

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 Wed. August 20th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Sue Boudreau, Ken Dunn, Kathy Hurrle, Richard Lee, Megg McNamee, and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests: Bill Johnson, FES Advisor; P.J. Webb, FES Advisor; Julia Ogden, Executive Director Piedras Blancas Light Station Assn.; Bruce Bonifas, California Conservation Corp; Tom Craig, Ca. State Parks landscape architect; Jim Brownell, FES docent, Joan Crowder, FES docent.

P.J. Webb spoke to the Directors about the problem of toxic pollution and marine debris. She will email the FES office a report of the recent SAC meeting including a link to a power point presentation. This information will be forwarded to the Directors.

Julia Ogden from the PBLSA discussed the restoration of the Light Station. The funding from tours is used for maintenance. They would like to build a presence in the community. Mary Lee Becwar will attend an informational meeting held by PBLSA in the community center in Morro Bay. A copy of the PBLSA mission statement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Bruce Bonifas is working State wide implementing the coastal trail project. A portion of the trail will be completion of a decomposed granite trail and 170 ft. of boardwalk. The cost of the project has made changes necessary to the original plan. There is an 8 week time frame to complete the task. The Board prefers the work to begin in July, August and September when there will be fewer seals on the beaches. After a discussion the FES Directors suggested beginning the project at the northern end and working south. FES will also send input regarding the location of fencing and access for wheelchair accessibility. This report from FES will be sent to Bruce and Tom. Bill Johnson asked that the crew be given information before construction begins. Bruce will attend a FES Board meeting in April prior to the start of construction.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the July 2008 board meeting are approved.

Jim Brownell was nominated and agreed to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Elephant Seal. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Jim Brownell become a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Elephant Seal.

Kathy Hurrle reported to the Board on the paid advertising in the New Times, Cambrian, Tribune and Sun Bulletin for new docent recruitment. The cost will be approximately \$ 2,500.00. Ann Grossman is contacting the newspapers. The Coastal Conservancy Grant

has funding available through the docent training. The Training Committee will also use evaluation and assessment procedures for this year's trainees. A report will be given to the Board.

Bob Stimmel is the replacement for Karen Tipple as FES accountant. He has suggested using a direct deposit payroll. The direct deposits would come out of the FES account two days before they go into the employees' account. This system will keep the billing charges from his firm, Cayucos Tax Service, at a lower rate. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The monthly FES payroll use a direct deposit program.

Diana Teetzel will be ordering items online for FES. The Directors agreed that Diana may use the FES debit card for any purchases under \$ 300.00. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Diana Teetzel may purchase items for FES under the amount of \$300.00 using the FES debit card.

Judy Burley reported the remaining balances for each program task in the Coastal Conservancy Grant. All available amounts for Outreach and Fundraising have been billed. The Board will monitor the project costs for a future request to transfer monies from one task to another.

A Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet was given to each Director. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mary Lee discussed the dates for the fundraiser dinner/dance in 2009. The Board approved the dates of March 21st, 28th or April 4th. Ann Grossman and Barbara Jo Carlson will attend the next board meeting to discuss the event.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza lower conference room. 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
