

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. March 15th 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at San Simeon.

Directors present: Ann Grossman, Jim Devine, Joan Crowder, Barbara Rice, Jerome Passman, Ken Dunn and recording secretary, Judy Burley.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the February 15th, 2006 board meeting are approved as corrected. Ken Dunn's term as board member will be changed to begin on Jan. 1, 2006.

The docent dinner will be at Camp Ocean Pines on Sunday, March 19th. FES will provide dinner for the docents. State Parks Supervising Ranger, Leander Tamoria will speak to the docents.

FES received an invitation to become a member of Cal Poly's Continuing Education program; Community and Corporate Partners Initiative. The benefits include discounts on training materials, recognition in Outreach and inclusion as a Community & Corporate Partner on the Cal Poly Continuing Education web site. Dennis Parks the Dean of Continuing Education has waived the fee for FES to join. The Board agreed to join at a previous meeting. Ann has contacted Dennis.

Jim Devine attended the State Parks public meeting scheduled to discuss the newly acquired Hearst Ranch coastal lands. Ann has notified the docents of the upcoming public meetings.

Michele Roest will be organizing the Grand Opening of the Visitor Center at the San Simeon State Beach. FES will assist. Further discussion will be held at a future board meeting.

Joan Crowder will attend the Wonders of the World sponsored by the Santa Barbara Zoo. The zoo will be hosting a coalition of organizations during the week of June 4- 11. Joan will set up an informational booth on June 4th.

The Directors will meet with Lou Tornatzky at 1:00p.m. at the next board meeting in April. Ann will contact him and confirm the day and time.

Jerome Passman suggested the board decided if any future upgrades should be done to the existing FES website. The board will discuss this at a future meeting.

The Treasurer's Report is accepted as presented. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mary Lee Becwar and the training committee have 4 new spring trainees currently in the program. They will be mentored in March and begin shifts in April and May.

Brandt Kehoe is the new member of the Newsletter Committee. Joan Crowder will arrange to include the future Newsletter Sponsors in the newsletter.

Jerome will continue pricing equipment for the Outreach and the Training Committee to use. He will purchase the necessary items for use with the FES power point presentation.

Judy Burley suggested that FES order a stock of docent jackets. Some of the jackets that have been worn for a few years should be replaced. The Directors felt the worn jackets should be replaced at no charge to the docents. The cost of the jackets from Lighthouse Litho is \$ 58.00 each. Judy will order 15.

The membership holiday card mailing which included a donation request netted about \$700.00. The Board agreed the cards will be sent to each member yearly.

The April Board meeting will be held on April 26th at 2:00p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:00p.m.

Ann Grossman, President

Judy Burley, recording secretary