

Friends of Twin Lakes Annual Member Meeting
June 1, 2021

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Virtual meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Board of Directors: Present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Kurt Schweigert, VP/Treasurer; Beth Manning, Secretary; Larry Marcum, and Susie Ramsdell, at large directors.

Commissioner Sarah Mudge discussed the Lake County Wildfire and Recreation Survey Results. **Suggested reading of survey results:** <https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1976af9d08b2767b9a5418a5a&id=705607d9f3&e=9bc0c45a01>

- Fire Marshall to work with all the local HOAs throughout the summer regarding right of way and egress work.
- Commissioners sent a letter of support for grants for the fire department to buy a trailer to haul away slash for people as they cut it down. Kelly Sweeney worked on grant application.
- The fire below the Beaver Ponds and Red Rooster area was mentioned and was human origin.
- Questions about the status of the southern fire station were given to Commissioner Mudge:
 - All agreements are signed
 - Work crews should be out on site this week.
- Questions about water level in upper lakes above the village was brought up. Kelly to provide information on website concerning water levels of area lakes for membership if interested.

Regular Agenda

1. Approve minutes from June Annual Meeting.

2. Review of status of funds:

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- **Operating Account 5/31/21 \$12,353.61** (not including recent paypal deposits that have not gone into our accounts) (\$2,148.89 in contributions reserved for garbage service payments and we have purchased some of the \$6 Yellow Bags).
 - **Thanks to those who have already done so and--REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES! We currently have 95 paid memberships for 2021 (up 45 since last meeting). Pay online at: <https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/donate-now/> or mail your check to Friends of Twin Lakes, 231 Lang St., Twin Lakes, CO 81251. (Please and Thank you!)**
 - FYI- we had 133 paid memberships in 2019 and only 95 paid memberships in 2020 which is understandable in the wonky world of Covid-19—however, that is a likely loss of \$760.
 - **contributed \$52,000 to construction).** Funds are important because we can leverage these funds with a USDA grant.
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 2. 2020 we raised \$7644; we had no fundraising events.
- **Designated Accounts 6/1/21 \$38,726.09**
 - Dexter Cabin: \$668.00
 - Heritage Projects: \$8604.27 (increase because of \$2500 transfer from operating account in Jan. donation of \$600 from Wagner's for Clarion roof and donations to date of \$3,058.85 to Heritage from Nick Gerich's items - we only spent \$466.63 for plywood, roofing paper, screws, adhesive

and spreader-the rest was donated). NOTE: WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADD \$400 IN MATCHES FROM SANGRE DE CRISTO FOR THE HERITAGE FUND!

- Fire Station 2 fixture finish funds: \$29,433.82 (we also have \$3000 in gift cards from Lowes and \$3500 that will be paid for some appliances from LT 100 Foundation AND we have **already contributed** \$52,000 to construction). Funds are important because we can leverage these funds with a USDA grant.
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3. Update on Clean Up Efforts:

- 22 Volunteers helped clean up the Heritage Park on May 15th! It looks great. Thank you: Laila & Al Dawson, Judy Leaming, John Kester, Forest Service Recreation Manager Jim Fiorelli, Jeff Ashby, Susie Ramsdell, Daryl Manning, Colleen & Kurt Schweigert, Steve Erickson, Donna Childress, Forest Service Joan Veilleux, Anne Bond, Richard Meeker, Bob Mathes, trail lead Motu, Mai-Lan Huynh, Elysa and Caden Huynh-Smith, David Smith, Jan Morzel, Robert Krehbiel and Kelly Sweeney.
 - Extra credit to Al & Laila who came back on 5/24 and put a water sealer on the walkway surrounding the Visitor Center and its stoop.
 - Extra credit to Joan Veilleux, Steve Erickson, Robert Krehbiel, Bob Mathes and Kelly Sweeney for hauling off the remaining large slash piles over by the beaver ponds on the 18th & 21st.
- Many thanks to our hearty Highway 82 roadside garbage pickup participants who have done or will do from the intersection of Highways 24 and 82 to mm 79 on Highway 82: Al & Laila Dawson, Jan Sturharik, John & Susie Kester, Chris Taylor, Carl Wagner, Susie Ramsdell, Robert Krehbiel, Kelly Sweeney and the O'Rourke family.
- May get a picnic table from the Forest Service to place in the beaver pond area.

