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

November 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Pat Cooper at 10:37 am.

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Abbie Burke, Jack Busher, Ralph Cadwallader, Glen and Barb Scott, Lori O’Hare. Mitch Martin was also present.

**Reports**

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Ralph, Abbie, Pat, Barb and Pam Scot are on the audit committee. They are working on getting a date for the audit.

Glen moved that Barb’s report be accepted. It was seconded by Lori. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

**Membership:** We have 23 life members, 51 annual members and 49 current members.

**Communications:**  Jack said his Trail Dogs have completed 461 steps over the past two years. Bravo, Jack!

**Social Media:**  Twitter followers up to 216, Likes on Facebook, 448 and we have 17 Instagram followers. Abbie’s goal is to have 500 Facebook followers by the end of the year.

**Newsletter**: Please give articles to Jean for winter newsletter.

**Park Manager Update:** The park has slowed down a bit, but there are still two camping loops open. There is one maintenance persondoing a lot of painting. The patio on the south east side of the visitor center is looking good. The concrete work is done, rock work completed and the trees are in. Mitch would still like to see a metal fence around the patio.

Susan commented that the metal benches on Blackmer are starting to show wear. Mitch said he would look into it.

Mitch was asked to update his 2016 Friends prioritized list for 2017.

**Grant applications:** According to Pat, Pikes Peak Community Foundation is in financial trouble and that is probably the reason it has not answered our request for a grant.

Doctor Matthews and wife are sponsoring us to win cash in the fund raiser, 100 Men who Care.

**Old Business:** There were 279 registrants for the Cheyenne Mountain Race.248 participants finished. Last year there were 215 finishers, so we were up 30%. There was $6694.94 in net proceeds.

Where’s Waldo won’t be on the same date as our race next year, but it isn’t felt they are our competition. It was suggested by Ralph, we might charge extra for a special shirt.

Art in the Park now is more affordable and selling more art.

**New Business:** Jeanette proposed a new program. She is hoping to add to winter activities at the park. One title of the program might be Biggest Hiker, Biker or Loser. Every month there could be a program sent out to registrants. Possibly with local exercise gurus coming to the park, giving a free class. The kick off or registration could be the open house on December 3. This could be self-tracking, possibly miles hiked or biked. A goal could be to hike or bike all the trails in the park. A patch could be the reward. Should there be a cost? A fee was discouraged. Per Glen, it is easier to give money than monitor it. It was suggested that there could be motivation given by a poster board at the front door. The weight lose part of the program was discouraged, but thought the rest of the program was a good idea. Jeanette will do more work on this idea. The Friends board was willing to help with the cost.

There will be an open house at the visitor center from 1-4 December 3. Jeanette is purchasing LED lights for the patio trees. There will also be a portable fireplace outside. There will be a craft and cookies to decorate.

TOSC asked for our help in getting new members. We decided to spend $50 and be a member at the conservation level. We will also put information about TOSC on our website.

At the Super Friends Group, Pat learned, while watching a storm water presentation, that dogs are still a real problem in parks (Mitch asked for a copy of the presentation). The Humane society can give citations, as can our park rangers, but other parks cannot. Parks and Wildlife is in the process of doing a survey, seeing if people would go along with a ballot initiative, raising taxes for upkeep of parks.

TOSC reported at the Super Friends meeting that 22 Trail Crew Leaders completed the recent training and are willing to help all SF members with trail projects.

Super Friends are willing to help us recruit trail crew leaders.

We are out of history books and a new printing would be $117. Glen moved we give $117 for new books. Jack seconded. It passed unanimously.

We will be trying to find a date for a board retreat in January.

Pat told Mitch we have money to spend before year end. We can decide to keep the cash, buy the Newman Camera (discuss with City), buy a more powerful golf cart or a metal fence around the new patio. Mitch said the fence would be his choice (around $4500).

Thank you again for all the dedication Glen and Barb have shown to the Friends!

Glen said there are four main areas he is concerned about in his transition.

1. Recurrent actions
2. Annual report to state – treasurer (Pam)
3. 990 Federal Tax- need log on, password – treasurer (Pam)
4. Grants- Warren
5. Files- early documents, presentations- put on thumb drive or upload to Google
6. Administrator for google apps- Abbie

Barb said everything is ready for Pam to take over as Treasurer.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn. We adjourned at 12:40.

The next meeting will be in January. No meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Simmons, Secretary