

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. July 19th, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located a 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Carol Bean, Joan Crowder, Jim Devine, Jerome Passman, Richard Lee, Ann Grossman, Mary Lee Becwar, and recording secretary, Judy Burley.
Guests present: P.J. Webb.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the June 19th, 2006 board meeting are approved.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Kathy Hurtle become a member of the Friends of the Elephant Seal Board of Directors. Kathy accepted the 2 year term which will begin on August 1, 2006.

FES has written a letter to Jim Wilson from the Cambria Lion's transition committee. FES was interested in locating the visitor center/office space in the recently closed youth center building. No decision will be made by the committee for 90 days. The FES Directors will continue a discussion of the possible move at a later date.

A complimentary Business Gold Membership was made to FES by Friends of Hearst Castle. Information about FES will be placed in their kiosks at Hearst Castle, the SLO Airport and the SLO County Visitors Center and the San Simeon Discovery Center. Ann will send the needed information for the kiosk.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Jerome Passman. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer's report is accepted as presented.

Mary Lee Becwar stated that the training committee will meet on Monday, July 31st at 1:00 p.m. in the FES office. Brian Caserio has been contacted and will provide equipment for the fall training session. The committee is interviewing applicants as their forms are received. Publicity for the training will begin the first week of August and continue in the first week of September.

The newsletter committee will be working on the fall bluff newsletter. They will be ready for use after the docent break.

P.J. Webb gave the board members information on Strategic Planning to review prior to a future FES directors retreat. She suggested FES review and/or update the current mission statement. A date will be set by the board to meet.

Judy gave each director an updated sheet on the FES Insurance Policies. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Workmen's Compensation policy has increased because of a raise in the rates. The interim rate for next year is lower. This should decrease the amount.

A membership report was given; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. FES received a lifetime membership last month. The renewals still remain strong.

State Parks will be contacted again about the needed realignment of the fence along the walkway between the north and south ends of the vista point. Some weeding has been done at the site, but more will be needed. The thistle located in the area at the fencing on the south end is now interfering with viewing the seals.

The August board meeting will be held on Wed. August 16th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza 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