

FRIENDS OF THE ELEPHANT SEAL, minutes of board meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Elephant Seal, a California non-profit corporation, was held on November 16, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza Conference Room, 250 San Simeon

Directors present: Jim Devine, Ann Grossman, Ken Eberle, Joan Crowder, Richard Lee and Carol Bean

President Ann Grossman called the meeting to order and a motion was made, seconded and passed that the minutes from the October 19, 2005 meeting be approved.

Ann Grossman passed around the holiday card that will be sent to FES members, and board members approved it

Ann Grossman and Ken Eberle reported on a meeting of representatives from FES, Michelle Roest of MBNMS, and State Parks which was held Nov. 3 to discuss the relationship between State Parks, MBNMS and FES. Ann explained the different options for working with State Parks and recommended that FES work as a Cooperating Association. She and Bill Johnson were scheduled to meet with Leander Tamoria and Nick Franco of State Parks on November 17. They will report to FES directors at the next board meeting.

It was reported that someone was bitten by a squirrel. Ann explained that the Dispatch Center should be called when something like this happens, and the docent on duty should fill out an Incident Report in the FES office.

There was a discussion about new officers and new directors. Ann will ask Jerome Passman if he will join the board.

Jim Devine gave the Treasurer's Report and distributed balance sheets to board members. He also reported on the docent training program. FES has 17 new docents. During training Ray Easton and Dick Evans substituted for Brian Hatfield in speaking about otters, and Leander Tamoria stepped in when the NOAA representative couldn't make it. Jim reported that the training sessions went well and were well received.

Ann Grossman announced that the fundraiser, Sunset at San Simeon IV will be held on March 11, and committee members have responded and begun work already.

It was announced that Susan Preston, UCLA grant writing student, is writing a grant request for FES to the San Luis Obispo Community Association.

The next board meeting will be held at 2 p.m. December 21. There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Joan Crowder

President, Ann Grossman

