

DRAFT-- Friends of Twin Lakes Member Meeting –DRAFT
July 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. as a hybrid meeting both in person at the schoolhouse and by zoom via Zoom.

Board of Directors Present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Beth Manning, Secretary; Susie Ramsdell. Colleen Schweigert on Zoom. Larry Marcum was not able to attend.

1) Guest Speaker Sheriff Speckman

- a) He will serve the remainder of Sheriff Reyes term who resigned in March. He comes from a law enforcement family in Colorado Springs. He spent 10 years in the Air Force Security Forces (military police). He has 5 years' experience with the Colorado State Patrol. He decided to stay in Leadville with his family and so accepted the Sheriff's position in March of 2022.
- b) Questions submitted by membership:
 - i) What is current law enforcement staff level and schedule to increase staffing?
 - Two deputies on patrol now with one additional coming and one in training.
 - Staffing for Sheriff's department and State Patrol is down 50%
 - 2 detention officers with one in training.
 - Dispatch needs 4 for complete coverage.
 - One State Patrol officer is assigned to Lake County and another lives in Leadville.
 - ii) When is the Everbridge (reverse 911) test going to occur?
 - People need to be aware of when the test is taking place so they know if they were actually notified. Sheriff Speckman to talk with Gloria who was actually testing the system about our concerns.
 - iii) Explain the temporary holding cell being created and how the transport of detained prisoners has impacted county costs and staffing.
 - Forty-eight hours holding capacity required. 2 detention officers on call. Days off and nights for transport.
 - 99% of people are kept in holding because there is no formal jail.
 - iv) Help us understand what we can expect when people in the southern end of the County contact Dispatch to request a deputy to come here. (Party out of control, crime, racing/drunk drivers, etc.)
 - 500 calls come through a month, approximately 17 per day.
 - 1 deputy available. Would like another to split county in half.
 - Frustrations stated by membership in response time though we are aware that rapes, murders, and domestic violence may come before our issues.
 - Some citizens have responded to help. Sheriff cautioned about carrying and use of weapons especially when not trained in appropriate response.
 - Members brought up possibility of forming a neighborhood watch but there is no program in Lake County.
 - Human trafficking and drugs, investigations are harder and more complicated. Most of what they see is drug related, though some trafficking is presented also.
 - Sheriff works with Sol Vista Mental Health and victim's advocate program. Two positions approved, one staffed. Also have co-responders though that staff member has retired.
 - 80 to 90 % are drug or mental health issues.
 - v) Fire Ban Stages seem to be synching better on all lands in Lake County which helps as BLM, Forest Service are all on the same page.
 - vi) Greatest Frustrations
 - Staffing

- Response time
 - Department seems to be hopeful that things will improve soon so morale is better.
- vii) Suggestions for citizens response
- CDOT will request speed monitors.
 - Possible neighborhood watch
 - Forest Service allows shooting on Forest Service land and residents want it done safely.
- 2) Approval of minutes of May 28, 2022 annual member meeting.
 - a) Susie Ramsdell moved for approval. Seconded by Daryl Manning. Motion carried.
 - 3) FOTL Accounts through 6/30/22:
 - a) Designated accounts \$121,446.53
 - b) and General Account \$ 16,173.27
 - c) We have 126 paid members as of 7/6/2022 for 2022, 26 of which are non-voting.
 - d) Designated Dexter Account \$688
 - e) Designated Heritage Account \$31,812.78 (some of this is specifically set aside for Clarion)
 - f) Fire Station 2 Account \$88,945.75
 - 4) Trail Tuesday—Trail lead Bob Mathes will cover anticipated work for the Trail Tuesday crews and flexibility in planning. Have been accomplishing a lot with small groups particularly along Moache and Mt. Bump.
 - 5) Reminder Garbage Program users to please flatten all boxes and crush cans/plastic bottles. Also, lock the bin after using.
 - 6) Sign up for Beach Clean Up on July 28th. Those of you who work at Visitor Center, help FOTL on its Trail Tuesdays, other trail work and clean ups on Forest Service land are entitled to receive a Twin Lakes Recreation area day use pass (1 per family) that allows day use access to Red Rooster, Dexter and Mountain View for the 2022 season.
 - 7) Boom Days Parade.
 - a) We need to create a float and get marchers. The Theme is Women in Mining. Parade starts promptly at 10, so plan on being there Saturday, August 6th no later than 9:35 to line up and finalize plans. Looking at wearing mining or period attire. Bring your pickaxes, mining pans, shovels, old wheelbarrows, and sense of fun! Please sign up to help.
 - b) Moved and seconded to approve \$250 in expenditures for float, candy and trinkets. Motion carried.
 - 8) LT 100 Foot Race
 - a) Twin Lakes Village course marshals needed. August 20th shifts from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
 - b) Twin Lakes Village and Gordon Acres Residents, Workers and VRBO operators, need to contact friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com to make sure that you have a pass for entering the area to go to your parking place and instructions on entering/leaving/parking. Passes will be distributed on Friday August 19th from 4-6 at the Shooting Star Gallery by Kelly Sweeney or by other arrangements for drop off.
 - 9) Assayer's Office sign up to help "set up" the office. We have to build a few tables and place items from the Mining Museum and others inside.
 - 10) Community Dinner on September 17th? Are you interested in participating at an FOTL table? Sign up—we have to reserve tables (8 per) and everyone brings something from their least healthy recipes.
 - 11) August 1 Library Sign Up—get your Lake County Library Card, learn to download books, magazines, audiobooks, videos, classes, how to use the Tool library and check out the book bike at the Twin Lakes Inn Patio from 5:30 to 6:30 or 7:00 weather permitting (if the weather is bad, we will go to the Schoolhouse).

12) Clarion Hotel.

- a) We are still working on finding a structural engineer or another engineer to update the Clarion's Historical Assessment's structural findings.
- b) We have failed to engage the prior engineer (no returned calls to him and his office) and ask if any of you have structural engineer contacts that you send the information to Friends of Twin Lakes.
- c) The FS Engineer has offered that it does not have to be a structural engineer, but the engineer(s) need to sign off on what they recommend.

13) Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.