

**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 October 13, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Bill Johnson, Jim Devine, Ken Eberle, Barbara Rice, Jutta Jacobs and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests: Phil Adams, P.J. Webb.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the August 18th FES Board meeting are approved.

Invited guests Steve Price and Steve Yamaichi were unable to attend the Board meeting. They will be scheduled at a later date.

The north end of VP3 has become a problem during the birthing and breeding season. Phil Adams felt an interruption of the births has been taking place in that area. The bluff is hazardous and crowd control is difficult for the docents. The Board discussed placing a temporary barrier during the months of December to March. The placement of posts used by Ca. State Parks would give more support for the cones that FES is using currently. Ken Eberle and Phil favor the placement of the cones at the rock line. State Parks had previously offered materials for FES use. Phil will explore sources for materials.

Carole and Phil Adams have donated royalties from the sale of the Elephant Seal book to FES. The monies will be used for education and training. FES would like to begin with purchase of new materials for the library. Carole and Phil provided a list of possible books. Phil brought the books for the Directors to preview. P.J. may be able to arrange for the donation of "The Living Bay". She will let Judy know before the purchases are made. Jutta Jacobs will check prices on the choice of books decided by the Board.

Joan Crowder is writing the bluff newsletters for the upcoming season. Darlene Cho has agreed to join the newsletter committee. Achievement House will continue to print the newsletters for FES.

Planning for the December docent dinner is continuing. The entertainment has not yet been booked. The Board discussed contacting a few local performers. Phil and P.J. will call to see if the choices are available on the Dec. 3rd date. The office will continue to search also. A decision should be made quickly.

Jim Devine provided the Directors with a current Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. The checking and savings accounts are maintaining adequate balances in this slow time of year. P.J. Webb will check the status of the FES request to the MBNMS for

assistance with the docent training costs. A grant request will be sent to Supervisor Shirley Bianchi for expenses incurred for the upcoming docent appreciation dinner. She has helped in the past with the hour's pins and special awards. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasures Report is accepted as presented. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Jim reported to the Directors on the October Training Schedule. There are currently 14 trainees. The final session and graduation will take place on October 30th. The next docent letter will include an invitation for all docents to attend the graduation ceremony.

P.J. discussed the SAC Council meeting on December 3rd at Half Moon Bay. The MBNMS Interpretive Center at the San Simeon State Park should be open in September of 2005. She will also ask the MMC to forward information on Leptosporosis. The fact sheet will be posted for the docents. There has been one case of Leptosporosis found in an elephant seal.

The Board will invite Steve Price and Steve Yamaichi to attend the next meeting. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 2:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. A closed session followed.

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary

William Johnson, President