

Twin Lakes Improvement Association Newsletter

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2011

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ANNUAL MEETING

We are inviting all association members, property owners, and guests, to the annual Twin Lakes Improvement Association meeting on Saturday, June 25th 2011 at the Twinlow Methodist Camp on lower Twin Lake, at 9:30AM. Sign in and new member sign up starts at 9:00 AM. Twinlow Methodist Camp is located at 22787 N. Twinlow Rd., Rathdrum; one block west of Highway 41 between Par Three Rd and Twin lakes Rd.

SPEAKERS

At the time of this printing, the guest speakers have not been identified.

YOUR TLIA BOARD HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK

As you may know, your TLIA board members work on behalf of the residents of the Twin Lakes area. Committees are formed to address members concerns and requests. We are guided by the “Goals and Objectives” of the association. We welcome new ideas and member involvement. Taking an active part in your association benefits everyone.

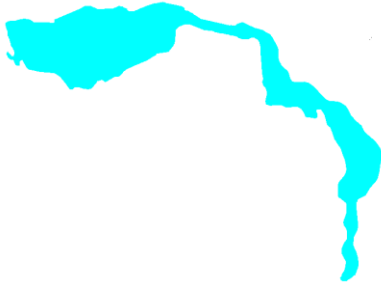
At the annual meeting, Chairpersons from your four of the currently active committees will provide updates.

- Twin Lakes - Fish Creek Preservation Committee - formally the Sediment Removal Committee - Chairperson: Don Ellis. This committee addresses the sediment and nutrient loading in the lakes.

- Twin Lakes Trail - Chairperson: Belinda Childers - This committee is working on a community trail along Twin Lakes Road.
- Community Clean Up - Chairperson: Rick Eldenburg. This committee addresses the buildup of debris and logs around the lakes.
- Membership / Property Owners Committee (new) - Chairperson: Glenn Brumley. The committee was formed ensure all property owners within the TLIA area, have the opportunity to participate in TLIA business.

UPDATE:

At the 2010 Annual meeting, your TLIA Board informed you of a proposal to seek grant funding, in order to address the lake sediment issue. The Twin Lakes - Fish Creek Preservation Committee worked many hours and retained the services of Chris Harding from Water Resources. Mr. Harding’s expertise and work in this area proved invaluable. Mr. Harding reviewed years of data, identified a plan to address the issue, and guided your board members thru the grant process. The three areas targeted for project work included; the narrows between the upper lake and channel area, the channel itself, and Fish Creek. Fish Creek has been identified as one of the sources of the sediment loading. The TLIA Board filed an application for a “319 Grant” with the Idaho Dept of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The TLIA application requested \$66,000 in



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“319 Grant” funding, with \$44,000 in matching funds from the TLIA, for a total of \$110,000 to go towards the project. On October 14, 2010, Mr. Harding provided an excellent presentation to the Panhandle Basin Advisory Group (BAG) in Coeur d’Alene, representing the TLIA request. TLIA’s application was selected for presentation to the next level of review, by DEQ members and the statewide Basin Advisory Group in Boise. The total requested funding by ALL the groups statewide, which submitting applications, was \$6,250,914. At the hearing on December 1, 2010, the TLIA grant application was ranked #14 of (24) applications submitted state wide. Unfortunately the DEQ was only able to fund eleven (11) of those grant applications. The TLIA application was not funded.

The TLIA is now looking at the 2012 “319 Grant” application process. However, prior to going forward with this new application, the TLIA board feels it is in the interest of all property owners, to provide their input. Your TLIA Board is requesting your attendance at the annual meeting to receive information regarding the grant, the extent of the project(s), and to get your opinion on the TLIA financial commitment of the project.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION / PHOTOS REQUESTED

Do you have photos or stories of the lake from family and friends that you would like to share with other lake residents? The TLIA would like to include a section in our news

letter for your stories. We would also like to collect (old and new) photos of life at Twin Lakes.

FALL WOODS TOUR

Information will be provided at the annual meeting for this year’s Woods Tour, presented by the Inland Empire Paper Co. The Woods Tour is an excellent way to see up close, how IEP manages its forests and provides for the community. The tour provides a wealth of information and an appreciation for the company’s Forest Management Plan.

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE!!!!

Decorate your boat and join everyone at the western end of the upper lake, for the 2011 Boat Parade. The parade starts at 11AM. This is a great way to start your 4th of July celebration. This event is enjoyed not only by the participants, but by the hundreds of homeowners who celebrate it from the shores. Your TLIA Board wishes to remind participants; that although your association does not organize the event, we proudly support the grassroots participation.

TLIA BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for five (5) positions on the TLIA Board of Directors will take place at the annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming active on the board or know of someone who is, please contact Steve Kolb at P.O. Box 620, Rathdrum ID 83858. Or you can notify us at the meeting.



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Minutes of Last Year's Annual Meeting on June 19, 2010 at Twinlow Camp

President Steve Kolb called the meeting to order at 10:15. 50 people were present, including all current board members. The minutes of the last annual meeting were accepted as printed. The treasurer's reported was accepted, with \$15,022.51 on hand.

SPEAKERS

Marine Deputy Leader spoke on boater safety. Take a boater safety class. Pay attention when boating – just like in a car. Idaho has had many boating accidents. Most drownings are due to no life jacket. Have a proper lookout – 360 degrees! Upper lake – keep 200 feet away, no faster than 50mph, 20mph after dusk. Lower lake – keep 100 feet away, no faster than 35mph, 20mph after dusk.

Catherine Tinder spoke on KEC's Operation Roundup Trust Grants. When you pay KEC, you can round your payment up to the next dollar. The \$\$ is awarded to charities, up to \$2500 each, for a total last year of \$57,600!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Rights Committee – Don Ellis reported that we had re-applied for TLIA's water right, as well as getting the elevations/water heights on the new dam to correctly reflect the adjudicated levels on the old dam.

Sediment Removal Committee – Don Ellis reported that we are now trying for the 3rd time to address the lake dwellers concerns (2004, 2007, and 2010). The board has hired Chris Hardy to help us through the grant/permit process. Don introduced Chris and he explained the 4 areas we will be working on.

Twin Lakes Trail Committee – Belinda Childers explained the efforts so far and the contacts she's made. She introduced Charlie Miller who worked on the Centennial Trail. He spoke in favor of our project and is willing to help.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections: Don Ellis, John Habberstad, Steve Kolb, and Mark Wenig ran for re-election. Glenn Brumley, Ron Cater, and Mike Knowles were also nominated. The 5 elected board members are: Don, Steve, Mark, Glenn, and Ron.

Woods Tour: Gregg Durkee reported that it would be Aug. 27 or Sept. 10.

Increasing Dues: It was moved, seconded, and passed that dues be increased to \$10.00 a year starting in 2011.

Drawing for Twin Lakes historic picture was won by Mic McKenna.

The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Susie Ellis, Secretary



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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder, TLIA annual dues are now \$10 year. At the 2010 Annual meeting the request for the increase was addressed. The association membership recognized the needs of the association and voted for this increase. Please continue your support your board, by paying your membership fees. The funding will certainly help your association address future projects that affect your quality of life on the lake. Your TLIA Board continues to work on behalf of Twin Lakes property owners, for the improvement of our valuable asset, clean and usable lakes. The number after your name on the mailing label indicates you are paid through June of that year (i.e., 2011 means that you're paid through June of 2011).

THANKS TO OUR PRINTERS

Fellow Lake Association members Steve and Patty Johnston, owners of Johnston Printing Spokane WA, have graciously assisted in the publication, printing and mailing of our newsletter.

Thank you Johnston Printing! (509-624-4407)

AGENCY PHONE LIST 2011

AGENCY	REMARKS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE No.
Kootenai County Sheriff Dept	Sheriff; Rocky Watson	Marine Unit Dep. Tim Leader	446-1300
Northern Lakes Fire Protection District	Fire Chief; Lane Wintermute	Emergency Twin Lakes Sta. Business / Admin	911 687-1815 772-5711
Idaho Dept. of Lands – Mica Forest Protection Dist.	Boat access only fire permits / May thru October		769-1577
Flood Control District #17	Water level above 6'4" at the dam. (High water)	Chairman: John Eixenberger Gatekeeper: Tim Sullivan	
Twin Lakes Water Dist. #95C	Water level below 6'4" at the dam (Low water)	Water Master; Laurin Scarcello Chairman; Don Ellis	
North Kootenai Water District	Meets 2 nd Thursday Monthly	Chairperson; Linda Davis	772-3619
Dept. of Lands / Navigational Waters	Dock Permits	Carl Washburn	769-1577
Panhandle Health District	Septic system permits / new & revisions	Division Director; Dale Peck 8500 N. Atlas Rd., Hayden	415-5200
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	Environmental Quality issues, ie: cattle in lake, Hazardous Material spills, ect.	Gwen Swanson 2110 Ironwood Pkwy. Cd'A,	769-1422
Idaho Department of Water Resources	Water Rights	Regional Manager; Robert Hanes	762-2800
Kootenai County Building and Planning	Building permits, codes, Stormwater runoff	451 Government Way., Cd'A	446-1088
Twin Lakes Improvement Assoc.		Steve Kolb; President P.O. Box 620 Rathdrum ID 83858	
Waterways & Parks of Kootenai County		Nick Snyder	446-1275
Kootenai County Noxious Weeds		Nina Eckberg County Weed Supervisor	446-1290



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DUES FORM – Please Mail responses to:

**TWIN LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 620
RATHDRUM, IDAHO 83858**

Name: _____

Give beach area if owner, or write “associate”: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Dues: \$10.00

2012 _____

2013 _____

2014 _____

Total \$ _____

Cash _____ Check _____

+ Donation (optional) \$ _____