

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. September 19th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Sue Boudreau, Joan Crowder, Dave Dabritz, Kathy Hurre, Brandt Kehoe, Jerome Passman, Judy Burley-recording secretary and guest Leander Tamoria.

A change was made to the minutes of the August 15th, 2007 meeting. The fourth paragraph will end with the following sentence. Upon receipt of the grant monies; will be used immediately to sustain and maintain the docent program. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes are accepted as read with the addition of the above.

The FES Board Retreat will take place on Saturday September 29th, 2007 at the Cambria Vet's Hall. FES Advisor will be P.J. Webb coordinating the meeting.

Jerome Passman gave each Director a copy of the FES balance sheet and profit and loss statement. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. His second term as Treasurer will end Dec. 31st. The Board will consider his replacement. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer's Report is approved.

Joan Crowder noted the bluff newsletter is currently being printed by State Parks. A membership newsletter will be completed after the training. The graduating class will be included in that issue.

A sample of the new training folder was shown to the Board by Kathy Hurre. There will be a presentation by a speaker on sharks added to the training schedule this year. The completed training schedule will be sent to the docents after the next training committee meeting. Currently there are 9 committed trainees with 2 more in the interview process. The final deadline will be Oct. 2. for applications.

The Directors discussed adding the docents to the FES workmen's comp. plan. Dave Dabritz suggested FES consider an association with Ca. State Parks. The docents would become State Park volunteers and become eligible for this type of insurance coverage. The Directors asked Judy to contact the insurance agent for FES and investigate the cost of insuring the docents. They agreed to continue this discussion at a later date.

Kathy asked the Board to consider updating the process of communication between the various FES committees. It was suggested that a roster for volunteers and the name of

the chairperson be distributed between them. The Directors will discuss how many committees' are needed at a future meeting.

Judy asked the Board to suggest a protocol for the "Questions from the Bluff" from the docents. Currently there is no one answering them. The answer could be included in future docent letters or meetings. Sue Boudreau volunteered to begin the research. The completed answers could be check and edited. Brandt Kehoe would like to place a section for questions on the website. He volunteered to answer them. He may do a trial run to see what type of response is received.

The Board agreed to discontinue the policy from AT&T to cover the cost of repairs to inside lines. Judy will contact AT&T.

The "A Seal's Life" video supplied to the FES office by Wharton Media has completed its premiere at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. There will be premieres at the Santa Barbara Film Festival, the Santa Cruz Seymour Discovery Center, the S.F. Ocean Film Festival and the Long Beach Aquarium next year. He would like to hold a premier in the Central Coast. Currently he is discussing this possibility with Nick Franco and the Hearst Corp. He would like FES and the MBNMS to be included in the event. More information will be sent to FES regarding the possibility.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 17th, 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.

Ken Dunn, President

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary