

**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 19, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

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

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the September 21, 2005 Board meeting are approved as corrected.

Ann Grossman reported on a recent meeting held at VP3. Leaner Tamoria (Ca. State Parks Head Ranger), Ed Redig (Sector Superintendent), Vince Cicero (Ca. State Parks), Louie Lopez (Park Maintenance Chief III), and Michele Roest (MBNMS) attended. Carole and Phil Adams were at the meeting and sent a written report to FES. Calif. State Parks is planning on connecting VP3 and VP4 with a boardwalk. There will also be a disability ramp at the north end. There will be a future meeting between State Parks and representatives from FES.

Michele Roest from the MBNMS will host a meeting to discuss the upcoming elephant seal breeding season. The meeting will be held at the MBNMS Visitor Center/Office in San Simeon. A report to the board will follow.

Judy Burley will tabulate the yearly cost of the bluff and membership newsletters. FES will consider asking for sponsorship of the printing costs. A discussion will follow at an upcoming meeting.

UCLA grant writing student, Susan Preston has been in contact with Judy and Ann. She is developing a grant proposal and is researching possible grant possibilities for FES. She has offered to do this at no cost to FES. New docent, Sally Ensworth also has training in grant writing and will assist FES in the future. She has been in contact with Ann and will work with her.

New docent, Elizabeth Miller will assist in training the current slide show presenters with information on using a power point presentation.

Tom Johnson will do a major change to the website. This will be his final project for FES. Lisa Anthony has suggested the name of someone in Morro Bay that FES could contact to continue the maintenance of the website. Docent Jerome Passman is also available to do the maintenance. Ann will initially contact Jerome and report to the Board. New docent Brandt Kehoe has also offered to help. Bill has stated the present program is difficult to work with and a new one may be needed.

Jim Devine presented the Directors with a copy of a current FES balance sheet. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Board agreed that increasing the new memberships should be included in any upcoming projects. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer's Report is accepted as presented.

Mary Lee Becwar reported on the training now taking place. There are 17 trainees. The list of volunteer docents has been sent to Shirley Bianchi. Jim Devine will take Mary Lee's duties for the second training session. The Board agreed that the training and mentoring hours for the new trainees will be included in their total hours. They will be given 50 hours pins at the Docent Appreciation Dinner in November.

Ann reported that the previous volunteers from the Sunset at San Simeon III are available to help on the March 11th, 2006 fundraising event. The band, venue, caterer and rentals have all been contacted and reserved. The cost of the tickets will remain \$ 75.00. An addition will be placed in the next membership newsletters about the event. The wine solicitation letters will be sent from the FES office in the next week.

Richard Lee has contacted Firestone to provide beer for the November docent dinner. He will ask that they sell the beer at cost or donate it. Judy will contact the Vet's Hall about a date next year in the month of December 2006.

A report on the past FES School Group Program was presented. Richard Lee, along with Shirley Paulson- Lee, will continue as School Group Coordinator for the upcoming season.

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 4:00 p.m.

Judy Burley, recording secretary

Ann Grossman, President