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

March 11, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Ourcurrent non restricted balance is $3800.11. There was a $1 bank charge that Barb was going to follow up on.

**Membership:** One new member.

**Communications:** It appears that the bylaws should be reviewed and any changes that have been made in past board meetings, should be reflected in the bylaws.

The park’s e-mail address should be on the Friends’ website.

**Volunteer Update:** The open house was a success, with over 100 people visiting the Visitor Center. There are 15 new volunteers including two teenage sisters. There will be training for the next couple months, with a mentoring program included.

**Park Manager Update**

The seasonal employees have been identified. There is still one spot for a maintenance employee. Bryon has had some setbacks, but still intends to return. The merger with DOW appears to be going smoothly. The organizational chart has been flattened out. The new regional managers should be on board in 3 – 6 months.

Sean is now married.

**Old Business**

There are no applications available yet for Give 2012.

Jack is going to apply for a fundraising event at Whole Foods.

We are looking for someone to fill a board position for marketing. We could possibly get other names from Leadership Pikes Peak.

We don’t know yet if our application for 2012 Every Day Grant was accepted.

Public Land Day is September 29.

**New Business**

We are hoping to establish a long term relationship with Fort Carson. Steve Ruhnke, Curator for the Fort Carson Museum, is working with the Friends Military Display group. He has been helpful with materials for our military display wall (and for the mannequin of Kit Carson). There also may be soldiers available to help move equipment when we start on trail building. Glen has been working with LTC Tuttle , commander of the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Ft Carson, to get her hooked up with the Regional park staff to move forward on implementing recent State legislation supporting free admission to State Parks for Wounded Warriors.
Glen will be filing our state tax on line. The 990 tax filing isn’t due until May.

Barb will cancel the PO Box and give back the key.

It was decided Barb would decide how to disperse the plant books, Trees and Shrubs of Colorado given to us by the author, Jack Carter.

Lori told us about sessions of grant writing at the downtown library, April 9, April 18 and May 2.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary