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 Director of the Friends of the elephant Seal, a California non-profit corporation was held on Wednesday, January 17th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Directors present: Ken Eberle, Jerome Passman, Carol Bean, Joan Crowder, Richard Lee, Kathy Hurrle, Ken Dunn and recording secretary, Judy Burley.

President Mary Lee Becwar was not present. Vice President, Ken Dunn called the meeting to order.

The first terms for Directors Richard Lee, Joan Crowder, Mary Lee Becwar have been completed. They agreed to extend their Board positions for another 2 year term. Director Carol Bean declined. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: Richard Lee, Joan Crowder and Mary Lee Becwar continue as members of the Friends of the Elephant Seal Board of Directors for a second term.

Jerome Passman gave the Treasurer’s report. A copy of the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet were given to each Director. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Judy Burley will restock the office with caps and aprons prior to the RIO films fundraiser. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: The Treasurer’s report is accepted as presented.

The Fundraising Committee met on January 17, 2007. Ann Grossman reported that the committee has decided to provide 4 space heaters at the Sunset at San Simeon event. Solicitations of items for the silent auction have been sent. The committee has sent wine solicitation letters to local wineries.

Chris Cameron from Camp Ocean Pines contacted the office asking that FES act as co-sponsor of the upcoming Marine Science Lectures. Judy asked that he email the office with his proposed schedule and the board would review it at the next FES board meeting on January 17th. The first scheduled lecture will be on January 19th. The Directors agreed to send a letter to Chris asking that prior approval from FES is necessary before FES will co-sponsor events. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: FES will draft a letter informing Camp Ocean Pines that Friends of the Elephant Seal requires 45 day advance before co-sponsoring an event.

Recent E-seal haul outs at Cypress Vista Parking area south of VP3 have raised concerns by FES docents. Ca. State Parks was contacted and stated no plans to post a park ranger at the site are planned. There will be park aides at Arroyo Laguna to redirect traffic to the rookery at VP3.
The Cambria Newcomers have requested a speaker from FES. Kathy Hurrle will attend and present the power point program. Judy suggested they call the office to schedule a time. Richard Lee contact Newcomers to have them call.

Judy discussed sending a single bluff newsletter to all motels and businesses who request FES newsletters and who do not have a FES business membership. They may then photocopy the amount they need. The Board agreed on this procedure. All FES business members will continue to receive the amount of newsletters requested.

The RIO films FES fundraiser/film premiere will be on Saturday, Feb. 24th, 2007 at the Morro Bay Community Center. Joan Crowder will arrange for an article to be placed in the Cambrian and Tribune. Judy will print the tickets and deliver them to the Morro Bay Chamber to sell. The Board members will meet at the venue prior to the event to help with set up. FES and RIO films will each give a 10 minute presentation prior the film. Alan DeHerrera suggested FES also invite a special guest. Judy will contact Michele Roest and P.J. Webb to see if either is available. The Directors set the ticket prices at $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 12yrs and under. RIO films will provide flyers which the Board will distribute.

The Board agreed to move the time of all the FES Board meetings to 1:00 p.m. Judy will contact the Cavalier to confirm the new time. She will notify the Directors prior to the next meeting. The next Board meeting will be held on February 21, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. 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. A closed session followed.

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Judy Burley, recording secretary

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Ken Dunn, Vice President