

FRIENDS OF THE ELEPHANT SEAL

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Elephant Seal, a California non-profit corporation was held on Wed. November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Ann Grossman, Ken Eberle, Jerome Passman, Carol Bean, Joan Crowder, Mary Lee Becwar, Richard Lee, Kathy Hurrle, Ken Dunn and Judy Burley, recording secretary.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 board meeting are approved.

The December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 docent appreciation dinner plans have been completed. The directors will meet at 4:00 p.m. on that day to set up for the evening. Ann will contact the Cookie Crock for the wine. Special invitations have been sent. Judy will contact Linn's with the number of docents attending the week prior.

Brand Kehoe is now maintaining the FES website. He has contacted Dean McCully, who is the gentleman who previously agreed to help set up an online membership. Dean will provide his services at no cost. He suggests using Pay Pal. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The FES website will include an online membership, using the services of Pay Pal. Brandt will contact Heritage Oaks Bank about using the Pay pal program.

The directors have viewed the new website. A few changes have been made. An online store expansion will be done in the future. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The previous FES website is replaced with the version designed by Brandt Kehoe.

A November budget report was given to each director by Jerome Passman. The board discussed proposing that Ca. State Parks assist with the cost of printing the newsletters. The office will provide an estimate of the yearly cost. A request will be sent to Nick Franco. 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 and the training committee have met to discuss the recent fall training. 11 new docents completed the training. The new packets were expanded. The committee would like to include someone to speak to the trainee's on sharks. The training dates for next year are Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Joan Crowder stated that the membership newsletters will be printed in December.

Judy Burley gave the board a report on the recent membership mailing. All members who had renewed since 2002 forward were sent a letter. There have been 65 renewals returned from this mailing. The amount received after costs were subtracted was almost \$ 3,000.00. The membership that is current is now numbers 400 again.

The annual membership holiday card is being put together by Judy and Kate Shelley. It will be sent to members along with a request for an annual donation.

The directors agreed to donate a packet with books and a tour of VP3, to the Cambria University Women's silent auction. Judy will contact them.

The term for the current offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer will be over in January of 2007. The term is for one year. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Mary Lee Becwar hold the office of President, Ken Dunn hold the office of Vice-President and Jerome Passman hold the office of Treasurer for a second term.

The next board meeting will be held on Wed. December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Cavalier conference room. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Ann Grossman, President

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Judy Burley, Recording Secretary