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

August 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Pat Cooper at 4:05 pm.

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

**Reports**

**Secretary:** Ralph moved to accept minutes. It was seconded. The July minutes as sent by e-mail were approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Our assets are $36059.28. We received $310 from Bristol Brewery. There was $605 donated by those who went to the top of the mountain. The Kerns donated $150, and $300 from their son as wedding gifts.

**Membership:** We have 23 life members, 44 annual (up 3). PJ Anderson would like to be a donor. Ralph will talk with Eileen about how Trails and Open Spaces does their monthly membership charges.

**Communications:**  **Social Media:**  Twitter followers up 8 (188), Likes on Facebook up 14 (391) and we have 1 less Instagram follower. Abbie has been promoted and her hours have changed. We discussed changing our meeting times to accommodate her hours. We were all willing to change to a morning time, so Pat will find out what works best for Abbie. We might have to meet at camper services if the meeting room is being rented.

**Newsletter**: Jean showed us an example of the MailChimp dashboard. The newsletters were printed and available at the Friends retail area in the visitor center. Glen suggested Jean archive the newsletters on Google. Pat said she would discuss that possibility with Glen.

**Park Manager Update:** Mitch saidall is good. Some summer staff have left. The park needs more trail guides. We are selling them 30 guides, for $288. Since it took quite a while to sell the guides, we are not going to worry about printing more until next year (the original print company is out of business, so we would have to start over).

**Grant applications:** Terri Ulrich visited our board meeting. She is a grant writer. She is willing to help tweak grants we are already working on. She could produce a boiler plate grant for us and or edit what we have. She suggested we actively market to visitors, suggesting a $5 per month donation, using PayPal. Glen moved that we invite Terri to be involved in our grant writing process. Pat seconded. The motion was approved.

El Pomar turned us down for the noncompetitive $6,000 request for a camera. Mitch will look into his requests and see if the camera is a top priority. With El Pomar, noncompetitive requests can only be made every three years, whereas, with Chapman, requests can be made yearly.

Mitch also thought there would be a possibility that Colorado Springs would pay for some of the camera. He will look into that possibility.

Warren is looking into The Pikes Peak Community Foundation, as they support a wide range of projects. A letter of inquiry has been submitted.

When a letter of inquiry is submitted, that is not submitting information for a grant. Warren will look into Walmart again. He is also looking into Chipotle.

Mitch is very interested in getting school age children involved with the park. He would like to see us involve a school district, possibly by giving free park entry coupons to children as rewards. The teachers would have to be on board. It might be an attractive hook for gaining grant monies. The grant could be both child and education focused. Pat asked Barb to look at our budget to see what funds are available for possible project. Jack said he would head up the project, and Susan said she would also help.

**Old Business:** There are 32people registered for the Cheyenne Mountain Race. Marketing started up two weeks ago.

RMFI’s charge was$5250 for work on the Dixon Trail. That is the amount they had estimated. The work wasvery well done. They asked if it was ok to send a report at the end of the year. Pat is going to say no, she wants a separate report now, entailing the # of man hours, # of people and length of trail.

The top of the mountain day was a huge success. 30 people attended. Pat had a donation request card that she passed out. She collected $605. The expenses were $312.

**New Business:** There will be an Art in the Park reception on the 20th.

There are seven directors on the board who serve two years. There should be an election in the next few months. Jack, being the previous president will put together the slate for 2017. Pat will ask Darcy to put out information for volunteers to see if anyone is interested in running for a board position.

Barb asked if it might be a good idea to recognize the Kerns with a bench. Mitch said he would rather wait and recognize them once we get a donor pavilion. It is difficult to keep benches maintained.

Pat received an email from RMFI, asking if they could volunteer, at no cost to the park, to work on the Dixon Trail for Public Lands Day. We all thought that was a great idea. Glen moved that we ok having RMFI work on the trail. Jack seconded. The vote was a unanimous yes.

Jack requested more boot scrapers. It was moved by Ralph that the money that hadn’t been used yet, from Henry Stevens donation could be used. Jack seconded. It was voted on and passed unanimously. There is $213 left, which will be used towards boot scrappers.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn. We adjourned at 6:00.

The next meeting will be September 19 at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Simmons, Secretary