

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES
May 30, 2015 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

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

Minutes: Kelly moved that the minutes be approved with the amendment of Carolyn Abbott covering desserts not deserts for Bike-n-Build; Roy Sovine seconded and they were approved.

Upcoming meetings and events: next regular meeting at June 27th at 9:30 in the School House; Bike-n-build on Monday, 7/13 (we need volunteers to provide showers and food).

Board of Director Elections: two board positions are up for election to a 2 year terms (officers are determined by the board). Diana Slifka moved that Joan Weber and Anita Mason be reelected to 2 year terms; Wes Duran seconded the motion, there were no additional nominations made and the motion passed.

Accomplishments from June 2014 through May of 2015. John provided a list of accomplishments in the last year that are attached to the end of the minutes. Thanks to members and the board for all you do to make this possible.

Schoolhouse renovation: K.W. Construction & Restoration has been selected as the winning bidder for work on the Schoolhouse. Ahmad went through the major items to be accomplished by K.W.: remediation of lead paint; replace some siding; repainting of exterior; replace broken glass; tuck point/seal stone foundation above ground; replace side exit door; resurface front stoop; replace cupola roof.

We are starting major work on the interior, too. Please sign up to assist and we will contact you for work (painting, drywall, cover flooring, etc.).

Twin Lakes Village Road and Alleyway Vacations: The Lake County Commissioners will hold a meeting at the Schoolhouse on June 15 at 1:00 PM. One of the Board agenda items is the discussion of the request for Lake County to vacate certain roads and alleyways in and around the Village. Steve Erickson encouraged people to research the issues and think long range toward having land and access to increase the community of Twin Lakes Village and to consider developing a master plan of what we want for the Village, before allowing more land to be taken out of it.

Eureka Project: John recounted major talking points that the Board covered during a phone conference on May 29th with Amy Titterington of the Forest Service, Jim Fine the mine owner (who grew up in the Fine House located in the Historic Park) and Steven Coast, the financing director for the mine project. Behind a privacy fence, five test holes will be drilled near the first bend going up Independence Pass on a 50x50 foot pad; up to 2000 gallons of water will be used daily brought up by commercial trucks; there will be pumps and drainage fences to prevent any mud used water from contaminating the area. Remediation is dependent upon the success of the test project which is estimated to last 5 weeks, operating only during daylight hours M-F without blocking access to local hiking trails. The Forest Service has determined there is no long-term impact on wildlife. There are guidelines for sound, contamination, etc. that will be followed. Monitoring by the Forest Service will not be daily, so any things that you see that concern you should be reported immediately to them to maintain appropriate monitoring. There was a lively discussion of ongoing concerns and engaging more discussion on the topic from Lake County residents and [Leadville Today](#). Additional questions and comments should be made to amytitterington@fs.fed.us.

Volunteers needed for the Red Rooster: Please contact Joan to volunteer either to serve as a general back up or to cover one Saturday this summer. The other days are covered.

Volunteers for Bike-n-Build: for the third or fourth year in a row, we will host showers and dinner on **Monday, 7/13**, for the young riders in Bike-n-Build traveling by bike over 2000 miles to do building improvements for low income/elderly homes across America. There will be 33 seeking showers (arriving around 5:30 at the Schoolhouse) and we will provide dinner (at the Schoolhouse around 7:00). Please contact Kelly if you are able to have a few folks shower or can provide some salads/side dishes for dinner. Carolyn Abbott already volunteered to cover desserts.

Sangre de Cristo Electric COOP is celebrating its 75th Anniversary! The Annual Meeting will be held on **June 16, 2015** at 5:30 PM at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. Wes Duran encouraged all of us to attend; there will be good food starting at 6:30 PM, door prizes and a contested election for the board of directors between two qualified candidates: Charlie Able II, challenger, and Gary Merrifield, incumbent. You may also vote on the ballot in your **Colorado Country Life** magazine

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY THE 27TH OF JUNE AT 9:30 AM AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Commissioner Meeting at Schoolhouse 6/15; Sangre de Cristo Meeting 6/16; Bike-n-Build 7/12

Thumbnail Progress Report June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2015

Fire station in southern Lake County

Started in 2011

DOLA funded design phase in summer 2014
Design result overbudget- Fall 2014
Redesign with simpler structure- Winter 2015 (\$2M)
Submit to DOLA January 2015 est. response 8/15
FOTL commits to donate \$7250 for fire station from donations and general fund

Clarion Hotel Assessment -

Assessment funded by History Colorado (\$14.5K)
Onsite Assessment in May 2014
Preservation of structure recommended Fall 2014
Work with Forest Service to determine what will be done (ONGOING).

Twin Lakes Schoolhouse

10 year Lease approved by School Board July 2014
Clean up outside and inside – remove walls in bathrooms
Report McMoRan Foundation Climax grant for remediation of outside and inside (\$20K)

Twin Lakes Sign (funded by FOTL members)

Same "Welcome sign" as on East end of town

Twin Lakes Walking Tour Map created and available at **Rooster Visitor Center**

Staffed and maintained by FOTL volunteers

Education

Fire Mitigation

State Forest offers evaluation of property to reduce wildland fire

Internet possibilities

Bike and Build

Feed and Shower 35 bicyclists

Race series

Volunteers required to maintain clear roads/biker/rider crowd safety

Upcoming Year June 2015 to May 2015:

Schoolhouse refurbishment

Clarion direction

Begin collection of grant funding possibilities.

Investigate trail improvements/partnerships