

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES  
October 24, 2015 MEMBER MEETING

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

**Minutes:** Carl Wagner moved that the minutes be approved; Joan seconded the motion and they were approved.

**Upcoming meetings and events:** member meeting at the Schoolhouse on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 dedicated to final input on proposal for using the building for private events. The proposal will be distributed a week prior (telephonic and email participation will be available).

**Scheduled Burns.** There is a scheduled control burn planned for the west side of upper Twin Lakes on 10/27/15. Another is to take place later this winter on the south side of the lower lake.

**Volunteers for Red Rooster Meeting in Salida.** The Forest Service has invited volunteers on their projects to an appreciation gathering in Salida on November 12 from 4:30 to 6:00 at the Salida Ranger Station, 5575 Cleora Road in Salida. John applauded the efforts of Joan to organize volunteers and commended the service of all of the Red Rooster volunteers. The 2015 visitor number was 7301, up significantly from the ~4500 in 2014.

**Aspen Alpine Guides Proposal for Use of Interlaken.** This is something that FOTL members should know is in draft stages if you would like to provide input on the proposed use of Interlaken by Aspen Alpine Guides. There will be time for stakeholder input as they are proposing to add restroom facilities and rehabilitate the hotel for use as a bunk house; all of this likely will require a NEPA study, etc. The use will be for training and activities year round for the group.

**Southern Lake County Fire Station.** We were unsuccessful, in spite of many efforts, in coordinating a time to meet with Chief Daily to talk about fire protection plans for southern Lake County. We will continue to try and set something up.

**Forest Service Historic Park Meeting.** John and Karin Teague of the Independence Pass Foundation will meet with the Forest Service on 10/27 to discuss what the Forest Service will allow and support for improvements in the area for 2016. It appears they have some plans for Mt. Bump and Willis Gulch trail.

Concern was expressed with the Forest Service not using funds collected at the Red Rooster for improvements and supplies there, which appears to be implied in our Agreement with them. Concern was also expressed with the lack of progress on any of our suggested projects in recent years.

**Twin Lakes Traveler.** Jim McMillen would like to know your favorite outdoor activities around Twin Lakes, recommended hikes, etc. Also, contact Jim if you want to write an article.

**Schoolhouse Usage Proposal for Private Events.** Under the terms of our lease with the School Board, we must seek permission to use the property for non-FOTL sponsored/supported events. The board has assembled a draft pilot project that we want to submit for formal consideration to the School Board for their January 12th meeting. Discussion was held on the benefit of a pilot project to see what we are able to handle effectively and to make adjustments, etc. for future year successful implementation. We also discussed that this proposal is for use that is not unlike what the Mining Museum uses their property for and how we need to leverage our arguments based upon our tremendous time and monetary efforts to improve the building--needing funds raised from use fees to maintain it. Some ideas were offered and we will send out a version for preferences and comment by members around 11/14/15 to discuss on 11/21/15.