

**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 May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Carol Bean, Joan Crowder, Jim Devine, Ken Eberle, Ann Grossman, Jutta Jacobs, Richard Lee, Mary Lee Becwar, Barbara Rice and recording secretary Judy Burley.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the April 20, 2005 Friends of the Elephant Seal Board meeting are approved.

The FES docent appreciation dinner is set for Friday, November 18, 2005 at the Cambria Vet's Hall. Docent pins will be presented. Judy will contact Lighthouse Litho to order them. The food will be provided by Linn's. Further planning will take place at a later date.

President Ann Grossman received a call from Ray Easton asking that FES set up a table and attend the Morro Bay National History Museum; Summer Solstice on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Ann volunteered to set up a table for FES at the all day event. Ray will contact her with more information. FES also received a request from The Lions Club of Cambria to enter the annual Pinedorado Parade. The Board agreed to march in the parade. Judy will send the application back to the Lions Club. The last event request was from the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce. The annual Harbor Festival in Morro Bay will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a section near the South T. Pier called Children's Cove. All educational and non-profit groups will be at this location. There is no charge to the non-profits attending. A booth has been temporarily held for FES. Judy will send the necessary registration. A request for help will be included in the next docent letter for these events.

Kaitilin Gaffney from The Ocean Conservancy notified the FES Board of a MBNMS Conservation Working Group meeting in Cambria prior to the Cambria Sanctuary Advisory Council held on August 5, 2005. The Conservation Working Group will meet on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 3pm. Ken Eberle will attend this meeting. Ann will attend the MBNMS Advisory Council Meeting in August.

Ann gave the Directors an email from Dean McCully. He has offered to set up a credit card online membership link from the FES website. There will be fees with this process; however they will be in line with the fees FES currently pays when swiping a credit card in the office. The Board will review the information and a discussion will follow at the next meeting.

The \$ 5,000.00 donation recently received from Toyota will be used to purchase equipment for the FES Power Point presentation. The Board felt the presentation would be useful during the FES training as well as in the Outreach program slide show bookings. FES has also had requests from schools that are unable to visit the Vista Point to view the seals. The CD of the power point presentation would be available for their use.

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

There are 3 new docents who have been recently mentored and are currently on the bluff schedule. Phil Adams held a session in the FES office to familiarize them with the resource materials available in the library. The meeting went very well and the training committee felt they are an outstanding group of new trainee's. They will attend the fall training session. The training committee will meet soon. A discussion of new recruitment efforts was initiated. Joan Crowder will check into an ongoing ad in the Cambrian. Judy will locate a list of local newspapers for a press release regarding the fall training. A note in an upcoming docent letter will ask that docents direct anyone interested in becoming a volunteer to the office. Judy will check with the Chambers of Commerce in the area about a flyer soliciting individuals for the fall training.

The FES membership newsletter has been sent. The Board discussed a campaign to solicit business's to sponsor the newsletter. The cost of the printing could be covered by local merchants, etc. Judy and Ann will be developing a letter to send to local merchants soliciting support for FES. The support could include purchasing a business membership or sponsoring a newsletter. Judy will check into amounts needed to sponsor the publishing of the newsletter and report to the Board.

The Board suggested including a note in the next docent letter to determine interest in a special tour for the FES docents. Possible sites included the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Ano Nuevo and the Point Lobos Reserve. FES has received reciprocal invitations for tours of these locations.

Judy spoke with Paul McClintick of Cal Trans regarding new signage at VP3. He felt they would be able to place a No Vendor sign at the entrance. Past policies prohibited locking the gate at the north end. Recent occurrences of seals moving into the parking lot prompted a suggestion from Paul to document any further problems with pictures and description. These may be sent to Cal Trans. Cal Trans currently has no signage for the problem with visitors feeding the squirrels. He suggested FES contact Ca. State Parks and request 2 of the signs they use. FES should have these sent to Paul and he will place them at the Vista Point. Judy will contact Ca. State Parks.

Jutta Jacobs 2<sup>nd</sup> term has expired. The Board thanked her for all of the time she has devoted to developing the Bus Tour program, continuing to chair the membership and bluff newsletters committee. The Directors presented her with a framed e-seal picture along with unanimous note of appreciation.

Ann will call the Land Trust about the upcoming opening of the beaches at the former Piedras Blancas motel. There are e-seals located at the area.

The Board will be touring the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse on an upcoming Monday morning. Ken will inform the Directors of the date and time.

Jim Devine informed the Directors that 2 of the current Directors; Ann Grossman and Ken Eberle will have their terms expire in June and July. Jutta asked Ann and Ken if they would extend their Board positions for another 2 year term. Both Ann and Ken agreed. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Ann Grossman and Ken Eberle continue as members of the Friends of the Elephant Seal Board of Directors for a second term.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

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Judy Burley, recording secretary

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Ann Grossman, President