

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 Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Sue Boudreau, Joan Crowder, Dave Dabritz, Ken Dunn, Kathy Hurrle, Richard Lee, Jerome Passman and recording secretary Judy Burley. Guests present; Supervising Ranger, Leander Tamoria, Steve Horn from the Coastal Conservancy and FES Advisor, Ann Grossman.

Kathy Hurrle informed the Directors that 2 of the 12 fall trainees have resigned. The first day of training went well. Michele Roest from the MBNMS presented information on the Davidson Seamount. On the second day of training the trainee's will tour the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse and receive information on Pinnipeds presented by Carole Adams.

The Directors discussed the use of the viewing area by windsurfers. Recreational use of the area when no seals are present will continue.

Steve Horn began a discussion of the FES Implementation Grant draft. The \$40,000.00 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) will be used to support the existing FES docent program for 2 years in managing the area for public use. The focus of the grant will be the training and support of the docents. FES will provide an overall project budget. Monies not spent may be carried forward with approval from the Coastal Conservancy. After the contract is executed, funds will be available.

FES Directors will review the contract. Upon review and acceptance, a project budget will be delivered to the SCC. The budget should include the basic categories of expenditures. Prior to starting the project FES will submit a detailed work program for review and approval. The draft contains the standard provisions for the agreement. Invoices for reimbursement will be sent to SCC. The FES 5 yr plan committee will meet to form a Work Program and Project Budget.

Leander Tamoria, Supervising Ranger from CA. State Parks informed the Board that there will be a public meeting regarding the Ca. Coastal Trail. They are asking for input from the general public about possible use of the recently acquired land.

Ken Dunn has suggested the Board consider reimbursing the docents for travel expenses (gas) to and from the viewing area. The current IRS vehicle reimbursement is 48 1/2 cents per mile. The Directors will explore the implementation and continue the discussion at a future meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Ken Dunn, President

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Judy Burley, Recording Secretary