

**FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES
MAY 26, 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

Board of Directors Present: John Kester, President; Ric Altman, Treasurer/Vice President and Kelly Sweeney, At-Large.

Report of the April 2012 Meeting:

The meeting was opened with a report of the April “meeting” which actually involved speaker input/presentations. The primary speaker was Damon Lange from the Forest Service discussing wildfire mitigation. Lake County Emergency Manager Mike McHargue gave an update on the pre-disaster mitigation planning. The Fire Department made sixteen address signs at the meeting to assist in locating residences in the event of fire or other emergency, the signs are building code compliant.

Election of new members to the board of directors:

The one year terms of two directors, Carl Wagner and Kelly Sweeney, ended and the next two directors elected to serve on the board will serve two year terms.

Kelly Sweeney was nominated by John Kester and the nomination was seconded by Wes Duran.

Ahmad Ghais was nominated by Kelly Sweeney and the nomination was seconded by Wes Duran.

Ken Wickham moved to close the nominations and Wes Duran seconded the nomination. Both nominees were elected unanimously.

Determination of annual dues and requested payment deadline:

The by-laws require that the annual dues and payment terms be determined at the annual membership meeting. Kelly made a multi-part motion that the dues remain the same as last year, \$20 for individual/family voting members and \$10 for non-voting members; that the “due year” run from June 15, 2012 to make it easier for bookkeeping. Ahmad seconded the motion and it passed without opposition (exceptions will be made for those paid in early 2012).

Twin Lakes Improvement Association Contribution:

Steve Erickson and Wes Duran, officers of the Twin Lakes Improvement Association, presented a proposal to donate \$1,171.52 to be used toward the operation, maintenance and upgrade of the Twin Lakes Historic Park and Twin Lakes Visitors Center. The contribution and agreement to tender the funds was with the hope that the Friends of Twin Lakes would continue to support this important part of the Twin lakes community and continue to work in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service to create and fund the Historic Park and Visitors’ Center.

- FOTL president has written a letter in support of the grant efforts to restore one of the roofs at the historic park.
- A committee was formed of John King, Steve Erickson, Joan, Tom Seidel and Constance Erickson to develop ideas and prioritize efforts with the Forest Service to improve the park and center.

Ahmad moved that the funds be accepted with a commitment to use them as specified. Joan Weber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with great gratitude to the Twin Lakes Improvement Association for entrusting us to carry their mission forward.

Fire/Signage:

FOTL supported the grant efforts of Lake County Dispatch Center to purchase an enhanced 911 system to help improve the emergency services and decrease response times to use modern communication and mapping software, along with

equipping 18 emergency response vehicles with GPS location systems. The award from Freeport-McMoRan Foundation was for \$38,250.

John Kester, who also serves on the Lake County Fire Planning Committee, provided some background on the status and rationale behind the formation of a Fire District for Lake County. It has the support of the Planning Committee and Mike Bordogna, Commissioner. Instead of having a contract with the city, it would be a Fire District in charge of the entire county. Inquiry was made whether any Lake County Commissioners were against the proposed district and it was disclosed that a commissioner candidate, Jack Saunders, does not support the district as it would create another taxing entity, even though **taxes should not** go up with the District. It is quite possible that this will be a special election item in 2013. In order to increase the likelihood of success, all members of FOTL are urged to commit to assist in the education of neighbors and friends of the need for the Fire District and absence of tax increase behind its formation.

There is currently no support for a separate Fire District for Southern Lake County from the Fire Department, Commissioners or the Planning Committee as a whole.

Eight more people signed up for signs. They are \$10 and posts are \$4.50. It was anticipated that letters as well as numbers would be available, but that has not happened. John will contact the Fire Department to find out if they will provide letters.

Town sign/Mt. Elbert sign:

John reported that it would cost approximately \$1000 to put up a 12 square foot sign welcoming all to Twin Lakes Village. Commissioner Bordogna encouraged FOTL to send a letter to the Leadville Coalition, the Leadville Tourism Panel and the County Commissioners to request money toward this effort. Bruce Hix encouraged FOTL to try to come up with a portion of the money as a good faith showing.

Susie Kester is going to get a final quote. She will also work with John, Cornelia Patti and Constance to contact the groups needed to give permission to post the sign in the scenic byway. We will confirm with any home owner upon whose property the sign may be placed that they are supportive of its placement.

John spoke with Brad Palmer of Road and Bridge for the County and there has been no progress on the Mt. Elbert sign. In January, Brad's email was publicworks1@leadville.net, there is also a link from the Lake County Government Directory that will allow you to email Brad (in case the address changed using <http://www.lakecountycolorado.com/email?dpt=publicworks&u=4>), please make sure he knows how much we appreciate his support in making the sign a reality.

Internet/Broadband News:

Please contact Ahmad for information on Wild Blue internet via satellite.

Linda reported that Steve was told by Century Link that we would have Century Link high speed internet in Pan Ark, the Village and Gordon Acres by the end of 2012.

School house lease:

Brad Palmer continues to help us in obtaining the lease.

Upcoming Race/Ride Events:

We will volunteer to help with upcoming races, but should seek defined/discrete tasks that we can do and receive recognition as having been done by FOTL. We also should seek a portion of any payment to the county for the volunteer work force.

Next Meeting:

June 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Twin Lakes Dance Hall.