

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. April 15th, 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 present Supervising Ca. State Parks Ranger Leander Tamoria, Ca. State Park Ranger Mike Conley.

A correction was made to the March 18th, 2009 minutes adding Ken Dunn as present. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The minutes from the March 18, 2009 FES Board meeting are approved.

The FES Board meeting will take place on May 19th, 2009 at the Cavalier Plaza from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The FES Board of Directors, FES staff and FES Advisors Michele Roest and P.J. Webb and Ca. State Parks Supervising Ranger Leander Tamoria will attend. Consultant Dale Magee will contact Mary Lee Becwar for any needed information. Mary Lee asked that Directors revisit the FES bylaws and review the notes from Dale prior to the May 19th retreat. The Board agreed to cancel the FES monthly Board meeting to be held the next day.

Carolyn Skinder the new Education Specialist at the Coastal Discovery Center would like to attend an FES Board of Directors meeting in the future. She will begin her position on May 1st. Mary Lee will contact her to attend an upcoming Board meeting.

Mary Lee discussed with Board an end of the year report to be sent to the docents and FES membership. The report would recap the FES year. It was suggested that the FES Committee Chairpersons send the office a report annually on their meetings and projects. Information from the FES Committee Annual Reports will also be included in the end of the year report.

George Larson and Jim Brownell are available to present a power point presentation to the guests of the Cavalier Best Western. Judy will contact the Cavalier for possible dates. Mike Conley offered to help with the management of the presentation.

Megg McNamee attended the SASS fundraiser follow up meeting. She stated there were no major problems. The committee decided not to have live music next year.

Judy Burley suggested the use a night depository for the FES Heritage Oaks Bank account. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: FES will complete a Special Depository Agreement for bank deposits made to the Heritage Oaks Bank after banking

hours. Megg McNamee presented a Profit and Loss Comparison and Balance to each Director. Copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Training Committee will have 3 to 4 spring trainees. It is mandatory that the spring trainees attend the fall training sessions. The committee is currently doing a post training mentoring with the new fall docents. Kathy Hurtle will report to the Board at a later date. A discussion of a similar session with “seasoned” docents took place. A decision on this subject was postponed. The Directors felt a future docent meeting should include an update by Kathryn Karako. Polly Tatton has joined the Training Committee. Kathy informed the Board that State Parks may decrease their donation of materials for the fall training.

Brandt Kehoe will have his 1st term expire and has agreed to extend his term for another 2 years. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Brand Kehoe continues as a member of the Friends of the Elephant Seal Board of Directors for a second term.

Judy presented the Board with the 2008 Annual Report for School Groups, Bus Tours, Outreach Programs and visitor counts. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Carole and Phil Adams have requested that the Board agree to the refurbishing of the kiosk at the viewing area with funds from the royalties they have contributed. The Board thanks them for their donation of funding and continued maintenance of the kiosk.

Judy is presently waiting for an estimate from the Cavalier regarding more storage. Mike Hanchett discussed new office space or extra storage. A decision will be made when the estimate is received.

Judy and Megg will place the donation table at the bluff a few more times before an arrangement is made for staffing by other volunteers. They will report back to the Board.

The next FES Board meeting will be held on Wed. June 17th at 1:00p.m. the Cavalier Plaza meeting room. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting as adjourned at 2:45.

A closed session followed.

Mary Lee Becwar, President

Judy Burley, recording secretary

