Friends of Cheyenne Mountain State Park Board Meeting

April 10, 2012

Members present were Jack Busher, Glen Scott, Barb Scott, Lori O’Hare, Janeen Igou, Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons and Mitch Martin

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Ourcurrent non restricted balance is $3879.69

**Membership:** No new members.

**Communications:** The fact that the newsletter, The Tracker has been discontinued should be reported on the Friends website.

**Volunteer Update:** The volunteer training is going well.

Volunteers have worked on all the north trails (mainly raking). It will take a lot of work to fill the hole left by Granddaddy Snag taken down on Sundance. The trail has been routed around the damaged area.

**Park Manager Update**

There will potentially be three unarmed rangers this summer, in addition to the yearly rangers. Two part time educational rangers are planned. Bryon is working 24 hours a week. It appears there will be no layoffs due to the merger with DOW. Mitch will be presenting the management plan for CMSP in Grand Junction next month. It has been recommended that the Dixon Trail be open for use by equestrians and hikers. Horses would access the trail by using the Trailhead parking lot. The Dixon Trail may also be open to bikers. The Department of Interior has designated part of the Dixon Trail as a Protected Activity Center. Most of the summer, the protected area cannot be worked on (due to birds nesting).

**Old Business**

The application for Give 2012 is due 24th of April. Pat has completed most of the application and after review, will submit.

Jack is going to apply for a fundraising event at Whole Foods. Lori will apply to Texas Roadhouse.

**New Business**

We will resubmit our application for 2012 Every Day Grant. It will be reconsidered in July.

Mitch, Jack, Stacey and Glen met with Fort Carson personnel. They are working on getting Fort Carson’s help on VOC weekend.

The tax return for 2011 has been submitted.

A meeting of Friends of Colorado State Parks was held in Golden. Jack and Janeen attended. They felt the organization is doing good work and we should help when we can.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10. The next meeting will be May 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary