

DRAFT ** Minutes Member Meeting June 7, 2025 **DRAFT
At the Schoolhouse 231 Lang and on Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Directors present were Kelly Sweeney, president; Colleen Schweigert, Vice President/Treasurer; Beth Manning, Secretary; Jeannine Ravenscraft and Anne Bond, at large members.

- 1) The year in review—we made a difference.

Interlaken Fire June 2024 and July's closure

- Provided frequent email updates and helped Public Information Officer post notices.
- Donated money to 2 local businesses shut down by the closure on the lakes.
- Received commendation letter from Board of County Commissioners for our efforts.

Public Service for USFS

- 134 hours, engaged 35 community members.
- Rebuilt 2 walking bridges, porch landing, added some fencing, raked, weed whacked, stained benches, etc. The Heritage Park hosts the Red Rooster Twin Lakes Visitor Center, several historic buildings and the Mount Bump overlook.
- Assisting in Willis Gulch trailhead maintenance.
- Twin Lakes Red Rooster Visitor Center Operations:
 - We also serve as the only staffing for the Twin Lakes Red Rooster Visitor Center in the Heritage Park from Memorial Day weekend almost daily to Labor Day and then weekends through September.
 - The total hours worked: 616; engaging 30 volunteers who assisted approximately 6927 visitors needing information about the area and promoting Leave No Trace principles.
 - **The total number of volunteer hours worked** on USFS projects/land in 2024 is 752 (not including time in meetings, working on our no-cost share agreement, and studying the Clarion Hotel project).
- Time from 31 volunteers this May was not included in the count above.

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- **140 hours of Friends of Twin Lakes volunteer support.**
- Serving as Village course marshals, spotters, gear watchers, shuttle safety, etc.
- Not including time spent in meetings and providing feedback.

Fire Station 2

- Paid for UTV for Wildfire Fighting from funds raised by FOTL.
- Received a commendation from Mayor of Leadville for all of our contributions to Fire Station 2.

Other activities and events:

- Annual wood chipping event.
- Fire Mitigation/Home Hardening live presentation.
- Bingo bi-weekly through summer of 2024.
- Ute Elder Hanley Frost presentation.
- A successful and informative seminar on NAGPRA, which stands for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, a federal law passed in 1990.
- Annual Community Picnic in Twin Lakes and in Leadville.
- Information table at the Firewise Fair in May.
- 31 volunteers at this year’s Annual Clean Up.
- Valentine’s Day Potluck.
- St. Patrick’s Day Potluck.
- Obtained a grant and providing porta potties from Nov. to end of April in Visitor Center.
- Submitted grant application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for \$109,000 to purchase bear resistant garbage containers.

BRAVO FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES MEMBERS AND BOARD—YOU ARE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE LAND AND SUPPORTERS OF OUR COMMUNITY!!!

- 2) Approve minutes from last meeting: click on link then photo that appears to read minutes: <https://friendsoftwinlakes.com/member-minutes-2025-05-10/>
 - a) MOTION: Daryl Manning moved to approve the minutes. Kathy O’Leary seconded. The minutes were approved.

Operating Account Information as of May 31, 2025

General Fund (Including \$419.46 in Garbage Funds)	\$18,687.83
Heritage	\$67,006.48
Fire Station	\$38,767.39
Dexter House	\$373.93
	\$124,835.63
Pueblo Bank & Trust	\$18,687.83
Colorado Community Bank	\$106,147.80
	\$124,835.63

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Total Voting Members	87
Total Non-Voting Members	19
	106

- 3) Review Treasurer’s Report:

	Total Members	106
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 - a) A question was asked whether we continue to accept trash at the Visitor’s Center. Kelly answered in the affirmative.
- 4) Stick Library proposal (we need to get approval from either Schoolhouse or USFS if we proceed): Jeff Steckler offered to build it.

- a) MOTION: Anita moved that we seek approval from the proper authority. Kurt seconded. Motion carried.



