

DRAFT ** Minutes Member Meeting May 10, 2025 **DRAFT
At the Schoolhouse 231 Lang 10:0a.m. and on Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Present were Kelly Sweeney, president; Colleen Schweigert, Vice President; Jeannine Ravenscraft and Anne Bond, at large members in person and Beth Manning, Secretary; joined on Zoom.

1. Approval of the January 2025 meeting minutes.

- a. <https://friendsoftwinlakes.com/friends-of-twin-lakes-member-meeting-minutes-1-18-24/> (it was in 2025, just named for 2024).
- b. Motion to approve by Colleen Schweigert, seconded by Joan Weber.
- c. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's report:

a. Operating account information

General Fund (including \$584.63 in Garbage Fund)	\$20,943.17
Heritage	\$67,631.26
Fire Station	\$38,767.39
Dexter House	<u>373.93</u>
	\$127,715.75
Pueblo Bank & Trust	20,943.17
Colorado Community Bank	<u>106,772.75</u>
	127,715.75

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Total Voting Members	44
Total Non-Voting Member	<u>12</u>
Total Members	56

- b. Please focus on the General Fund and Heritage Fund.

3. Garbage

- a. There is a potential Colorado Parks & Wildlife grant to obtain 420 grizzly bear resistant garbage cans for area residential properties and FOTL contributions to the effort. The local CPW Officer has identified the areas of greatest need and most likely best impact are in and around Twin Lakes Village/campgrounds/Gordon Acres and Pan Ark.
- b. We want to seek a grant to purchase "Grizzly Bear Resistant" certified 64-gallon garbage containers. We will ask for 420 bins with serial numbers.
- c. We want to assign one to each property willing to take one (they have serial numbers) as long as they sign an agreement that the bear-resistant can stays with the property and they will not try to sell or transfer the can to someone else. Containers can be removed if they are misused or create obstructions or garbage in their neighborhood (for example, you cannot leave them next to the road for more than two days, etc.).

- d. We anticipate offering them to all who will use them in Pan Ark and the Twin Lakes area. If they can donate a little to the cost, that would be fantastic. If not, that will not prevent them from getting one. (What will prevent this is the amount we are awarded with the grant. The more we match, the more we are likely to receive.)
- e. Each bin costs \$240 (price likely to increase with tariffs by the time the grant is awarded mid-summer), and we were going to ask for about \$100,000 worth.
- f. Misti Cureton has offered to store the containers on her property in Balltown for FOTL pending distribution of all containers.
- g. We will send out a survey to get feedback from the areas impacted. It is quite short, and we also offer the opportunity to just email us their thoughts if they don't want to do a survey.
- h. These bins will help discourage the bears in the area and give property owners/renters a place to safely store their garbage between trips to the landfill, Village garbage bins, yellow bag drop off or a trash service pick up.
 - i. Motions:
 - i. Kurt Schweigert moved to authorize FOTL to apply for the grant for 424 containers with the serial numbers and seek possible partners (thinking the Friends of Lake County or another non-profit). Seconded by Joan Weber. Motion Passed.
 - ii. Kevin Kursner moved to authorize FOTL to provide a match of \$8000 or up to \$9,000 for the grant application. Brian Neven seconded. Motion Passed

4. Other garbage issues

- a. The Friends of Twin Lakes garbage program at the Visitor Center was established to help address the lack of a garbage drop for campers, travelers, and, if space was available, locals for the payment of a fee. Waste Management has continually increased our monthly rates, and the program is on the brink of being underfunded. We have always said we will not fund the program if it cannot break even and really do not want to be in the garbage payment collection business.
- b. Destination Twin Lakes, operating in partnership with Tenderfoot Farms Twin Lakes, is going to offer a service to locals and campers/travelers to accept garbage from 9:00 to 5:00 pm, with hours likely extending in the summer. (\$5 for a kitchen bag and \$10 for a black/lawn bag.) (Their hours beat the Visitor Center Hours for campers/travelers.) They also have a program of home pickups that you can view at <https://destinationtwinlakesco.com/twin-lakes-trash-service/f/trash-service-terms-and-conditions?blogcategory=Twin+Lakes+Trash+Service>
- c. The County has a yellow bag program with collection sites near the recycling can drop-off near Fire Station 2 on Highway 10, Landfill, and the Community Fields. FOTL will purchase some of those bags to sell at cost for people who do not want to drive to Landfill or the Lake County Treasurer's office.
- d. We will likely reduce it to one bin, the larger one, starting in June. Then, if it can pay for itself, we plan to discontinue the second bin by the end of August.
- e. This will allow those with outstanding credits because they paid in advance to use the service (or, if they prefer, continue to pay if they do not have credit until bins are gone and there is room in the bins).
 - i. Motion to concur with removal of bin 1 at the end of May and bin 2 at the end of August. Anne Bond moved to confirm this program's end in full no

later than August 31 or earlier if the program cannot fund itself. Seconded by Cornelia Patti. The motion passed.

5. Other financial issues.

- a. Reallocating Heritage Park funds to the Red Rooster Visitor Center Roof. We have permission to redesignate \$20,000 from the donors who have given a one-time designated Clarion donation, hoping it would be used on that project. We need directions from members to redesignate more.
 - i. If the holes in the Red Rooster roof, home of the Visitor Center, leak down to the 1st floor before that roof is replaced, the Visitor Center will be closed, which would be a huge economic and educational loss for our Village.
 - ii. While our bids for replacing the Red Rooster roof were from December 2023, it does appear that we easily have enough to cover this in our Heritage Fund (\$67,000+) with the liberation of the \$20,000 restricted donation. (Our old bids were between \$14 and \$15 thousand for Class A fire-rated composite materials.)
 - iii. MOTION
 1. Larry Marcum moved to allow the Board to reallocate Heritage Funds currently designated to the Clarion hotel to the Heritage Park as needed. Adam seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Clarion Hotel.
 - i. The USFS has informed us that it will be at least four years before we are approved for the big Clarion project. We may be able to stabilize the porch; however, our application is stuck in their approval process, and there is no sign of daylight shortly.
 - ii. If we get permission to do the work to stabilize around the Clarion porch, we would still have enough funds to cover that work, which we estimate would be less than \$5000.

6. Upcoming Board Election.

- a. We need to discuss upcoming FOTL board of directors elections at the Annual Member Meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7th.
- b. There are three positions on the board up for reelection, those held by Colleen Schweigert, Anne Bond, and Beth Manning. Please let us know if you would be interested in serving on our board for a 2-year term.
- c. The new board will elect the officers per our bylaws.
- d. We will send out some proposed bylaw amendments for a vote on June 7th to give the board more flexibility.
- e. Kelly Sweeney has already said that she will not seek another official term as a director/officer after hers ends in 2026.
- f. There may or may not be a benefit for our past presidents to serve in an advisory position, but our current bylaws do not contemplate it.
- g. Also, there may be a benefit in having co-presidents (or not) but our bylaws do not contemplate it.
- h. Here is a rough draft of what will go out in final form soon.

- i. *“President (Co-Presidents). The President (or Co-Presidents together) shall be the chief officer(s) of the Corporation and shall have general supervision of the business activities of the Corporation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President (or Co-Presidents) shall perform all the duties commonly incident to such office and such other duties as the Board shall designate. The President shall preside at all meetings of members and Directors. The President shall sign all contracts and agreements and any other instruments requiring execution on behalf of the Corporation and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, subject to policies established by the Board of Directors and these Bylaws. The President shall preside at annual, special or other membership meetings as well as Board meetings. Any transactions, contracts or agreements over \$1000.00 or with a like-kind value equal or greater to that amount, shall require the signature of the President or Vice-President/Treasurer and record of approval by a majority of the Board. (This would require amending a few other sections to provide a mechanism for the board to appoint the co-presidents, etc., following the annual meetings, etc.)
Former President serving as an advisor. Each year following the annual meeting, the board may elect a former President to serve as advisor to the board, serving at the board's pleasure for a 1-year term (or less). (This provides an escape hatch for the board if the former president is no longer pleasing the board.)”*

7. New rules for getting a seasonal day use pass in Twin Lakes for volunteer service. Family/couple works Heritage Park Clean Up or 1 individual works Heritage Park Clean Up and 1 Visitor Center shift or another beach cleanup (2 Park or Beach/Dexter Cabin cleanups also earn a pass.
Signing up for three of the 3 hour shifts at the Heritage Park Visitor Center gets a free pass.

8. UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 17th Annual Heritage Park Clean UP. From 9 to 12ish--for the summer season showcasing our lovely area to welcome visitors and for the enjoyment of residents. Because we have sandwiches being donated by The Twin Lakes Inn, we need an accurate count of volunteers. RSVP to friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com as we need a number for lunch and snacks.

Highway Clean Up: Most sections of Highway 82 from MM79 to Highway 24 are still available. You can do it on your own schedule, but the desired finish is before Memorial Day Weekend. We need help clearing garbage on both sides of Highway 82, MM79-Highway 24. Please reply to this email if you can take one side of a mile or both sides of a whole mile. We understand if you are not able to complete your section before Memorial Day due to weather challenges.

We recommend wearing work gloves, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, a grabber, and a safety vest. In addition to the orange bags we will provide, we have safety vests for you to borrow and disposable gloves to wear over your work gloves.

Helpful safety video on dangerous drug-related garbage awareness:

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/adopt-a-highway/videos>

3 Sections already taken on both sides (Thanks Karen Cochran, Al & Laila Dawson and Robert Krehbiel).

Trail work opportunities with Bob Mathes as trail lead:

One, maybe two evenings in June of trail work on the Moache trail this summer. Not more than 6-8 I think. We have some weed chopping, gravel to the bridge, brushing, and drainage work.

A crew of those who want to help me maintain my adopter section of the Colorado Trail from Willis Gulch to Interlaken trail head by the dam and the FOTL Willis Gulch Trail. He needs 3-4 more As the need is to be able to go out for 1/2 day 3 times on select weekdays TBD over the summer for up to a 7 mile trip. He needs 2-3 more locals who are in shape to carry tools and work.

10. Other:

Bathrooms at Visitor Center. USFS will clean bathrooms until May 31. After May 31, the people that run campground concessions will take over. LT 100 has agreed to contribute.

11. Adjourn.

Judy Lemming moved to adjourn. Cathy Wagner seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.