

**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 November 19, 2003 at 2:00p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Bill Johnson, Barbara Rice, Jim Devine, Ken Eberle, Ann Grossman, Jutta Jacobs and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests: Michele Roest, Joan Glassey and Ron Massengill.

A motion was made, seconded and passed after corrections that: The minutes from the October 15th Board meeting are approved.

Michele Roest spoke to the Directors regarding the start of the Arroyo Laguna diversion program which will begin on Dec. 27th and 28th. Michele may hold the training on Saturday the 27th of December. She will contact the volunteers. The training will be for the new volunteers. It will be from 9:00 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. with a visit to the site. Bill Johnson will contact Marty Cepkauskas from the Hearst Corporation for the approval.

A discussion began about the need for a protocol for the requests the FES office is receiving regarding photography at Vista Point 3 and other locations. Michele will work with Judy to design a response. It was decided that any profit organization will be asked to compensate FES if a docent is provided to escort them. FES will ask for a written request. They will then proceed with directing the request for any permits that may be needed. After the protocol is established it will be included in an upcoming docent letter.

Ron Massengill provided a copy of the FES use of the Ericcson Handy Talkies donated to FES by the County of San Luis Obispo. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. In 2 weeks a repeater will be installed and the dispatch can be called at Hearst Castle. The Directors agreed the receiver/transmitters will increase safety at VP3. Ron will have the batteries tested and inform FES of the progress of their usage. Michele will be provided with a charger and radio. It was decided 2 phones should be used on each shift; 1 on each end. Until the permits are received the radios may be used as walkie talkies. A notice to the docents with the suggested rules for use will be send prior to their usage. Bill will send a thank you to Leland Armitage of SLO County for the donation.

Ken Eberle has spoken with Mark Mueller of Caltrans regarding the fence between the North and South ends of VP3. A green vinyl coated chain link may be available. The State may provide the materials if Caltrans can find the funding. The current fence is

dangerous. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Caltrans will proceed with replacing the fencing between the North and South ends of VP3 with green vinyl coated fencing.

The Kiosk at the Vista Point is in need of refinishing. FES will ask permission to restore the Kiosk. Phil Adams will be contacted about the repair.

The Board decided on the items needed for the Docent Appreciation Dinner at the Vet's Hall on Friday, December 5th. The Board members will serve the food and drinks. The Cambria Chorale will perform at 6:30. It was decided to contribute \$100.00 to the Chorale for their music scholarships.

Camp Keep did not receive permission from the Hearst Corporation in time. They will be at VP3 until the permission is received. Courtney will have the keys for the FES docents who will be escorting the students. Ken will contact the docents when they are needed.

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

The Board continued to discuss the School Group Coordinator position. The office will schedule and mail the bookings. A possible plan for 1 coordinator and 5 co-leaders was discussed. Each co-leader would be responsible for a determined amount of time. Ann Grossman will contact previous School Group volunteers to ask if they are interested in participating in this manner. A discussion will follow at the next Board Meeting.

Jutta Jacobs presented to the Directors a CD with an e-seal birthing sequence she felt might be an item that could be sold by FES. The cost of each CD may be \$ 2.69, but would be determined by the number of CD's purchased for resale. Jutta will leave a CD in the office for the Board to view. The Board would prefer to hold the amount spent to a minimum. Jutta will discuss the amount of CD's that can be purchased and the cost by the suppliers and report back to the Board.

Bill gave each Board member a copy of an email from Susan McDonald requesting that FES add a link from the FES website. The link is to a website developed by Gary Feisman, a former Sierra Club President. It gives an unbiased look at the Hearst Ranch Conservation Project. Bill asked that the Directors visit the website and continue the discussion at the next Board Meeting in December.

The next Friends of the Elephant Seal General Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17th, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Conference Room.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary

Bill Johnson, President