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

January 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Pat Cooper at 4:55 pm.

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Erika Dragoo, Ralph Cadwallader, Jack Busher, Glen and Barb Scott

**Reports**

**Secretary:** It was moved to approve the minutes.The November minutes as sent by e-mail were approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Barb has requested a change to the minutes of November 9, 2015. Total assets were$31,299.20 instead of $29,855.08. Jeanette Lara requested $75 to purchase supplies for the open house. The board voted unanimously via email, to release the monies. Jeanette also later requested the purchase of a coffee urn. There was a unanimous vote via email to release monies for the urn. The final cost for a West Bend 3360 100-Cup Commercial Coffee Urn was $125.98. The Kerns made a $2000 donation. Erika made a card that we all signed to give to them. There was also mention of a possible REI grant. However, Rei does not solicit grants. An organization must be invited. Erika and Barb were hoping that their conversation with the person driving the REI vehicle may put us on the invited list. Total assets are: $30,788.44.

**Membership:** There are 30 paid up members (one renewal and three new members). Ralph gave us a list of current members. Ralph mentioned that he found it difficult to match his membership books with PayPal. It was suggested that he review the quick reports.

**Communications:**  Erika Dragoo resigned her board position. Erika, thank you for all your hard work! There are now 121 followers on Twitter, 316 on Facebook. Photos always get a good reaction. Keep hash tagging. We will need to transfer to another account. FriendsofCMSP@gmail.com. We will need someone new on the board who can do the newsletter. Ralph asked for a list of accomplishments the Friends did for the park and volunteers in 2015. He would like to include the accomplishments when he sends a reminder to renew membership.

**Volunteer update:**

**Park Manager Update**: Mitch via Pat- he is working on the list of needs for the park. Work on the road to the entrance has begun. Five volunteers plus two park staff have finished sawyer training. The park paid for them. The Pikes Peak Roadrunners marathon had over 600 runners. Pikes Peak Roadrunners have been asked to be our timers next year for our race. There is one temporary employee left.

**Old Business:** February 2nd is the board Retreat, from 10:00 to 2:00 @:00 at the Julie Penrose House.

Erika said we raised $4876 with the Give! campaign; however, it was extremely stressful. The Give! organizers appeared to be unorganized with things being presented at the last minute. It is basically a way to meet other people involved with nonprofits. Indy does not organize events.

The Give!check ceremony is on January 28th. Erika completed the application for the Give! Participation perks contest and US Air Force Academy Give! Capstone Project application. Erika’s suggestion for future is to be more involved with the fellow non-profits in our category.

**New Business:** Barb is applying for the Broadmoor Gard Club grant, once again. She is requesting $1120 with $500 being used to purchase plants.

The volunteer banquet venue worked well. Patty Jewett has been requested for next year.

It was requested that the Board meetings be on the 3rd Monday of the month. Everyone agreed. Our meeting day will change in March.

We are sponsors of KCMJ radio for an event on January 29. Our name/logo will be placed on their flyers and ads. We in exchange, promote the event on line and post flyers at CMSP.

There will be another Karma hour at Bristol Breweries on August 9.

Pat requested money for two posters with our logo and saying, “This event Sponsored by Friends of CMSP”. Glen suggested $50. It was seconded by Jack. The vote was a unanimous yes.

Ralph suggested raising money by putting Christmas trees though the chipper.

We adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Simmons, Secretary