

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 August 17, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

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

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the July 27th, 2005 Board meeting are approved.

Leander Tamoria, Supervising Ranger from Ca. State Parks spoke to the Directors about his position as liaison between FES and Ca. State Parks. He was previously at Ano Nuevo in the position of docent coordinator. He supports volunteer organizations and will keep in close contact with FES. Future FES Agendas will be sent to Leander.

Michele Roest from the MBNMS followed up on the NOAA California Signage Plan. Joan, Ken, Ann, Phil and Carole Adams met to discuss the placement of the new signage at the Vista Point. Information from that meeting was sent to Michele. Michele updated the Board on the progress. On the 10th of August, the graphic designer went to the VP3 to observe the current signage. A new prototype was given to the Directors. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The signs will be smaller in size than the existing signage. There are 8 signs budgeted for FES. A decision needs to be made by Sept. 10th regarding the placement of the signs. Any directional signs; warning and regulatory signs will be provided by Cal Trans and California State Parks. The Board will be in contact with Michele.

Ann Grossman attended the recent MBNMS SAC meeting on August 5th. The meeting was well attended.

FES has had a recent request from Carla Friske from the Public Land Trust for support in their efforts to acquire the property at the Piedras Blancas Motel. The Board will review the request and contact Ann about the proposal. Ann will compose a letter at that time to forward to Carla. FES could possibly take the position of concern about the future of the area.

Phil and Carole Adams have again donated the royalties from their book to FES. Ann will send a letter of thanks. The proceeds will be dispersed to the FES program of their choice.

Jim Devine presented the Board with a financial report. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. He stated the organization is inline with the proposed

budget for 2005. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer's Report is accepted as presented.

Mary Lee Becwar informed the Directors that there are currently 9 new trainees. The Training Committee met recently and will continue to seek new docents through newspapers and placement of flyers through the first 2 weeks of September. Early interviews will be done in late August. Michele suggested forwarding a flyer to the Wildlife Club at Cuesta. She offered to send it for FES. Judy will send the flyer to her. The new trainee's names will be given to Shirley Bianchi's office along with an invitation to attend the luncheon and graduation. The Training Committee will notify Ann on the names to forward after the interview process.

The docent appreciation dinner planning is almost complete. The entertainment is still not decided upon. The Bronco Chorale is not available. Judy will review last year's suggestion and begin contacting them. She will report back to the Board.

The Albertson's Community Partners Program is now in place. FES will receive 1% to 4% of the total amount spent when the shopper uses an Albertsons Preferred Card and has designated FES as the recipient. Judy will mail information to the docents about the process to join the program. The Board may also reach out to the FES membership to donate to FES through this program.

P.J. Webb has asked the Directors to draft a letter asking the Bureau of Reclamation to seriously consider the ecological damage caused by an ocean disposal of agricultural runoff in the ocean waters of the Central Coast. A motion was made and seconded that: FES will send a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation asking them to consider the ecological damage caused by the disposal of waste into the waters of the Central Coast.

The September Board meeting will be held on September 21st 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 3:00 p.m.

Judy Burley, recording secretary

Ann Grossman, President