

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 June 16th, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Bill Johnson, Jim Devine, Jutta Jacobs, Barbara Rice, Ann Grossman, recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests present: P.J. Webb.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the April 21st, 2004 Board meeting are approved.

A docent potluck will be planned for late July or early August. The Directors agreed on Camp Ocean Pines as the site. Judy will check with Chris Cameron about the availability in the next few months. A note will be included in the next docent letter and postcards will be mailed to the docents. The office will place sign up sheets for food in the office.

Jim Devine reported that 2 new docents who completed the mentoring are now on the bluff. The Board suggested that an upcoming letter to the docents should include a request for the names of individuals who may be interested in the FES program. A discussion began about the possibility of a postcard mailing from another mailing list. This may be a future consideration. FES will also set up a table at the Cambria Farmers Market to solicit new volunteer docents and new members. Jutta will call the Farmers Market to check about any selling policies at the Cambria site. Judy will call Richard Lee to see if he is interested in staffing the table.

The summer bluff newsletter will be printed with the change in membership fees if the Board approves any increases. The membership newsletter will be out soon.

The Board received a copy of the membership increases and status. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The only change will be to delete the individual membership and change the family to a contributor at the same fee of \$ 25.00. The memberships have not been increased since 1998 and the cost of printing and postage continues to rise. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The FES membership's fee will be changed to reflect a deletion of the individual membership and a change in name from Family to Contributor with no increase in cost of the new Contributor membership.

FES recently received a solicitation from the Marine Mammal Center for the future San Luis Obispo Rescue and Triage Center in Morro Bay. The Board discussed a donation of

\$ 100.00 to become a Keystone Donor. FES will be listed on a special donor panel at the new Rescue and Triage Center in Morro Bay. The Directors agreed the funds will be contributed from the FES treasury. P.J. Webb will provide donor applications to FES. These can be placed in the FES office for any interested docents. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Friends of the Elephant Seal will become a Keystone Member of the San Luis Obispo Regional Rescue and Triage Center in Morro Bay with a pledge of \$ 100.00 to be paid from the FES treasury.

P.J. will speak at the upcoming docent training in the fall. She brought information about a UC Davis program for volunteers who help during an oil spill. The Oiled Wildlife Care Network will be presenting a 2 day course on June 26 and June 27. Judy will post the information in the office.

The MBNMS will have a Tourism Workshop this fall. The Sanctuary will be reaching out to businesses and tourism centers in SLO. P.J. will provide more information to FES in the future.

The Board agreed to attend the MBNMS Oceans Fair on Sept. 18th. FES will set up an exhibit table. The volunteer docents will be at the display table speaking with the public about the elephant seals. Membership applications and FES logo items will be available. Michele Roest will forward an application to the office. Judy will contact volunteer docents to work a 2 hour shift.

There will be a Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisor Council (SAC) meeting in Cambria on August 6th. There will be a public comment section. This is an opportunity for FES to introduce themselves. The bulk of the agenda will be a Joint Management Review. P.J. will provide FES with an agenda for the meeting. Bill Johnson spoke last year. The Board will send a representative again this year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. A closed session followed.

Judy Burley, recording secretary

William Johnson, President

