

MINTUES 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. June 20th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Sue Boudreau, Joan Crowder, Brandt Kehoe, Mary Lee Becwar, Kathy Hurrle, Jerome Passman, Ken Dunn, Richard Lee, Ann Grossman, Dave Dabritz, and recording secretary, Judy Burley.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the May 16th 2007 board meeting are approved.

Ken Dunn recently spoke with Dawn Hayes of the MBNMS regarding funding that may be available for the upcoming FES training session. Judy Burley will draft a letter to Dawn requesting financial assistance.

Ken welcomed new board members Dave Dabritz and Sue Boudreau. They have begun their 2 year terms as of June, 2007.

Jerome Passman presented the Treasurer's report. 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.

Ann Grossman informed the directors that no response from the California Coastal Conservancy regarding funding has been received. The first auction item for the next dinner/dance fundraiser has already donated. Ann and Pat Johnson will be stepping down from the Fundraising Committee. The committee will need to replace their positions.

The membership newsletters have been received from State Parks and will be mailed soon.

The Training Committee held a meeting in late May. There will be another in July. FES has been contacted by Friends of the Sea Lions from Laguna Beach. They have asked if a few of their trainees could attend the FES training sessions this fall. The Directors agreed to have them attend. Kathy Hurrle will contact them about the dates.

The order for the DVD "A Seal's Life" from Wharton Media has been placed. The DVD will be sold in the FES office. The premiere of the film will be held at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on June 24th. The film company may plan a future event on the central coast this fall.

Judy Burley has recently contacted Patagonia. The docent packs need replacing and Patagonia agreed to donate 12 packs. The Directors chose a model. Judy will email them with our request.

The Lion's Club of Cambria has again sent FES an application to march in the Pinedorado Parade. The Board discussed participating and decided to march. The event will be held on Sat. Sept. 1, 2007.

P.J. Webb and the FES Directors scheduled a retreat on Sat. Sept. 29th. At the retreat the Board will review the mission statement; form a strategy for future FES goals; discuss Board responsibilities and Board of Directors ethics. An agenda and reminder will be sent to the members.

Leander Tamoria brought samples of the 10 year FES pin for the Board to view and choose one of the designs. A decision was made and 100 of the pins will be made.

P.J. discussed the recent strandings of Ca. Sea Lion yearlings. She also informed the Board that there are 2 open seats on the MBNMS Council.

Ken Dunn recently attended a meeting a Cal Poly's Community Partners Program. They will begin a new program for non profit leadership with an emphasis on fundraising. The Board felt attendance should be considered.

The Board agreed to use Linn's as caterers for the Jan. '08 docent dinner. Judy will contact them next week. Further planning will be done in the fall.

The Directors discussed the requests FES has received for links from the FES webpage. It was suggested that links may be used by other non-profits but usage by for-profit groups will be limited. A discussion will continue at a future meeting. The Board agreed to decline the request by Open Road for a link from the FES website. A motion was made, seconded and passed that FES decline the request by Open Road for a link to their website from the FES website. Judy will notify Open Road.

The next Board meeting will be held on July 18th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Ken Dunn, President

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary

