

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 Wed. December 21, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Ann Grossman, Ken Eberle, Jim Devine, Carol Bean, Joan Crowder, recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests present: Chris Cameron, Jerome Passman.

Chris Cameron from Camp Ocean Pines reviewed the speakers that will be attending the 4 lectures in the month of January. Camp Ocean Pines will be hosting 3 marine mammal seminars in January. The cost of each seminar is \$ 250.00. He presented the board with the flyer about the events. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Along with the programs, a lecture will be held at the Cambria Vet's Hall. The lectures are open to the public. FES will set up an informational display at each lecture. Michele Roest will also host a presentation on January 10<sup>th</sup> with guest speakers from NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Lab in San Diego. It is also open to the public.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the November 16, 2005 board meeting are approved.

The board reviewed the seal stranding procedure. The board would like to limit access at a point on the north trail. The trail is narrow and the erosion is increasing. Ann will contact Leander Tamoria from State Parks about the problem.

The request from the Cambria Historical Society to place a link from the FES website was declined by the directors. Ann will notify the CHS of the decision.

The Board has asked FES docent Jerome Passman to become a member. Jerome accepted the invitation. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Jerome Passman become a member of the FES Board of Directors. His term will begin on January 1, 2006.

Ann suggested a request be made to Patagonia for foul weather gear to be used by the docents. A previous donation was made by them. The docents were also able to purchase gear from Patagonia at a discount. Ann will inquire about a donation and report to the board at a later date.

The term for the current offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer will be over in January of 2006. The term is for one year. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Jerome Passman hold the office of Treasurer. Ken Eberle agreed to remain Vice President for another term. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Ken Eberle hold the office of Vice President. Ann Grossman agreed to remain President for another

term. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Ann Grossman serve as President for a second term. New board members to replace Jim Devine and Barbara Rice, whose terms expire this year, will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Treasurer Jim Devine began a discussion of upcoming equipment purchases. The power point presentation designed by docent Kate Shelley will be used by the Outreach Slide Show program. The training committee had requested that FES film the training sessions. Jim will contact FES accountant Karen Tipple to discuss amortizing the equipment. Jerome will donate a Power Point 2000 program to FES. Jim presented the directors with a copy of a current FES balance sheet and proposed budget for 2006. 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.

Joan Crowder stated that the Newsletter Committee would prefer color photographs in the membership newsletter, however the cost prohibits using them. Ann suggested FES investigate asking for a donation from the business community to cover the printing. FES will begin a business membership campaign in 2006. Besides soliciting memberships, FES could also ask for sponsorship of the newsletter. A discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

A small check has been received from Albertson's Community Partners Program. There have been very few docents who have joined the program. Ann will mention this fundraising effort in the next docent letter.

The Holiday Card has been mailed. Judy stated the cost was approximately \$ 800.00. A report will follow at January's meeting.

A few requests have been made by the docents who live out of the area. They have been unable to attend the docent appreciation dinner when it is held on a Friday evening. The board agreed to hold next years event on a Saturday. This year's event was held early because the Cambria Vet's Hall was not available. To insure the event is held in December, Judy will contact CCSD and reserve it now. The directors suggested either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

The January Board meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m; a closed session will follow the meeting. There being nor further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Ann Grossman, President

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Judy Burley, Recording Secretary

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