- 5) Proposed by-law amendments find our current by-laws (10/23) at: <https://friendsoftwinlakes.com/membership/fotl-documentation/> bottom of the page.)

Below are the proposed changes to the by-laws. Black font represents the existing language and red font and italics indicates our suggested new language. To view the entire current bylaws, click https://friendsoftwinlakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Bylaws_of_FOTL

Article III Under Meetings of Directors

B. Quorum. Three (3) Directors constitute a quorum (**the number increases by one starting at seven (7) Directors**). The concurrence of majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary to conduct the business of the Corporation.

Article IV A.

Designation of Titles. The titles of the officers of the Corporation shall include a President, Vice-President/Treasurer and Secretary and any other officers, *such as Co-Presidents*, as may be necessary or expedient for the proper conduct of the business of the Corporation as may from time to time be determined by the Board.

Article IV D. (This would be entirely replaced by what is in red.)

President. 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 and Vice-President/Treasurer.

President (Co-Presidents). *The President (or Co-Presidents together) shall be the Corporation's chief officer(s) and shall have general supervision of the Corporation's business activities. 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 (or Co-Presidents) shall preside at all meetings of members and Directors. The President (or one or both Co-Presidents) shall sign all contracts and agreements and any other instruments requiring execution on behalf of the Corporation. They shall be the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer(s), subject to policies established by the Board of Directors and these Bylaws. The President (or one or both Co-Presidents) shall preside at annual, special or other membership meetings and Board meetings. Any transactions, contracts, or agreements over \$1000.00 or with a like-kind value equal to or greater than that amount shall require the signature of a President (or one or both Co-Presidents) or Vice-President/Treasurer and a record of approval by a majority of the Board.*

Article IV, a new addition to the list, is inserted to become I.

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).*

MOTION: Judy Lemming moved to approve the above changes to the bylaws. Suzie Ramsdell seconded. Motion carried.

- 6) Board elections,
 - a) Three positions are open, and the board recommends adding another board member which can be done per our bylaws.
 - b) Colleen Schweigert, Anne Bond, Daryl Manning and Kevin Kirsner were nominated as board members. There were no other nominations. Jeannine Ravenscraft and Kelly Sweeney have one more year on their terms. Beth Manning, Anne Bond, and Colleen Schweigert terms expire.
 - c) MOTION: Michael O'Leary moved to approve the slate of candidates. Sally seconded. The above nominees were unanimously elected.
- 7) Updates on potential larger projects with the USFS with Anne Bond.
 - a) They set priorities for the coming years. The Clarion roof repair would be considered in 2026 as a priority but would not be accomplished until 2027.
 - b) Priority for Red Rooster roof would be replacement in the fall of 2026 and stabilization or patchwork in 2025 to address leaks.
 - c) There are smaller projects under the radar for 2026.
 - d) Removal of dead tree.
 - e) Replacement doors for the Clarion
- 8) Coming Events.
 - a) Cleanup dates for Dexter on July 22nd and beach cleanup on the 20th of August.
 - b) Aging in Place seminars on June 28, July 12 and August 23.
 - c) Bingo starts June 18 and runs every other week on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
 - d) June 19th Kayaking and picnic,
 - e) July 26 Member Meeting

- f) August 24 Annual Picnic.
- 9) Grant Program submission from the Friends of Twin Lakes in partnership with Destination Twin Lakes/Misti Cureton.
- 10) Harmony Jump from Lake County Conservancy District
 - a) Harmony has seeds for sale for native grasses and wildflowers as well as some nonnative wildflowers that should grow well in our environment.
 - b) Kurt encourages people around to village to beautify the village with wildflowers.
- 11) Other
 - a) Recognition of Rick and Jennifer Akin and others who helped get water flowing to the Barn Pond
- 12) Motion to Adjourn
 - a) Kevin moved to adjourn, Suzie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.