

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., July 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza Lower Conference meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Sue Boudreau, Dave Dabritz, Kathy Hurrel, Jerome Passman, Joan Crowder, Megg McNamee and recording secretary, Judy Burley.
Guests present: Leander Tamoria, Ca. State Parks Supervising Ranger.

The Directors welcomed new FES Board member, Megg McNamee to the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the June 18th, 2008 Board meeting are approved.

FES docents Diana Teetzel and Jim Brownell presented the Directors with a project which would trace the past history of the FES organization. They would produce a DVD which would include interviews with individuals who were involved in the forming of FES. It could be used in the docent training, docent meetings and also docent recruitment. Diana and Jim would obtain a release from each person in the DVD. Ann Grossman and Susan McDonald would be the first to ask to participate. The Board approved the project.

FES docent Christine Heinrich, who is an author and research analyst, may under take a future book about elephant seals in conjunction with this area. It was suggested that she contact Caorle and Phil Adams about the book. There is no specific date that she will begin, however she will keep the Board informed of her progress.

Bruce Bonifas the Statewide coordinator of the Ca. Coastal Trail Project spoke with Mary Lee Becwar regarding the timing of the construction of the boardwalk at the north end of VP3. He would like the project to begin in the Spring of 2009. The project will connect VP3 and VP4. The Directors first choice for construction would be late summer of 2009. Mary Lee will contact Bruce and ask that he attend an FES Board meeting.

New FES Board member, Michael Cox, declined the Directors position because of a work commitment. The Board will contact an individual from their list of candidates.

Barbara Jo Carlson will be unable to continue as the Chair Person of the Sunset at San Simeon fundraising event. The Board felt a point person will be needed to coordinate the efforts of the current volunteers who are involved with the event. The Fundraising

Committee will be updated prior to the next Board meeting. A discussion will follow at the next meeting.

The recent proposal, a donation of portion of the books sales, of author John Lacombe was discussed. The author asked that FES send an email to the FES membership notifying them of his promotion. The policy regarding the selling or contacting of the FES members prohibits their use in this manner. Judy will notify Mr. Lacombe.

Kathy Brown will be the coordinator of the Adopt a Poll fundraising effort. She will contact Pat Johnson to ask if she will be able to assist her.

Jerome Passman presented each Director a copy of the balance sheet and a profit & loss statement; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurers Report is approved.

Kathy Hurrle discussed the upcoming fall training. There were 2 spring trainee's who will attend the fall session. Currently 4 other applicants are on the docent training list. Bruce Gibson has agreed to attend the luncheon and graduation ceremony on the last training day. All of the speakers have been contacted and have accepted.

Judy has updated the docent roster. There are 58 active names on the list, 13 additional names of docent who volunteer as Outreach and Office duty and 12 docents who will be contacted regarding their status for the upcoming season. It was suggested that the next docent letter include a request to the docents. The office would prefer they send in a schedule as usual with a note stating that they are not available for shifts that month. Tim Postiff will be doing the scheduling this month.

The Advanced Training Trip to the Seymour Lab facility has been cancelled. Scheduling arrangements prevented the trip for now. Dave Dabritz will continue arrangements and will inform the Board of his progress.

The next docent meeting will be held on Sat., Nov. 15th, 2008. Arrangements have been made with the Cambria Vet's Hall and a speaker will be provided. The docent appreciation dinner will be held on Sat. Jan. 10th, 2009. The Board agreed that Linn's should be contacted to cater the dinner. Further arrangements will be discussed at a later date.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wed. August 20th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Mary Lee Becwar, President

Judy Burley, recording secretary