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

January 6, 2014

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Steve and Joyce Johnson, Glen Scott, Lori O’Hare and Stacey Lewis.

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

The minutes from November were approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Total assets are: $20,583.60.

**Membership:** TOSC joined with a $60 donation. Lori and Jerry O’hare renewed their membership with a $100 donation. Bob Orr renewed his membership with a $100 donation. The results of the membership emails that were sent in December were discussed. We are hoping to increase donations from various types of members. Susan is to initiate some of the new ideas first quarter of 2014.

**Communications:** The website is up and running. Please visit regularly. Pat has completed a private site for Board members only. She will instruct us individually on how to access and use the site.

Glen brought up a Google app for small businesses which is free to nonprofit organizations. It would enable each of us as Board members to have an e-mail to use instead of our personal e-mail addresses. Glen is already researching this app for another organization and Pat will look into it also.

**Volunteer and Park Manager Update:** Stacey will look into increasing the volunteer hours needed to attend the banquet to 20 hours instead of 10.

Fire mitigation and raptor monitoring is ongoing.

Mike Wall is leaving on January 18. Glen moved that we give up to $50 for his going away gift. It was seconded and passed unanimously. There will be a new seasonal ranger hired.

Stacey thanked the board for their help with a great Open House in December.

The Archery range is open and nearly completed. The Colorado Bow Hunters Association should bring in a lot of visitors and plan to start offering bow classes in the park.

**Old Business:** Pat, Dick and Pat Grove met at the Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park to get help with the Dinosaur Beach Party. The center is enthusiastic about the race and want to participate by bringing a tent, volunteers and educational props. Pat will ask for financial support as well.

There was a discussion of concerns about the race. There will be on going committee meetings, with at least two board members attending. Communication will be on going, but the board does not need to vote on all the details. This first “annual “race will be basic and can be added to in years to come. We will get Friends and volunteers involved by asking for specific help. We are reiterating our support for the event. The next committee meeting for the dinosaur beach party will be on Wednesday January 8th at 3:00.

A draft budget was discussed. After changing certain amounts on the draft, a new budget for 2014 was voted on. Glen moved that we pass the expenditure budget of $3925. Steve seconded. It was passed with a unanimous vote. This budget only addresses unrestricted funds. The restricted part of the budget was tabled for a future meeting. A reminder: there needs to be a request for funds, the budgeted amount does not mean there is a certain amount automatically given.

So far, this year, the only grant we have applied for is a Broadmoor Garden Club Grant submitted by Barb. We need to keep our eyes open for more opportunities. Glen also asked Stacey to ask for a new updated, prioritized wish list from the park.

Three Friends members were nominated as new board members. Erika Dragoo, Ralph Cadwallader and Rod Erin were discussed. Pat moved that we ask all three to be members of the board. Lori seconded. They were selected unanimously. Glen said he would give new board members an orientation and history of the Board. Invitation letters will be sent to all potential new members by Pat.

**New Business:** TOSC (Trails and Open Space Coalition) has asked for time to give an in person survey to board members. Pat said she would ask for a later date to complete the survey. Pat and Lori will be present for the survey.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on Monday, February 10th. Motion was made to adjourn by Lori. Susan seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary