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

February 16, 2017

Members present were: Pat Cooper, Susan Simmons, Warren Pierce, Ralph Cadwallader, Jean Dansforth and Abbie Burke.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

It was moved by Warren and seconded by Ralph to accept the minutes. The minutes from January’s retreat were approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**  no report

Pam has moved and we are in the process of looking for a new treasurer.

It was moved by Susan and seconded by Warren to accept the 2017 budget as formulated at the retreat. It was approved by unanimous vote. The audit was completed by Abbie, Barb, Pat and Ralph. Everything was in good order. It was suggested that whenever there is an expenditure approved by the board, show the amount and who moved and who seconded it be notated.

**Membership:** all 51 are current, 1 new since November. Pat will send the brochure to Ralph so that a new one can be printed.

**Newsletter:** Jean sent the newsletter to Pat to review. Jean hasn’t found a way to consolidate mailing lists. Ralph suggested Mountain Moments as the new name. He will make a tear off for the newsletter to send in to become a Friend.

**Communications:** when taking a video, hold the phone sideways. I movie-apple app-can put videos together, add text and do voice overs. The trail conditions will be posted. It has been one of the favorite posts. We have 476 Facebook followers, 243 on Twitter and 49 on Instagram.

**Grants:** Steihl and Chapman were rejections. Warren tried to contact manager from Bass Pro and is still working on that. The person Pat and Warren met with for REI sounded very positive. We will know if we get the Broadmoor grant the end of this month.

**Old Business:** The Top of the Mountain History Project will be up soon in camper services. We have $1800 earmarked for the project.

**New Business:** Jean is going to put photos on a trifold for the camper Services Friends Space. She is also the lead for the Visitor Center Friends space.

Tim Burgston will be doing out marketing again for the CM race. We already have one committed sponsor for $500 and the Stadaerts have donated $350.

Pat went to the SuperFriends meeting. They are upset that council didn’t allow the tax increase for parks to be on the ballot. Days after the council vote, an El Paso County survey came out, expressing how important parks are to the Springs.

We need to see if we can partner with the HOA’s in our area. We could put information about the park in newsletters.

The Hike Challenge is going well. Over 200 have signed up.

Jack can buy new foot brushes.

There is one spot for trail leader training- possibly Jason?

We adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simmons, Secretary