

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 June 21, 2000 at the offices of the corporation located at 250 San Simeon Avenue, Suite 3B, San Simeon, California.

Phil Adams, President, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

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

Kerri Caserio gave the Treasurer's Report. A copy of her report is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Kerri reported that FES has still not received a reimbursement check from SLO County. Susan McDonald, Docent Coordinator, will contact the County to check on the status of our check. Susan reported that there is a new person handling our account and there still seems to be a back up in the system. Kerri also reported that she has an appointment with Karen Tipple, the FES accountant, on Wednesday, at which time the FES books will be set up in Quicken. This should aid Kerri and make it easier for her to report on the past years' financial activities. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as read.

Susan McDonald, Docent Coordinator gave the following report.

- (1) There will be a "kick-off" fundraiser for Sylvia Earle's "Sustainable Seas Expedition" program given at the National Geographic Theatre at Hearst Castle on Monday night, June 26. All that are interested are welcome to take part.
- (2) The marker at the southern boundary of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has been placed near the parking lot at Shamel Park in Cambria. Susan does not yet know when the dedication will take place. It seems there has been an error made in the spelling of "Monterey" on the marker.
- (3) Lois Capps has responded to our request to present FES with the Environmental Hero award. She will consent to present the award, but she does not want it done at a SLO Supervisor's meeting. Susan will contact NOAA and see if a special function can be set up for the presentation.

- (4) Susan and Ann Grossman, her assistant, had a meeting with Roy Torres and his new assistant from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Rick Hawkins from National Marine Fisheries Service last week to discuss various matters.
 - (a) Rick Hawkins suggested that he have a meeting with the windsurfers to talk with them about the seals and safe windsurfing practices around the seals. Ann will talk with Brain Caserio about the possibility of this taking place and where.
 - (b) Susan mentioned that it might be nice to have pins made for the docents with "Environmental Hero" printed on them and then present them to the docents. Rick offered to underwrite the cost, on behalf of NOAA, and will order the pins.
 - (c) Rick suggested that maybe we should have the newsletters printed in other languages, when our budget permits.
- (5) The San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation contacted Susan to let her know that they will be issuing a fall grant and that FES should apply for it. Susan will work on that.

Phil Adams would like to have a second set of slides made, obtain a second slide projector and extension remote control for the projectors to be used for our slide show presentations for our Outreach Program. It was moved that such expenditures be granted. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed that

RESOLVED: FES will obtain a second set of slides, a second projector and an extension remote control for the projections in order to facilitate our Outreach Program.

A copy of our Coastal Resources Grant Program Application was passed around to each Board member. FES has applied for \$12,000 to be used for our Outreach Program. Susan anticipates no problem in obtaining this grant.

Susan reported on the progress of our \$40,000 grant from the State, and, as yet, we still have not received any moneys from this grant.

Discussion on the 3-year budget will be tabled until the Board's next meeting. It was felt that, at that time, all financial records will be on the computer and the Board will have a better grasp of the expenses and income picture of FES.

The size and cost of the FES Newsletter was discussed. Phil suggested that possibly we could insert a supplement page in the Newsletter that we send out to the FES membership that might contain some additional information.

The signage at Arroyo Laguna was discussed. Phil felt that we should get together with Hearst soon so that a sign will be in place before November. It was thought that the actual wording should be decided on, that the sign should look “official” and possibly have an entity listed on it to lend the wording some credence. Susan and Phil will work on the wording to submit to the Hearst Corporation.

Someone at Cal Trans is trying to get VP3 named. The Board thought that “Mirounga Point” would be appropriate. Susan will check into this.

Ray Easton requested that the Board write a letter to Abel Maldonado in support of Bill 2540. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that

RESOLVED: Friends of the Elephant Seal write a letter to Abel Maldonado in support of Bill 2540.

Ray mentioned that if FES would like, we could insert a flyer with the Morro Bay Natural History Museum information packet on the Wild Bird Festival. Ann will supply Ray with the same flyers we used last year.

A discussion was held on FES becoming a member of the San Luis Obispo Visitor and Conference Center. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that

RESOLVED: That Friends of the Elephant Seal become a member of the San Luis Obispo Visitor and Conference Center.

Phil Adams announced that Jim Reed has resigned from the Board due to personal matters. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED: That the resignation of Jim Reed from the Board of Directors be accepted.

The Board will look for a replacement.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16th, 4:00 p.m. at the office of the corporation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

ANN GROSSMAN, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

PHIL ADAMS, President