

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
FRIENDS OF THE ELEPHANT SEAL

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Elephant Seal (FES) a California non-profit corporation was held on Wed. February 18th 2009 at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Sue Bourdeau, Ken Dunn, Kathy Hurrel, Jim Brownell, Megg McNamee, Brandt Kehoe, Richard Lee, Dave Dabritz and recording secretary, Judy Burley. Guests: Ca. State Parks Supervising Ranger, Leander Tamoria, FES docents Diana Teetzel and Bette Bardeen.

A correction was made to the January 2009 FES Board minutes. A motion was then made and passed that: The minutes from the January 21st, 2009 FES Board meeting are approved.

Diana Teetzel and Bette Bardeen from the SASS fundraising committee spoke to the Directors about the progress for the March 28th dinner/dance. There have been a few changes to the flow of the evening. They will have 4 cashiers for the silent auction to improve the process. Ticket sales are behind last year's event.

Dale Magee from Catalyst Consulting was recommended to facilitate the upcoming FES Board retreat. Dave Dabritz suggested Mary Lee Becwar contact a few of her prior clients to ask for a review of her services. Her fee will be \$ 975.00. The Directors prefer a Monday or Tuesday mid May. Mary Lee will notify the Board when a time has been agreed upon.

The State Coastal Conservancy grant has been 80% funded. Judy Burley will continue to keep receipts and records to continue billing when the grant suspension is removed. The final 10% held back will not be received by FES until the after the final date on the grant.

The Board thanked member Richard Lee for his 2 terms as a Director. George Larson was nominated and has 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: George Larson become a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Elephant Seal.

Treasurer Megg McNamee gave each member a copy of the Profit & Loss statement and the Balance sheet as of Jan. 21. 2009. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. There was a decrease in the net income previous year comparison. Bob Stimmel from Cayucos Tax Service suggested stream lining the income categories. Judy Burley made the changes. The Board approved the changes.

Kathy Hurrel discussed the new FES Peer Evaluation Form that will be used for the last group of FES docents that attended the training. A copy of which is attached hereto and

made a part hereof. The evaluations will begin soon. She will report to the Board in the future.

Judy discussed this seasons School Group Tours. Many of the schools have booked and cancelled several times because of the rain. Some of the schools preferred to call the office the day of the tour if they decide to cancel their visit. This has caused a problem for the office. Calls need to be made to the docents who have arranged to be at VP3. Since some of the docents travel to be there, the office may not be able to reach them in time. The Board suggested that the office notify the schools that a cancellation should be done the day prior to their visit.

The FES PayPal business account is now complete. Brandt Kehoe has added a donation and membership button to the FES website. Visitors can now donate on line using their PayPal account. They also have the choice of renewing an existing FES membership or joining as a new member. Judy will monitor the PayPal account and move monies received to the FES savings account. The withholding system will be similar to the one in place for the VISA/MC charges received by FES.

The next FES Board meeting will be held on March 18th at 1:00 in the Cavalier Plaza meeting room. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Mary Lee Becwar, President FES Board of Directors

Judy Burley, recording secretary