

**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 September 21st, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

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

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the August 17th, 2005 Board meeting are approved.

Ann Grossman will contact Courtney Brockman regarding the Hearst Warehouse as a venue for the FES fundraising event this spring. The Directors chose April 1st as the preferred date of the event. If that is not available then the following Saturday, April 8th would be the second choice.

The Interpretive Signs to be placed at the Vista Point from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary will be done in 2007. The MBNMS needed funds to do Moonstone Beach Boardwalk. Ann stated that next year help may come from Ca. State Parks for the funding.

Judy responded to the email offering help with the FES website. No answer has been received. Ann will contact Lisa Anthony for assistance in maintaining the website. Future requests will be made to docents who would be able to aid in updating the information on the website.

Ann gave the Directors a copy of the letter sent to Carla Fisk regarding the Public Land Trust which is concerned about the Piedras Blancas site. The letter included intent to support with a caution of the problems. Carla would prefer that FES sent the letter at a later date. A revision to the letter would be amended to include provisions be made for the elephant seals at the site. An amended copy will be presented at the next board meeting.

A copy of the letter sent to Claire Jacquemin regarding the disposal of agricultural waste in the Estero Bay drafted by Ann Grossman is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Directors agreed to be included in the Whale Shark and Oceanic Research Center website.

The Board discussed painting a marking on the railing of the boardwalk at VP3. The marking would illustrate the length of the seals. Ann will check with Phil Adams about the project. She will also contact Manuela Passman and thank her for the suggestion.

The Directors agreed that a speaker's fee of \$ 150.00 be given to Kathryn Karako for her services at the FES training. 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.

An update on the FES training schedule was presented. The Board of Directors will attend and will be introduced at the beginning. Mary Lee will give Ann a copy of the final list of trainees to be forwarded to Supervisor Shirley Bianchi. In the future any applications received will be followed up with an interview immediately. The Board will discuss the agenda and speakers for the next docent potluck. The power point presentation will not be available for use at the training.

P.J. Webb informed the FES Directors that the MBNMS will comment on the desal plant to be placed in Cambria. There will be a draft with information regarding where the wells will be placed and where the testing will be performed.

Judy Burley gave the Board a draft of the letter to be sent to local business owners requesting they support FES by becoming members. The mailing will be done to the members of the Cambria Chamber. Including a flyer in the Morro Bay and SLO Chamber flyers will follow. Ann agreed to help with the project.

A report of the status of the FES membership was presented to the Directors. A comparison of the income from 2004 to the amount to date for 2005 was also given. The new memberships have slowed, however the renewals are maintaining.

The November Board meeting will be held on November 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier meeting room. 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