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 (FES), a California non-profit corporation was held on Wednesday, February 21st, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Ken Eberle, Jerome Passman, Joan Crowder, Richard Lee, Ken Dunn, Ann Grossman, Brandt Kehoe, Kathy Hurrle and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests present, Supervising Ranger, Leander Tamoria and FES Advisor, P.J. Webb.

President Mary Lee Becwar was not present. Vice President Ken Dunn called the meeting to order.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the January 17th, 2007 board meeting are approved.

Brandt Kehoe was nominated and has agreed to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Elephant Seal. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Brandt Kehoe become a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Elephant Seal.

Treasurer Jerome Passman was unable to attend the meeting. Judy Burley gave each director a copy of Jerome's report, including the FES balance sheet and the FES profit and loss comparison. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer's report is accepted as presented.

Ann Grossman reported that ticket sales for the Sunset at San Simeon fundraiser are selling well. The fundraising committee continues to contact local wineries, artists and businesses for donations.

Kathy Hurrle reported for the training committee. 2 spring trainees have been contacted and interviewed. There are 3 more applicants to contact. The spring trainees have committed to attending the FES fall training. Joan Crowder noted that an article stating FES is accepting volunteer's runs continually in the Cambrian.

Joan Crowder will include a note about the new trainee's in the next member newsletter. Leander Tamoria discussed the printing of the FES bluff and membership newsletters by Ca. State Parks. Joan Crowder will send him the number needed and the newsletter in PDF format. The cost of the printing will be donated by Ca. State Parks.

Ann Grossman and FES Advisor Bill Johnson attended a meeting with Steve Horn from the Coastal Conservancy. Notes from the meeting were given to the directors. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. There has been not time frame discussed. The Coastal Conversancy may provide a continuing grant to FES. There may be an Interpretive and Educational Center building at Piedras Blancas provided to FES. FES needs to provide information about the FES program, volunteer hours, and visitors to VP3 along with a budget. Ann will coordinate the descriptive letter with Judy. She will attend further meetings and report to the board.

Docent Joan Glassey has retired from FES. The School Groups Program was put in place by Joan. FES appreciates her support and many hours donated. A card and gift will be sent to Joan from FES.

P.J. Webb spoke to the board about the budget cuts the National Marine Sanctuary Program is experiencing. She asked that each director send a letter to local representatives asking that the funding be restored to the FY 2004 level. P.J. is also a Marine Mammal Center volunteer. The MMC has been out to the rookery this season because of entanglements. The animals involved were large males and nothing could be done. FES will continue to notify the MMC about any injured animal at VP3.

Judy gave each director a membership report. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. There are 427 current members of FES. The new members have decreased. Over 140 renewal memberships were received from past members in response to the recent membership drive.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21st, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room. There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Ken Dunn, Vice President

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Judy Burley, recording secretary