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

March 11, 2013

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

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

The minutes from February 11 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Pat Cooper said that she is in the process of helping Barb review 2012’s books. January of this year is balanced. The reporting has been simplified to an income and balance statement. FRESC will be working with Barb.

**Membership:** Lydia and Phillip gave a $100 donation for their renewal.

**Communications:** DiggingIn, the State Newsletter had information about the park’s 1st Day Hike. We had twice as many participants as other parks. Our group picture of volunteers at the volunteer’s banquet was also in the newsletter. The Cheyenne Edition has had several articles about the park in the last couple of months. We are happy about the increased exposure. Joyce suggested putting articles into the El Paso News. She is going to talk with Stacey.

**Volunteer Update:** Jack said that 20 people have signed up for the first trail meeting.

The volunteer open house was a success.

The first training day saw 17 new volunteers.

Pat requested that people who give programs have attendees fill out information sheets that are available in the Volunteer’s Hours book.

**Park Manager Update**

Mitch is interviewing a replacement ranger for Sean on Wednesday. If hired he might start as early as mid April.

There should be a new administrative assistant by this summer. Applicants were capped at fifty. It is now in HR’s hands.

The park is on a very tight budget. There will be deep cuts. There will be one temporary ranger instead of two. Volunteers are more important than ever.

Don and Cheryl will be back as camp hosts. There will be another couple also.

**Old Business**

Lori is looking into Whole Foods fund raiser.

The original printer for the Junior Ranger Books will print more copies. Glen turned in a request for a grant from Toyota to cover the Junior Ranger Program. At one time we thought GOCO would help with Junior Ranger expenses. No funds are available for the Junior Ranger Program, but Mitch thought they might be able to help out with some new skins and skulls.

**New Business**

Pat will apply for the Indy Give 2013 Grant.

Sylvia Agnew asked if we could update our skins and skulls. Steve Lucero said he would look into it – we need to let him know our budget.

Brian McCormick came to Susan’s home and worked on the spreadsheet for the Friends member list. He will return to help with mail merge.

Jack uses I Web for the Friends website. He has spent long days setting it up and monitoring it. The suggested new software is WordPress. Jack finds it difficult to use. He will try again, but may stick with his original website set up.

Jean Danforth and Ken Burrows volunteered to help with the website.

Pat asked if it would be possible to have the person Jack is working with (Mo), set up and monitor the website for a fee.

QuickBooks for nonprofits has been purchased with NEEF funds. Pat will help with the implementation.

Susan is going to update the Friends application form.

Our logo should be square in order for it to be compatible with grant requests.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on April 8. Motion was made to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary