

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. May 17th, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

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

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The corrected minutes from the April 26, 2006 board meeting are approved.

Friends of the Elephant Seal will be the local non-profit profiled in the Tribunes newspaper article "Spotlight on Service" on Friday, May 19th.

The Directors discussed the repairs needed at VP3. A list of the 4 items that need immediate attention are:

1. Uneven soil behind interpretive signs at the south end. Ann Grossman has had reports of visitors tripping at the area.
 2. Remove the binocular post at the south end of the boardwalk.
 3. Repair the fencing at the north end of VP3.
 4. Extend the orange fencing south beyond the gully at the north end bluff trail.
- Judy will send a letter to Leander Tamoria of Ca. State Parks.

FES volunteers will be attending the Wonders of Water in Santa Barbara on Sunday, June 4th. Coloring books will be given to families who visit the FES booth. Ann suggested FES purchase an awning for use at these events. She will purchase a canopy at an estimated cost of \$ 149.00.

FES has also been asked to participate in the Morro Bay Summer Solstice on Saturday, June 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A sign up sheet will be placed in the office for any docents who can volunteer at the FES informational booth at the event.

A second sign up sheet in the office will also be available for docents who would like to help at an informational booth FES will set up for the MBNMS Discovery Center opening in July. Ann will include this information in the next docent letter.

FES has set a goal of \$50,000.00 on the Channel G website. Channel G will hold back 17% of any donations made to FES. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Friends of the Elephant Seal sign the Production, Distribution and Fundraising Services Agreement from Channel G. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Judy Burley. 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.

Mary Lee Becwar announced a meeting of the Training committee will be held on June 19th. They will be preparing for the fall training session. A meeting will also be held in the future for the FES docents who will be mentoring the fall trainees.

Joan Crowder has acknowledged the newsletter sponsors in the membership letter. The board suggested a notice of the new sponsors be placed in the office and in the kiosk at VP3.

Judy will set up a date for the power point training session for the Outreach slide show presenters. The Training committee and the FES Board will also attend.

FES has agreed to march in the Pinedorado Parade on Sept. 2nd. The board will discuss this at a future meeting.

Judy presented a membership report to the Directors. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The membership renewals are continuing to surpass last year's total. The new memberships are not. The summer months are the least active for new members. A discussion regarding soliciting new members will be held in the future.

The docent appreciation dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Judy will submit a special projects grant funding application to SLO County. FES will ask for funding to cover the cost of the FES logo patches, hours pins, pocket calendars, docent of the year statue and plaque given to the docents that evening. Ken Eberle will contact the Bronco Chorus to see if they are available to perform.

The June Board meeting will be held on June 21st. 2006 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.

Ann Grossman, President

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary

