

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 Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Joan Crowder, Kathy Hurrell, Jerome Passman, Mary Lee Becwar, Richard Lee, Ken Dunn, Dave Dabritz and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Also present: FES Advisor, Ann Grossman and Ca. State Parks Supervising Ranger, Leander Tamoria.

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Board meeting are approved.

Mary Lee Becwar suggested that the Directors contact her or Judy prior to an upcoming meeting if they wish to include any topics on the agenda. The agenda is sent out 10 days prior to the meetings.

Ken Dunn reported to the Board that the State Coastal Conservancy contract has been signed and will be mailed this afternoon. An addition to the docent letter will include an announcement of the grant received from the Coastal Conservancy.

Ken has emailed Cara O'Brien of Ca.State Parks the changes suggested by the FES Board of Directors to the new signage panels to be placed at VP3. The artist has made a few changes in the artwork that FES had previously recommended. Leander Tamoria will present FES with the final panel designs after they are completed.

Jerome Passman gave each Director a balance sheet and profit & loss previous year comparison. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The small decrease in net income is due to recent equipment purchases. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer's Report is approved.

Richard Lee is a member of the Fundraising Committee. Chairperson, Barbara Jo Carlson has held a meeting recently for the Sunset at San Simeon fundraising event in March of 2008. Richard informed the Directors that the committee is currently promoting the event and gathering items for the silent auction and the raffle. Barbara Jo will attend the Board meeting in February to update the Directors on the progress.

A proposed committee revision was discussed at the November 2007 meeting. Mary Lee discussed each proposed committee and its duties. A list of the FES Committee's includes: (Fundraising Committee) (Newsletter Committee) (Docent Meeting & Education Committee) (Docent Training Committee) (Grant Research Committee) ( Strategic Planning Committee) ( Board Development Committee) (Budget & Finance

Committee. A roster of volunteers for each committee, including the chair, will be presented at the next Board Meeting. The Board will strive to have a member on each committee. Each committee will be included on the Board agenda and will report if indicated.

The Board began a discussion on reimbursing the docents for mileage. Ann Grossman has calculated the distances the docents travel. The amount to use in calculating the reimbursement will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The reimbursement will be for travels to the viewing area for bluff shifts only. Jerome and Ann will each present the Board with possible amounts to consider at the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier lower conference room. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Mary Lee Becwar, President

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Judy Burley, Recording Secretary