on their property is everyone's responsibility.

School House Lease: Ahmad reported that the lease with its proposed amendments is done and we await a meeting with the School Superintendent to finalize the lease and explain our key changes: clarification of no property tax liability to FOTL; recognition of the condition of the school house and need for certain repairs at the outset without further approvals; and appropriate limitations on the liability for attorney's fees. We hope to get something done by the start of June to have the good weather months to work on the school house.

Forest Service/Red Rooster and Clarion: We are losing a tremendous resource, contact, ally and friend as Meghan Mulholland moves to Oregon where her husband has a promotion in the Forest Service. It does not sound like her position will be replaced and it is important for us to have a local contact to carry forward with our joint projects.

We need volunteers to clean up the new displays and engage in some repairs of the displays, consolidate picture to have room for the new topographic maps and we also want to clean the Red Rooster inside and out.

Avenue L should do their work in the next month around the foundation and we look forward to a report on whether the trees can be saved. We anticipate the historic assessment will be done before the end of June. We will then seek funding for the rehabilitation/refurbishment of the Clarion.

Second Sign: On behalf of himself and his wife Cathy, Carl Wagner offered to fund similar to what they did for the other sign, a second sign on the other side of the Village. Susie Kester asked people to let her know where it should be placed. She volunteered to continue the work of the sign committee and would contact CDOT. It is anticipated that with posts, the second sign would not cost more than \$1100.

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 12 AT 10:00 AT THE INN. PLEASE BRING YOUR CALENDARS AS WE WILL TRY TO PLAN OUR APRIL AND MAY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AT THE HISTORIC PARK.