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

April 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Pat Cooper at 4:00 pm.

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Ralph Cadwallader, Jack Busher, Glen and Barb Scott, Jean Danforth, Warren Pierce and Jason Hagan.

**Reports**

**Secretary:** Warren moved to approve the minutes, Jack seconded.The March minutes as sent by e-mail were approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Our assets are $36,606.58, with $0 liabilities. Susan made the comment that since the minutes can’t be printed off from her computer, she would appreciate a printed copy at the board meeting. It is difficult for her to see and follow the information on the movie screen at the board meeting. Glen asked why we need to go over the information during our board meeting. It was decided to table the approval of the March 31 financial statements until corrections are made. Barb will only post the current Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet at future meetings for approval.  Barb will email the correct version of the Mar 2016 Profit & Loss.  Barb received a reloaded gift MasterCard from the [mygiftcardsite.com](http://mygiftcardsite.com) site in her name.  This came about because of a forgotten Winter Naturalist MasterCard which could not be found along with receipts and no one remembered using this card. The expenditures were later found in the park's computer.  Barb will cash the card and deposit the money in our 1stBank account as a donation from MasterCard.  MasterCard considers that, "The claim is closed and the credit is considered final."  A credit of $83.95 was made to our MasterCard account on 3/23/016 and includes the disputed transactions and any fees.

**Membership:** We now have 23 Life members, and 39 Annual members. Our new member is Robert Alton. Ralph has a challenge when he gets the name of a new member via PayPal. There is no contact information allowing him to follow up. Pat said that information should be available on our website.

**Communications:**  Jean is still struggling with MailChimp. She and Lori met with the Air Force cadets who are helping Friends. They are now researching the MailChimp issue Jean is having.

**Social Media:**  Abbie provided her update by email. There are 160 Twitter followers (up 7) and 344 Likes on Facebook (up 6). We have 10 Instagram followers. Don’t forget to text or email photos to Abbie (717-669-8645). She is planning on starting a Fun Fact Friday. Abbie is also working on a state park segment which will be televised in May.

**Volunteer update:**

**Park Manager Update:** Jason said there will not be a third ranger. There are several seasonal employees and interns who have already started. There is a new naturalist.

**Grant applications:** Glen and Warren attended a second El Pomar advanced grant training session. If anyone else is interested in attending these sessions, let Glen know, he will forward information. He also is putting all the grant information into digital form. He has made a FCMSP Grant Tracking Workbook, with several Grant and Action worksheets. It will enable us to see where we are in each grant process. Another is worksheet is Grant Pipeline. It contains ideas of grants to pursue. We may also need a Grant History worksheet.

**Old Business:** Glen is on the last days of data input before submitting the Give! Application. He asked for help in getting high resolution photos needed in the application. He also asked for input on ideas for using the money donated to us. Jack suggested that we need special ADA wheel chairs to have available at the visitor center. If anyone else had ideas, Glen needed them immediately. Lori will be our Give! liaison, with Warren as her aide. However, we will all be expected to share in attending the fundraising activities if we are chosen for IndyGive! 2016.

The Cheyenne Mountain Run registration opened March 31. The next meeting of the committee is next Monday. The $800 fee for Pikes Peak Sports has been reduced to $200.

Glen brought up the suite of applications the Google account has, at no cost to nonprofit organizations. Glen is the super administrator. He reminded us that he can issue email addresses to any board member, instead of using our private emails for Friends business.

If we choose to use Google for storage, we will have to migrate from a private to a corporate account. It would give us much more storage space, we could control the data and it would be at no cost.

The new artist for Art in the Park is Ralph Root. A new procedure is now in place for purchase of art. PayPal is being used, and Pat has made a form that will be filled out at the time of the purchase and signed by the purchaser.

**New Business:** Jack bought two short machetes for trail work. He asked for reimbursement. Susan moved to approve the $86 expenditure. Glen seconded. It passed unanimously.

There will be a CPW meeting in Keystone April 27, 28 and 29, there will be an awards banquet, at which our board will receive The Blue Spruce Award. There will also be an award given to our region, the South East quadrant for Great Outdoor Partnership. If anyone from the board wanted to attend, Pat could make it happen. So far, Jack Busher will be attending the conference.

The cadets Pat and Lori have been working with through IndyGive! are going to be a part of a capstone presentation on April 25th. Pat and Lori intend to attend. The cadets have been instrumental in showing us how to market at the Air Force Academy.

Susan moved that we adjourn. Warren seconded. We adjourned at 5:55.

The next meeting will be May 16 at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Simmons, Secretary