

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. March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Sue Boudreau, Kathy Hurrle, Jim Brownell, Megg McNamee, Dave Dabritz, Ken Dunn and recording secretary Judy Burley. Guests: Ca. State Parks Ranger, Mike Connolly, FES Advisory Board Member, P.J. Webb, Dale Magee from Catalyst Consulting.

A correction was made to the February 2009 FES Board minutes. A motion was then made and passed that: The minutes from the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 FES Board meeting are approved.

A balance sheet and profit & loss statement were presented to the Directors. Copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof. The income from the 2009 SASS event is not yet included.

Kathy Hurrle will contact Brandt Kehoe about adding online store information to the bluff newsletter. A discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Mary Lee Becwar will write an end of the year report for the docents after the seasons seal count is received from Brian Hatfield.

State Park Ranger, Mike Connolly discussed the possibility of a future count of the total visitors to VP3. Currently the total visitor count information includes the documented FES docent contacts only. Guest Dale Magee suggested a Cal Poly student may be interested in this count as a special project.

The Training Committee is currently in the process of evaluating the recent class of docents. A discussion followed regarding a future evaluation of the "well experienced" docents.

Brandt Kehoe has included the Pay Pal information on the FES website. FES is notified by email of any donations. Judy Burley will transfer these funds in the Pay Pal account to the FES savings account. An acknowledgement and thank you will be sent by the office.

Megg McNamme and Judy placed an information and donation table at VP3 on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The response was good. Donations were received and information about the seals was given to many interested visitors. FES will consider placing the table at various times during the year.

Judy will contact Shirley and Richard Lee about providing the FES board with an end of the year wrap up of the school group/outreach program. A few schools are booked through the summer; however most of the bookings are complete.

Dale Magee discussed the agenda for the May 19<sup>th</sup> FES Board retreat which will be held at the Cavalier Plaza. The Board discussed their preference for subjects and issues to include at the strategic planning retreat.. The items on the agenda will be: Docent Recruitment & Retention, Financial Sustainability and Board Operations. The list of attendee's will include the Directors, FES staff and Advisors Bill Johnson, P.J.Webb, Michele Roest and Ca. State Park ranger, Leander Tamoria.

The next FES Board meeting will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Cavalier Plaza meeting room. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Mary Lee Becwar, President FES Board of Directors

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Judy Burley, recording secretary