

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES
AUGUST 25, 2012 MEETING

Board of Directors present: John Kester, President; Ric Altman, Treasurer/Vice President; Kelly Sweeney, Secretary; Ahmad Ghais and Joan Brinkworth, At-Large.

Minutes: The minutes were corrected under the "County emergency Communications" to reflect that George gave updated Pan Ark maps to the Assessor, Sherriff, Building Department and Fire Department.

Treasurer's Report: Currently, we have \$3425 in our bank account which includes the funds set aside for the Historic Park (\$1000 from Ride the Rockies and \$1,171.52 from the Twin Lakes Improvement Association). Folks are encouraged to pay your yearly dues!

Southern Lake County Fire Protection: Fire Chief Dan Dailey from the Leadville and Lake County Fire Departments cancelled his appearance. Anita Mason and John gave background and updated the group on the activity of the Planning Board and Fire Management Committee; both groups support the Fire District. It will go to vote in a little over one year and the plan is to build a new station in Southern Lake County, likely near Moose Haven to be in similar proximity to developments on this end of the county.

- Discussion was held regarding volunteer fire fighter requirements which are exceptionally high for Lake County, Fire Fighter 1 that requires 232 hours of training (over 5- 40 hour weeks) as well as the physical training. More suited for a fire academy graduate awaiting placement, although most agreed the low of 36 hours training for some districts was probably too low for safely fighting fires.
- The FOTL Fire Committee should contact Steve Rogers for copies and information regarding documents that showed an established "Twin Lakes fire District" from 1979.
- Plan B of forming our own special fire district is effectively on hold due to lack of time and resources to effectively pursue it by FOTL. Presently, we will put our efforts into educating and supporting the Fire District. It is hoped that this election (possibly a special election just for land owners) will be more successful as it will not propose funding that creates significant tax implications and grants will be easier to obtain once a district is formed.

Visitor Alan Ainsworth introduced by Steve Erickson: Mr. Ainsworth is a candidate for Lake County Commissioner who was present to gather information about what is important to residents in southern Lake County to the extent those opinions were reflected by FOTL.

Insurance Information: John provided information from a local broker, Patty Brooks that Safeco and another agency will not insure log buildings. We were alerted to expect rate increases due to recent fires in Colorado. We are still seeking liability insurance for FOTL. It would be nice to have Officer and Director Liability Insurance, but General Liability insurance is needed under current standards to be able

to use the School House for our meetings and events. Everything we are seeing is from \$700-900 and we will continue searching.

Historic Park Committee: (See Report Attached at the End of Minutes). The Historic Park Committee provided a detailed written report and highlighted the dire need to repair certain buildings such as the Clarion Hotel. It has been determined that the Forest Service is not highly committed to maintaining and preserving the area and that they have NO written report regarding an evaluation of the area, contrary to prior communications. A motion was made by Joan that we approve the report and adopt its recommendations. The motion was seconded by Wes and passed unanimously.

- Additional items including discussions regarding liability to FOTL, considerations for a long term agreement, establishing boundaries and repair quotes obtained by Steve Erickson.
- We look forward to the Committee proceeding and bringing further items back to the larger group for approval as work is done by them to enter into an agreement or Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service.

Website: Presently, Kelly cannot access the website to make updates. We asked Larry Marcum to help as he is still the administrator for the site. Once access is regained we will put up our first advertisement on our business page for members for the Twin Lakes Dance Hall, we will do this in exchange for them allowing our use of the facility. Other members can post for a \$30 donation for 6 months or \$50 for the year.

Fire Extinguisher: the DeCew's requested that FOTL have a fire extinguisher in the Dance Hall. A motion was made by Joan to authorize John to purchase an extinguisher for up to \$150 without further FOTL review. It was seconded by Ric and passed. Additional factors to consider will be freezing and maintenance.

Address Signs: There are 40-50 signs posted. Before we go door to door to request more, Ric will talk to Chief Dailey to find out if they are out of signs. (Apparently, there are 30 pending for Pan Ark.)

Welcome to Twin Lakes Sign: The sign committee, Susie Kester, Marylee Hix and Constance Erickson are doing additional leg work to consider maintenance due to materials (wood versus sandstone or metal), verbiage and location. Recent informal polls of guests have found that a sign is a good idea for welcoming visitors. Carl Wagner offered to donate up to \$1000 toward the sign project. Expect a further report at the next meeting.

Trail 100 Legends Foundation: Steve moved that we ask for \$3000 from them for the Historic Park restoration as they support communities impacted by their races. Carl seconded and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 9:00 AM.