

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 the Friends of the Elephant Seal, A California non-profit corporation was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Bill Johnson, Barbara Rice, Jim Devine, Ann Grossman, Ken Eberle and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests present: Michele Roest, Susan McDonald, Kathryn Karako and Joan Glassey.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Board meeting are approved.

**Census Report:** Kathryn Karako presented a Census Report of the 2001- 2002 breeding season to the Directors. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. A report on the 2002-s003 season will be ready in September. The program has been in effect for 2 years. Kathryn felt some modifications need to be made. The bluff count (just at VP3 bluff) would be done every other week. The dune count (the entire area) would be done weekly during the peak breeding season only. Kathryn will continue to solicit students from Cuesta and Cal Poly. The FES docents currently doing the census are diminishing the docents available for bluff shifts, school group tours and other programs. The students have not been doing shifts during the school breaks and their participation fluctuates with their school schedules. The dune counting process is grueling and can take 2 people up to 5 hours to complete. She suggests that the dune counts be done twice a month except during breeding season (Dec.-March). During this time the count should be done weekly. The only exceptions are the busy Holiday weekends when the count is difficult to complete. The bluff counts will be done twice a month. Kathryn will provide Brian Hatfield with a copy of the report. Michele will send a copy to Andrew DeVogelaere of the MBNMS. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Census Report form October 2001 - August 2002 is accepted and the changes suggested by Kathryn Karako are initiated.

**Docent Appreciation:** The date of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> has been set. The Vets Hall has been reserved for the event from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Linn's will do the catering. A menu will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. The Cambria Chorale will perform before dinner is served. The docent of the year "Don Meyer's perpetual award" will be presented. The Directors will nominate docents at the October Board Meeting.

**Boardwalk/Dedication:** An article in the Cambrian by Kathy Tanner about the Boardwalk has been written. At the grounding breaking, FES provided the CCC workers with an information packet. The CCC will work at the site 4 day weeks (9hrs. per day). Bill Johnson asked for volunteers for the Ribbon Cutting/Dedication Ceremony. Susan McDonald, Ken Eberle, Barbara Rice, Bill Johnson and Judy Burley volunteered. The

first meeting of the Committee will be at the FES office on Wed. August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Bluff Status:** The docents have been contacted and informed that the August bluff shifts have been concluded. The next docent letter will include an October schedule request. If the e-seals have not arrived by the first of this month, the office staff will notify the docents on shifts.

**Pinedorado Parade:** Bill noted that the props are ready. Joan Crowders son is constructing an e-seal prop of paper mache to be used. Bill will contact the docents who have signed up to participate.

**Oceans Fair:** FES declined to do the BBQ at the Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Oceans Fair Event sponsored by MBNMS. The docents who participate were not available this year. FES will participate with an information table. Michele noted that items could be sold at the event to help with continuing FES fundraising. Judy will contact the docents helped last year. She will also put together items from the office to sell. The event is from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m., 4 volunteers will be needed for 2- 2hour shifts.

**MBNMS:** Bill read a letter FES received from the MBNMS. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. It spoke of the partnership in educating the public that exists between the 2 groups. The MBNMS has donated to FES \$ 2,500.00 to help with the training of new docents. With the increase of visitors and e-seals the training is an essential part of our program. The letter will be included in the next docent mailing. Michele thought the suggestion by FES to ask for funding for the Arroyo Laguna program. A copy of the letter requesting the funding would be sent to the Hearst Corporation and Roy Torres.

**Treasurers Report:** A motion was made, seconded and passed that: the Treasures Report is accepted. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**Training:** Ann Grossman has volunteered to get out the advertising for new docents for the fall training. She will also check into setting up an information booth at the San Luis Obispo Farmers Market. The training committee is mailing out applications to the current list of prospective docents.

**E-seal Books:** The office has an inventory of about 160 e-seal books. FES has decided to not continue with the wholesale part of the books. Bill Chatsworth and Phil and Carole Adams will underwrite the publishing. FES will purchase the books from them wholesale and sell them in the office only. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: FES will not underwrite the next updated revision of the E-seal Book. FES will purchase the books wholesale from Bill Chatsworth at Central Coast Books.

**Office Inventory & Ordering:** Judy Burley will contact Apollo Co. for the purchase of the logo caps. The Board felt long sleeve shirts with the FES logo would be next line of shirts to carry in the office. Judy will contact Sensations in Paso Robles. They printed the

last order of logo shirts and have the set up already done. Jackie Johnston will be trained to monitor the inventory of shirts, postcards, books, video's, etc. and will present the Board with proposed purchases in the future.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting which will be held next month will have FES on the agenda. Information packets will be supplied at the meeting. Michele felt about 30 should be assembled. Prior to the meeting, Bill will contact Judy with the content so the office can have them ready.

Ken Eberle requested a discussion of the fencing be placed on the next agenda.

Joan Glassey suggested supplying the Cambria School District with the Coastal Commissions Science Actuary Guide for Grammar Schools. Michele stated these are available through the Coastal Commission. Joan will follow this up.

The next Board meeting will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:15

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Judy Burley, recording secretary

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Bill Johnson, President