4. Update on Clarion rehabilitation efforts (we have \$8,604 in Heritage funds):

- We submitted a letter of intent to Climax Community Fund for a grant to do the asbestos abatement while we remove the broken sidewalk, regrade, replace with gravel, haul materials, shore up 2 sides of the porch and likely remove the front porch for safety reasons.
- The Board intends to seek a planning grant from State Historical Fund. The 2015 assessment of the Clarion site needs to be updated as the site has deteriorated since that time. Kurt Schweigert has worked on this update.
- Kurt Schweigert made a motion to approve FOTL to pay costs for disposal of materials, potential gravel (if not donated), shoring materials and any required cash matches up to a total of \$3000. Anne seconded. After discussion, the motion was amended to \$4000. Motion passed.
- Larry made a motion to approve expenses to finalize Assayer's office display/lighting up to \$400. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

5. We already have Doubled \$400 from the Sangre de Cristo grant match. Mark Graff, Twin Lakes Inn, suggested that we pursue a simple fundraising opportunity for each of you who have accounts with Sangre de Cristo to double your donations-limit \$200 per account to Friends of Twin Lakes up to a total of \$1,000 matched dollars from Sangre per year. If not FOTL look into it for your favorite local nonprofits.<https://www.myelectric.coop/community/matching-grant-program/>

1. **We will help provide your supporting documentation for donations made in 2021 (cannot be dues or for garbage bin) to use for your simple application.**
2. **What a great way to double your donations to any local Lake or Chaffee County charity.**

6. Bingo, we will try some version June 9th consistent with Lake County guidelines and prudence. 5:30 p.m. was the agreed upon start time.

7. Visitor Center Operation Update from Colleen Schweigert. Here is the current line up of volunteers (we so appreciate you): Michael O’Leary, Beth & Daryl Manning, Carl & Cathy Wagner, Judy Leaming, Jake Caddel, Susie Ramsdell, Kelly Sweeney, Andy Wald, Lyle Wagner, John Kester, Bruce Hix, Al Dawson, John Kester, Sally Fletemier, Susan Frensley, Katie Hild and Kurt & Colleen Schweigert.

8. Movie offering-it won’t be the same without Denise, but we would like to take it for a spin. Maybe 6/16 at the Schoolhouse? Thanks to Carl & Cathy Wagner for letting us use their nice projector!! Wednesday alternating with Bingo.

9. Reminder of the difference FOTL made 2020-2021 even with Covid's impacts:

1. The grand total of **volunteer hours** worked for the Forest Service in the 2020 season was 796.5 hours, using the 2019 value of volunteer time for Colorado according to the Independent Sector of \$29.50, the monetary value of our hours is \$23,899.95.
 - o We hosted 3,561 visitors on a limited schedule at the Visitor Center, painted, fixed things at Dexter, build a floor and installed “new” old windows/plexiglass at Assayer’s office.
 - o We also created the trail to Moache and engaged in several beach clean ups and placed brush, rocks and trees over an abandoned/illegal road.
2. In 2022, we have already some **significant work to cover/stabilize the Clarion’s back roof** with new plywood/roofing paper and done a significant Heritage Park cleanup. The board has been meeting and doing a lot of work trying to find grants and preparing grants for the Clarion Hotel Rehabilitation
3. We answered the need for **delivering food boxes** to a family in need for several months in the winter.
4. We had a number of very enjoyable and sometimes cold outdoor **movie nights!**
5. We **organized items given to us from Nick Gerich’s estate and collected donations** from locals who picked up items to use toward the Heritage Park improvements.
 - o We also took some **donated furniture from Nick’s daughter** to a family referred by Advocates of Lake County (they assist victims of domestic violence).
 - o Transported and **donated 2 loads of Nick’s books** for the Lake County Public Library’s book sale for the summer reading program.
 - o We provided some of **Nick’s coats and boots to those in need.**

10. FOTL Board of Director Elections:

1. We have 2- 2 year terms up for election in May. Larry Marcum and Susie Ramsdell are willing to stand for reelection.
2. A motion to nominate both Larry and Susie to another 2 year term was made by Anne and seconded by David Smith. Motion carried.

11. Kurt Schweigert informed members of a **petition** he is circulating regarding spending some of the CARES ACT fund on a **engineering plan** for a wastewater/potable water and fire protection project in Twin Lakes and Gordon Acres. A study was presented 27 years ago but was tabled. A meeting is scheduled for 10:30 Thursday to discuss with County Commissioners.

12. Other business: (Cookbooks—please help us get them sold, we still owe Interlaken Investments!)

13. A motion to adjourn was made by Susie Ramsdell and seconded by Colleen Schweigert. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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