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

July 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Pat Cooper at 5:15 pm.

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Joyce and Steve Johnson, Glen and Barb Scott, Erika Dragoo, Erika Dragoo and Stacey Lewis.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Barb that the minutes be approved as amended. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Total assets are: $21,135.22

**Membership:** No new memberships. Glen asked for the number of Friends members. Susan said she would have the number for the next meeting.

**Communications:** Erika showed us an example of her newsletter and wanted to know if everyone was alright with what she was putting in the newsletter. We all agreed she is doing a great job. One comment was to high light activities supported directly by Friends.

**Volunteer update:** Wildflower Wednesdays are going well. The Tuesday Fitness Group is small, but enthusiastic. The history hikes were a bomb.

The director of State Park and Wildlife has requested a ten percent increase in volunteer hours from last year. We had 9600 hours last year. Stacey asked that we be sure and document our hours.

The 24th of July is the volunteer picnic. Stacey needs a new food card.

**Park Manager Update:** 14 people went to the top of the mountain to do trail work. They accomplished in two days what they thought would take three. PJ Anderson made them dinner in his yurt. The Rocky Mountain Institute is now working for two weeks on the trail.

John, our intern, has been commissioned to take over Scott’s (the ranger) position.

There is an opening for a paid position in the entrance station. The campground has been full every night.

**Old Business:** It was asked if the bear skin had been completed. We were told it is coming along, and cost less than the estimated $400. An anonymous donor is paying for both the bear and mountain lion.

Steve brought up the fact that the picnic tables were in the direct sun and was wondering we could have more tables with shade, in the trees.

Glen is working on the follow up from NEEF I. He is to show how the grant increased memberships. He asked Stacey for input on NEEF II. He wanted to know how the grant helped with Ranch Day and the Volunteer Banquet.

Pat asked if anyone knew of a grant we could be pursuing. Glen told us of the Non Profit Resource Center in Penrose Library. There is a work station which gives access to nonprofit data bases.

Pat said she would redo the Friends area in the Visitor Center. Camper Services also has space they are willing to give Friends.

USA Archery is an archery club that is already in existence and would not represent only Cheyenne Mountain State Park. It was decided they would not be a good match for our archery club needs.

Stacey needs an additional $250 for a food card. Barb moved that we raise the allotted yearly amount from $750 to $1000. Glen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The proceeds from shirts left over from the Dinosaur Party must go toward the Top of the Mountain Trail. We have not received a bill from the park for passes for the dinosaur party.

We should receive the new botanical signs by August 8th. They cost $718.07.

On May 22nd, we had a Dino Party debrief. We discussed if we should do it again. And, if so, how could we attract more people. We considered having a race on the completed part of the trail to the top. Also, we will probably change the date, as we were very lucky with the nice day so early in the year. We will bring back more information to the board.

**New Business:** Stacey has requested a new sandwich board ($326). It will be paid for out of Neef II. Carl Wooten and Bob Danforth will make the board.

We are now one of three organizations that customers of Whole Foods can donate their bag donation to, at the register. If the customer chooses us, we will receive 10 cents per bag as a Whole Friends fundraiser. The program began July 7th and ends after six months. Please encourage people to use Whole Foods and choose us to donate to.

Our website hose, In Motion, is coming up for renewal. Pat is going to look into other possible hosts.

Glen suggested we start looking at activities at the Fort Carson Museum and potentially choose the same dates for our activities, so we can cross advertise.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on Monday, August 11. Motion was made by Steve to adjourn. It was seconded by Joyce. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary