

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. Dec. 15, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Mary Lee Becwar, Jim Brownell, Ken Dunn, Kathy Hurrle, Brandt Kehoe, George Larson, Megg McNamee, Michele Roest and recording secretary Judy Burley. Guest present: Leander Tamoria, Sandra Kehoe, Charmaine Coimbra, Mike Connelly.

A motion was made seconded and passed that: The minutes from the Nov. 18, 2009 FES Board meeting are approved.

Charmaine gave the Directors an update on the upcoming FES dinner/dance fundraiser. The venue and catering are in place. The ticket price will be 75.00 with an additional ticket of 90.00 to sit at the artist showcase table. Hearst Ranch beef will be served. A poster contest at the local schools will be the art work for the invitation. Charmaine will continue to report to the Board.

Each Director will review the book, "Shelby the Brave Little Pup" by Julia Stanert. They will make a decision about placing the author and the book at the viewing area.

An FES Board Organization and member responsibility's information sheets were given to each Director. It will be included in the information given to prospective FES Board members. Judy will update the information on each FES Committee. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

CA. State Park Ranger Mike Connolly will assist with information removal of the gate at the viewing area. The gate is located at the entrance to the boardwalk and is not in use. Mike will get back to the Board.

Brandt Kehoe reported on the education/donation tubes now in place at the viewing site. The docents are taking them out and Brandt is tracking the receipts for each shift and placement site.

Michele Roest gave the Board a report on the recent FES Collaboration meeting. There were 12 individuals attending. The first meeting was information gathering. Michele gave questionnaires to each group. They agreed to meet in six months to discuss their collaboration options and combined fundraising. A possible FES teacher training program was also discussed. Michele will report to the Board on the information gathered from the questionnaires.

Kathy Hurrle reported that there will be a Spring Training for new docents. It will be held in late March of 2010. The fall training dates are set for Sat. Oct 9th, Oct 23rd and Nov. 6th 2010. An evaluation of the 2009 training will be completed in May. Jim Voge and Jim Siler are new members of the committee.

Megg McNamee gave each Director P&L Year Comparison and a Balance Sheet. They are attached and made a part of the minutes. Megg noted that the shortfall from this year was about \$8,000.00. The grant billing for 2009 was 25% of the amount received in 2008. The tubes and table have been used by the docents and are generating income. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Holiday card mailing to the membership was completed in November and donations are continuing to come in. Judy will report the final amount at a future meeting.

The next FES board meeting will be held on Wed. Jan. 20th, 2010 at 1:00 at 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

Judy Burley, Recording Secretary