

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. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located a 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Sue Boudreau, Ken Dunn, Kathy Hurrle, Richard Lee, Dave Dabritz, Jim Brownell, recording secretary, Judy Burley.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Board meeting are approved.

President, Mary Lee Becwar informed the Directors that the date of March 28, 2009 has been set for the annual FES fundraiser. The Hearst Corporation has agreed to allow the event to be held at the Hearst warehouse in San Simeon again. Ann Grossman has started contacting the caterer, band, etc. Ann and Mary Lee will contact Barbara Jo Carlson to ask if she available to head up the raffle and silent auction. The Board agreed that a person to coordinate the volunteers working on the wine solicitations, silent auction and decorations needs to be in place soon. A discussion will continue at a further meeting.

The docent meeting and potluck will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board members will attend and help with set up, serving and clean up. They agreed to meet at the Cambria Vet's Hall at 3:00 p.m. Ann and Bernie Grossman will be honored for their tremendous support over the years. A representative from Ca. State Parks will speak to the docents. Kathy Hurrle will introduce the docents that have recently graduated.

Mary Lee will attend the MBNMS Advisory Council Meeting at the Cambria Vet's Hall this Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of Oct. During the public comment section of the agenda, FES will ask that the Sanctuary replace retiring Michele Roest, Education and Outreach Specialist with a full time position. FES will also draft a letter to be sent to the MBNMS with the request for a full time replacement.

Kathy Hurrle reported on the progress of the 10 individuals currently attending the FES training. The program is proceeding as planned. The Training Committee will follow up with each new docent by a second mentoring session in the future. A final report will be given after the graduation.

The direct deposit payroll system is now in place. Judy Burley informed the Directors that the quarterly tax deposit will be made with the same system. Bob Stimmel from the Cayucos Tax Service will be sending the amounts for each quarterly tax deposit prior to the withdrawal.

FES received donations this past month from Goeff and Susie West, the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Foundation and book royalties from Carole and Phil Adams. Thank you cards in acknowledgement will be sent.

The FES computer now has an external back up system in place. Greg Gray installed the equipment. The additions of a firewall and virus scanner were included.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

A closed session followed.

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