

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 Friends of the Elephant Seal, a California non-profit corporation was held on January 25th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

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

Guests present: Michele Roest and Jack Markel.

Michele Roest gave the Directors a brief description of the Marine Life Protection Act currently being reviewed by local groups. MLPA now has funding, but has not been enacted. Ann will draft a letter acknowledging the support of FES for the protection provided by MPLA. No support of a specific proposal will be included.

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

The Board reviewed the letter to be sent to the Cambria business community asking for support. Ann will amend the letter. The letter will include a request for sponsorship of the newsletters. FES will also ask for the local businesses to contribute by purchasing a business membership. The letter will be sent after the revisions.

Leander Tamoria has been contacted by Ann regarding closure of the north end of the trail. He did not feel it was hazardous, but stated FES could close the trail if they chose.

Carole Adams has contacted Ann about FES sponsoring lectures at the Cambria Vet's Hall. Carole can arrange for a guest speaker with no cost to FES. The lectures could be arranged with no fee charged to the public. Ann will speak with Carole.

Jerome Passman provided each Director with a balance sheet and a profit & loss statement. There have been some charges incurred early in 2006 because the Sunset at San Simeon fundraiser will be held earlier in the year. 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.

The SLO Passports will not be printed in time to be available for this year's fundraiser. The Fundraising committee has begun soliciting for auction items. There will be a live auction this year. Wine solicitations have also begun.

Mary Lee Becwar will meet with the Training committee next week. The committee will

continue to interview docent applicants all year for the next training session. Judy will update the database for the committee. There are a few past applicants who are interested in participating in a spring mentoring program. Mary Lee will contact them. The spring program will take place in April. Jack Markel suggested to the Directors that the fall training sessions be held in a shorter time frame. It may be difficult for the trainees who come from a long distance to set aside 3 weekends.

Newsletter Committee member Darlene Cho has resigned and will be moving soon. She will be leaving in March. The Board will provide Joan Crowder with a Publisher program. She will be able to put together the newsletter at home.

Docent Lou Tornatsky will be asked to attend the next Board meeting. He has had past experience in fundraising and grant writing. He spoke with Ann and would like to address the Board about future fundraising efforts. Ann will contact him.

The next docent potluck will be sometime the end of February. Judy will contact Chris Cameron from Camp Ocean Pines to see if the facility is available on a week day. The second choice would be the Cambria Vet's Hall. Ann will check into the cost of providing the dinner for the docents and report to the Board.

The Holiday Card has been sent. The cost was \$ 837.62 for printing and postage. The office has received \$1,600.00 in contributions from the membership. A final count will be done the end of March.

The Board discussed a procedure for collecting molt. This has been done in the past. The Board will look into this at the end of summer.

FES will continue to direct photographer's request by suggesting they film from the boardwalk. If the request continues for another area or the beach, the photographer will be asked to call Leander from Ca. State Parks.

The February Board meeting will be held on February 15th at 2:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m

Judy Burley, recording secretary

Ann Grossman, President