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

June 10, 2013

Members present were: Jack Busher, Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Steve and Joyce Johnson, Lori O’Hare, Glen and Barb Scott and Mitch Martin.

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

The minutes from May were approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Total assets are: $22460.30.

**Membership:** No new members.

**Communications:** Pat is working on our home page. She showed us what had been put together so far. The expectation is that eventually we will be able to send her what we are involved in at the park. That will give more updates on special projects. She asked Glen to give her information on our goals, accomplishments and history. Susan was to produce information on membership and Mitch was asked to gather information that Jennifer has on what Ann Brown had worked on.

**Volunteer Update:** Archery range trails are still being worked on, as is the Dixon trail. Raptor monitoring is ongoing. Blue birds were banded last week. Wildflower hikes are every other Wednesday. Girl Scouts weeded the front area by the Visitor Center.

**Park Manager Update:** Maintenance staff: Rick had surgery. There was a person hired as temporary help and he is now part time. There will be a prebid meeting for the static range shooting shelter. Construction will begin in July. The archery trail is ahead of schedule.

A rotary mower for the skid steer will be used for fire mitigation. It takes care of growth on areas that were previously mitigated and trees up to 5 inches in diameter. It will be important to have volunteers ready with fire extinguishers when this work is going on. Any spark would have to be immediately put out. There will be training for mitigation volunteers on June 30th. In early July there will be sawyer training ($200/ person).

**Old Business:** Jack suggested that the cards we have made should not have positions on them. We all agreed.

The colors on the new Friends logo are still in doubt. Jack is talking with Dave Scott and Mitch is checking with the State to see if we can change the colors.

Glen said the initial panels of the mural project have been posted. Frames have been ordered. The digital content needs to be finalized.

Mitch is the contact person for the meeting with Fort Carson personnel on the subject of the Dixon Trail VOC project. Fort Carson has been very supportive. The Air Force Academy has an issue with transportation. Glen says so far, the project is in good shape.

IndyGive 2013 denied our application for a second year.

We will not be getting funding from Toyota for the Junior Ranger program. Glen will now try Phil Long. We may try other sources, such as NEEF and GOCO. Mitch thought some funds would be available by July 1st.

Lori said Dave Oberlan had donated 30 brands on Ranch Day, and a lot of propane to make the brands. Glen moved that we give Dave a $50 REI gift certificate. Steve seconded and the vote passed. Pat said she would get the certificate.

Glen asked Mitch where we were on our patio project. Mitch said he would ask the architect.

**New Business:** It was suggested that we keep in mind that we now have the history of the top of Cheyenne Mountain to add to our park murals.

Ranch Day was a success. We had about 120 guests, and many volunteers. Our PR has been great.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on July 8. Motion was made to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary