

**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 17th, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Bill Johnson, Jim Devine, Ann Grossman, Ken Eberle, Jutta Jacobs and recording secretary, Judy Burley and guests.

Steve Price from the Dept. of Transportation and Nick Franco from California State Parks attended the meeting at the request of FES. The Hearst Conservation Easement will be finalized and the land ownership will change to California State Parks. A discussion followed regarding the access plan will impact the FES organization. State Parks will be hiring 4 rangers, 1 maintenance employee, 1 resource ecologist and 1 interpreter whose role will be to channel information between State Parks, BLM, NOAA Interpretive Center and FES. Nick felt there were no conflicting goals and FES will operate at the Vista Point as it has in the past. Once the new people are on board with State Parks then future planning can start. The areas of concern for FES were maintenance of the parking lot at VP3, past role of FES as gate keepers for Camp KEEP at VP4 and construction of a boardwalk at the north end of VP3.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the Oct. 20th, 2004 Board Meeting are approved.

The final plans for the upcoming Docent Appreciation Dinner to be held on Dec. 3rd were discussed by the Board. The Directors will meet at the Vet's Hall at 4:45 to begin set up. The wine, beer, water and soda will be provided by FES. The final count will be given to Linn's. Judy will contact the CCSD for a microphone for the Wizard. All of the awards, certificates and pins are ready.

Phil Adams, Ken Eberle, Richard Lee, Bill Johnson put the stakes at the north end in preparation for the cable that will be placed during the birthing and breeding season only. This is a temporary barrier during these seasons.

Ann Grossman has confirmed the date of Sat. April 2nd with Courtney Brockman for the fundraiser at the Hearst Warehouse. The band has been contacted and agreed to the date. Ken Eberle will do the wine collection. Richard Lee is in charge of the silent auction. A new caterer will be needed this year. Ann will begin contacting possible choices and report to the Board.

John Fairweather from Camp KEEP will be informed by FES that he will need to contact California State Parks regarding the continuation of their program at VP4.

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

The training committee met today. They have arranged tentative dates for the next fall training. Judy will contact the Cavalier and reserve them. Jutta Jacobs suggested a 4 month follow up with the new docents for feedback on their preparation for duty on the bluff. Mary Lee Becwar as agreed to become the new chairperson of the training committee.

The December Board meeting will be held on December 15th, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.; a closed session will follow the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary

William Johnson, President