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

February 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Steve and Joyce Johnson, Glen and Barb Scott, Jack Busher and Mitch Martin. The new board members, Rod Erin, Erika Dragoo and Ralph Cadwallader were introduced and welcomed.

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

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Total assets are: $20,979.82. Pat and Barb met with Pam Scott (certified Quick Books professional). They discussed some of the issues Barb is having with Quicken.

We reviewed the budget we had worked on last month. There were a couple new changes and then Glen moved we accept the 2014 budget, with the changes made. Steve seconded and the budget was approved unanimously.

**Membership:** Warren Pierce, Sharon and Garry Dykes-Modem, and Dr. James and Myra McCoy renewed their memberships. E-mails were sent out to all volunteers asking them to join Friends.

**Communications:** The website was down for 48 hours.

The Dinosaur Beach Party information is on the site, as well as the registration form. There is also board member information.

Glen is attempting to set up google apps for non-profits. We are now registered, but there are a few more things that need to be done before it is up and running. We will soon have dedicated e-mail addresses and cloud storage.

**Volunteer update:** Fire mitigation is ongoing.

There is still trail building going on at the archery range.

Every other Wednesday there is raptor monitoring.

On Friday, there was a half day children’s program with 40 children.

**Park Manager Update:** Mike Wall has left. His position probably won’t be filled until April. We now have a new seasonal ranger, Scott, who just recently retired from Fort Carson.

Mitch gave us an updated list for financial assistance for the park. One request was for a remote camera to watch animals that come to a spring on land sold to us by Mr. Newman. When the land was sold, there had been a verbal agreement to make this possible for him to watch his spring, long distance. The park is also hoping to get bear proof trash cans that have one side for recycling and one side for trash.

The volunteer uniforms are still a work in progress.

**Old Business:** The Dinosaur Beach Party has 7 sponsors so far: The Colorado Running Club is giving us timers at no charge, First Bank is giving us $500 and swag, The Dinosaur Resource Center will have an educational tent, Search and Rescue will not charge us for being on site, CMSP is donating bars and fruit sticks, Dick Standaert donated the runner’s bibs and $200, Bristol Brewery is donating root beer.

The bear skin is at the taxidermists.

Be aware that Indy Give is coming up soon.

The donor pavilion is still on hold.

VOC is not coming this year. They were too weather dependent and could only give 2 days if weather permitted. Rocky Mountain Field Institute met with Mitch. They could provide a week long construction (or longer if the funding is available) with 10 man crew (youth that camp on site and take care of their own tools) and they would be willing to work on the 3.6 mile loop at the top of the mountain. There is a cost to the park. Mitch will be meeting with them again next week. He hopes to get half of the loop completed this year and the other half next year. We can’t open Dixon Trail if there is no destination.

**New Business:** There will be an open house at the visitor center from 12-3 on Saturday the 22 of February.

May 27th the Friends will be highlighted at the Karma Hour at Bristol Brewery from 5-9. We are given $1 for every pint bought.

Pat, Glen, Susan and Jack met at the visitor center with a volunteer from the Trails and Open Spaces Coalition to fill out a survey about friends groups.

New marketing campaign:

We can have wall space in the visitor center for Friends to put together a marketing campaign. We can educate visitors on how we help the park and the many programs we support. Possibly we can have a bulletin board, and or space with a coffee pot and a box with donations.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on Monday, March 10th. Motion was made to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary