

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
FRIENDS OF THE ELEPHANT SEAL  
A California Non-Profit Corporation

A meeting of the Board of Directors of *Friends of the Elephant Seal*, a California non-profit corporation, was held on May 17, 2000 at 6.15 p.m. at the offices of the corporation located at 250 San Simeon Avenue, Suite 3B, San Simeon, California.

The following Directors were present: Phil Adams, Mike Levy, Steve Franz and Kay Franz. Also present were Ann Grossman and Susan McDonald. Directors not present were Ray Easton, Kerri Caserio and Jim Reed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Phil Adams and approved as read. A copy of which follows these Minutes in the Minute Book of the Corporation.

Susan McDonald, Docent Coordinator gave the following report.

- (1) Regarding the PG&E grant of \$1,000 for the newsletter publication costs; we should expect our money in about six weeks. They will be recognized in the newsletter and on the FES website.
- (2) The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary is having a meeting. They will be discussing the possible extension of the Channel Islands Sanctuary or creating a new sanctuary to cover the area between them and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Susan will report on the outcome of that meeting, should no one from FES attend.
- (3) Regarding the \$40,000 Coastal Resource Grant, ideas were discussed on how best to utilize the money. Kathryn Karako is entering our statistical data on the office computer, which will enable her to run out graphs and charts. Some possible expenditures might be a camera for the office, with a zoom lens, so that pictures can be taken of scarred seals on the beach or an erasable board for the office to chart on-going statistics. The Board will take these ideas under consideration to be discussed at a future time.
- (4) The FES office received an e-mail from India.

- (5) Susan received a call from a filmmaker who will be filming on the bluff Tuesday for a program to be shown on PBS sometime next year.
- (6) A copy of a Preliminary Application for a Coastal Resource Grant has been filed by Susan (a copy of which is attached to these Minutes). This is just an outline form. The final form is due in June. The grant is for \$12,000 to be applied over a 3-year period. The County encouraged FES to apply again.

Phil Adams reported that FES would be doing a slide presentation for the Sierra Club on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

A budget discussion was tabled until the Board obtains more accurate numbers from Kerri Caserio, the Board Treasurer.

A discussion was held on the Business Membership Drive. Mike Levy and Steve Franz will be working together on this project. It was decided that there would be a \$100 Business Membership. The business will receive a framed Certificate of Membership and their names will be listed either in the Newsletter or the office. A flyer will be included in the June Cambria Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. A \$150 Educational Membership will be offered, which includes a book and video. Possibly a School Class Membership will be instituted on the basis of "Adopt A Seal".

Fund raising efforts were discussed for the bluff. It was decided that the docents will handle their efforts on a "comfort level" basis.

Steve Franz had checked with the Coffee Den about providing coffee for the Sea Otter lecture at the Vet's Hall. It was decided that we would pass on serving refreshments.

Mike Levy gave a report on the Directors & Omissions insurance policy. It was felt that the policy was appropriate and reasonably priced. Mike had made some telephone inquiries for FES and had done some "price comparing". Docents have coverage when on the bluff, but it was felt that the Board should have excess insurance. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that

**RESOLVED:** That insurance be obtained for the Board in the amount of \$1,000,000.

A quote will be forthcoming for the excess coverage.

Phil Adams discussed having different kinds of training classes for the different kinds of docents, i.e., office, outreach program, bluff, etc. A discussion

was held thereon. It was decided that when recruiting, we definitely let the recruits know that there are other options besides being out on the bluff.

Phil is handing the outreach program for the time being. Mike Levy has volunteered to handle the program as it progresses. The discussion was tabled until the slide presentation is ready.

Mike suggested that we change the time of the next Board meeting to be earlier in the day. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that

RESOLVED: The time of the Board meetings shall be changed to 4:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m. at the office of the corporation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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ANN GROSSMAN, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

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PHIL ADAMS, President