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

September 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Pat Cooper at 10:34 am.

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Warren Pierce, Jean Danforth, and Abbie Burke. Mitch Martin was also present.

**Reports**

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** The report has been tabled.

**Membership:** We have 23 life members, 49 annual (up 5).

**Communications:**  **Social Media:**  Twitter followers up 13 (201), Likes on Facebook up 16 (407) and we have 13 Instagram followers.

**Newsletter**: Jean said she will be starting the fall newsletter. Pat suggested she put in information about Art in the Park.

**Park Manager Update:** Mitch saidall is status quo. The campground is full and the temporary help is leaving. He has received an estimate for the side patio. He will be working on getting the cement work done and then Darcy will take over. RMFI got the bid for the top of the mountain and is starting work today. Pat was wondering if this would tie in with the two days RMFI is donating to us for National Public Lands Day (September 23-25). Pat asked Mitch about getting more publicity for Friends. Our name had been left out as a sponsor for the raptor release in the Cheyenne Edition. Mitch said they will and do try to make publicity for us a high priority.

**Grant applications:** Pikes Peak Community Foundation has not answered our request for a grant. The Walmart nearest us only accepts three grant requests a year. They announce in September. We need to put in a grant request the first of January. Warren thinks we should check into the Gazette. Pat said she would ask Terri Ulrich to see what she can do.

**Old Business:** We are up to 60-70people registered for the Cheyenne Mountain Race. That is almost double from last year at this time. Emails were sent out to all last year participants. Pat wants us to pass out flyers at any place runners congregate. Jean suggested having flyers at the gate to the park. Pat, Susan and Warren will be at Jack Quinns tomorrow at 5:00 to pass out flyers. Flyers need to be passed out there on October 4th also. Pat asked Abbie to become involved in the advertising. Pat said she would talk with Janeen about getting flyers to high school students. If you are going to volunteer at the race, tell Pat your shirt size by Friday, as you will get a free shirt.

Jack spoke with all the officers and directors on the board. Everyone would like to return. However, Barb chose to no longer be an officer, although she will continue on the board. Pam Scott said she would accept the position of treasurer. Lori and Glen are switching vice president positions. We will vote next month.

Funds continue to come in from the trip to the Top of the Mountain. We are up to $1125.

**New Business:** Jason requested up to $800 for 120 passes to the park for children to see the release of the red tail hawks or for No Child Left Inside. He was hoping the children and their families would learn about the park and want to return. We passed the request with a unanimous vote via email. None of the passes were used. He wasn’t sure why, but will follow up with the principals.

We will have a fundraiserOctober 11, from 3:00 to 9:00 at Chipotle at Southgate. We receive 50% of the proceeds from the meals sold, if the person mentions they want to donate to us. Warren will look into doing the same type of fundraising at BJ Brewhouse. Everyone email your friends to let them know.

We have been asked to fund the Holiday Open House for $200. The date is December 4. Susan moved we give the $200. Warren seconded. It was passed by unanimous vote.

REI gave us a tent and two back pacts. We need to figure a way to make some money from them. Possibly a raffle in the spring.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn. We adjourned at 11:37.

The next meeting will be November 17th, 10:30 am. Networking 10:00

Respectfully submitted, Susan Simmons, Secretary