

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 August 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Sue Boudreau, Joan Crowder, Dave Dabritz, Ken Dunn, Kathy Hurrle, Richard Lee, Jerome Passman and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests: Leander Tamoria, Ca. State Parks Supervising Ranger.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the June 20, 2007 board meeting are approved.

Ken Dunn gave the Directors an update of the recent meeting attended by Ken, Mary Lee Becwar, and Judy Burley of FES and Steve Horn of the Coastal Conservancy. The Coastal Conservancy is proposing a grant of \$ 40,000.00 to FES to maintain and sustain the docent program. Steve reported that the Coastal Conservancy will be involved in developing the Piedras Blancas Motel property, but anticipates that such development is at least two years away. The Coastal Conservancy is an advocate for the Coastal Trail. The plan of the Conservancy is to have a visitor center at the old motel site, with the hope that FES will be a presence there. The Board discussed the proposal for the Conservancy grant. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Board of Directors of Friends of the Elephant Seal are resolved to seek a grant of \$ 40,000.00 from the California Coastal Conservancy for sustaining and maintaining the FES docent program. Upon receipt of the grant, monies will be used immediately to sustain and maintain the docent program.

Ken will monitor the number of the seals at VP3 and report when the number is down. He will notify the office and the docents will be notified by email and phone that the break has begun.

Jerome Passman gave each Director a copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss comparison. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The total net income has improved. The expenses were down due in part to the printing of the newsletters which is now done by Ca. State Parks. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer's Report is approved

Joan Crowder will have the fall newsletter ready before the training session. Kathy Hurrle will include the current newsletter in the materials given to the trainee's.

Kathy reported that there are now 4 trainees' who will be attending the fall training session. The promotion for new docents has begun and will include newspaper and radio announcements. There will be a new speaker this session who will discuss sharks. The training for mentors will be held on September 8th. Judy will include the training agenda in a docent mailing when it is available. Kathy will inform the Board of the date reserved to assemble the docent handbooks. They will be put together at the State Parks facility. The squirrel bite procedure has been revised. Kathy gave each member a copy of the new policy which directs anyone bitten to the Ranger Station at the Hearst Castle Visitor Center.

Richard Lee will put together the signs for the Pinedorado Parade. If any help is needed he will contact the Board.]

Judy Burley gave each Director a copy of the Newsletter Sponsor database. These sponsors are listed on the website and in the newsletters. The Board suggested a mailing in the future to increase the number of sponsors.

Judy informed the Board that FES is now presenting the power point program to campers at the San Simeon State Park. Docents Ken Cumings and Sharkey Warwick will present each Saturday evening in August.

Sally Ensworth and Judy have submitted a grant to the Drucker Foundation for funding. Sally attended a round table discussion of the Non-profit Service Center in SLO. FES may join the organization in the future.

FES Advisor, P.J. Webb was unable to attend the meeting. She will notify the Directors of the time and place of the upcoming Board retreat on September 29th.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 19, 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 2:30.

Ken Dunn, President

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary