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

October 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Glen Scott at 5:02 pm.

Members present were: Susan Simmons, Glen and Barb Scott, Erika Dragoo, Lori O’Hare, Ralph Cadwallader (6:00) Darcy Mount and John Costillo (for a short time)

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

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Total assets are: $19,628.80.

**Membership:** No new memberships.

**Communications:** Erika said Facebook is going well. She is able to see if people look and note if they like what they are seeing. We all agreed we would like to see what animals come to the guzzler. Darcy said she could get the pictures if Erika wants them. The newsletter is in rough draft with a fall theme.

**Volunteer update:** The abundance survey is complete.Elk scat was found, along with a lot of bear scat (but none in the camp ground).

**Park Manager Update:** The bear skin is complete. We were charged $100. Darcy wanted to know if we could use the additional $300 that was allotted to the bear towards the total bill of $625 which includes the mountain lion. She is also going to send a funding request.

Jenny starts the academy before Christmas (nine months). John will be here until February, unless he gets another job.

Mitch said revenues are up 20%.

Darcy has been promoted to senior ranger.

December 13 will be an open house.

Darcy wanted to know about how much No Child Left Inside cost. It was guessed that it was about $620. A lot of the cost was for Porto potties.

Our Cheyenne Mountain Run will be geared toward adults. It will possibly be on the third Sunday of October. Darcy suggested getting in touch with Victoria Seahorn (event director with the company Marathon Magic). Glen suggested team events to get Fort Carson involved.

Darcy said many large corporations require that their employees volunteer. We could take advantage of this and use volunteers during Earth Day. Walmart even donates money after their employees donate time.

Darcy would also like to see a photo contest. There could be a $5 entry fee for each photo. Ron Drummond could teach basic photography.

**Old Business:** Grant update: $669.40 was given to us by Whole Foods

Neef II is closed out. It supported three events and gave us $2000 dollars. Neef I still has about $200 to spend on marketing.

There is $1800 left after completing the military display project. It will be used to memorialize the top of the mountain in display form.

Glen gave Darcy the information on the donor pavilion project.

**New Business:** Friends archery event: Erika thought it should have a new name. Take aim: and be a Friend was suggested. Darcy told us what was being planned and Susan said at this point there were 5 people signed up.

The theme for the holiday banquet is: plant the seeds to our success. $1500 has been allocated. $200 has been spent to reserve the room. The owner of The Warehouse donates the room.

Since Steve, Joyce and Rod have left the board, we need new members. Kathleen Cook was suggested.

We will need to make more cookies. Barb said she would pick a date.

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on Monday, November 10th. Meeting adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary