**Friends of Cheyenne Mountain State Park Board Meeting**

April 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Members present were: Susan Simmons, Steve and Joyce Johnson, Glen and Barb Scott, Erika Dragoo, Jack Busher, Rod Erin and Mitch Martin.

It was moved by Glen and seconded by Rod that the minutes be approved. The minutes from March were approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Total assets are: $22,566.64. Barb is concerned that writing checks to herself for cash (used to buy gift cards for Pat Grove and Stacy) might not look good if audited. She wondered what she should do.

**Membership:** Paula Terven and Bob and Jean Danforth renewed memberships. Renewal requests are being sent out on a monthly basis. The Robertsons and David Elwonger are new members.

**Communications:** Glen has set up Google Apps for non-profits. As a board member, we can each have our own e-mail. Just let Glenn know and he will set it up. It could work well for Jack to use for communication with his trail crew. Erika might also use it for her newsletter. Susan is already using it for membership. Eventually it could be used for cloud storage.

**Volunteer update:** The opening of the archery range was a great success. Jack thought there were 400-500 people on Saturday. Sunday was a cold day and fewer people showed up (100-150). Many children learned the basic skills of archery.

20 people showed up for the new trail building class. They were enthusiastic and did a great job. This Saturday will be the annual tool day, with a barbeque afterwards. Dave Overlin brings his grinders, etc. to enable the tools to be repaired.

**Park Manager Update:** All the park is now open. Most of the seasonal employees have been hired**.** If we can get a ranger in a lateral move, we could have a new full time ranger soon, if not, it will be late summer before we get a ranger from the academy. Mitch felt that the archery range opening went well. The ceremony was televised and the director was present as was County Commissioner Sally Clark.

The revenue from the park is already up 20% over last year and that does not reflect the increased revenue from the archery range. People who buy a year pass for the 3D range will also buy a yearly pass. The range will increase the recruitment and retention of new archers and help support hunting and camping. There is already an archery tournament booked for July. Now the focus will be on the main park.

The Meadows road is closed while repairs are being made.

**Old Business:** Dick placed articles in several running magazines and websites concerning the Dinosaur Beach Party. On the 29th of this month, Dick and Rod will advertise the fund raiser by going to the running club that meets at Jack Quinn’s.

The Indy Give application must be in by the end of this month. Lori will turn it in on time, as it is 80% completed.

May 27th will be Karma time at the Ivy Wild Brewery. When Pat gives us the details, Mitch will send out an e-mail to staff members.

Barb will get together with Mitch and Stacey to decide what plant markers should be ordered for the front garden area.

A lot of land still needs to be mitigated, so we still need to consider the possibility of selling chopped wood.

**New Business:** Mitch noticed when the plastic jugs were filled with drinking water at the archery opening, smaller tables were needed to set them on. We could use funds from the NEEF II grant to purchase tables.

Jack wants the park to consider repairing the corral area off of Talon. Mitch mentioned the fact that it would be off a trail that doesn’t allow horses or other animals. It was suggested that it would be good to come up with an idea of the cost for the project.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on Monday, May 12. Motion was made to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary