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NSA Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2004
Boise, Idaho

Attendees:

Doug Houston, President
Chuck Sheley, 1st Vice President
John Twiss, 2nd Vice President
Dean Longanecker, Treasurer
Charles Brown, Treasurer Elect
Dave Bennett, Secretary
Fred Cooper, Director and Membership Coordinator
Bill Moody, Director and History Chairman
John Helmer, Director
Karl Maerzluft, Director
Leo Cromwell, Director
Nels Jensen, Director and Pilot Representative
Tara Rothwell, Director
Jon McBride, Director and Trails Program Coordinator

Doug Houston opened the meeting with pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the last meeting-Dave Bennett

Minutes of June 18 meeting in Missoula were read. Fred Cooper moved they be approved as read. Seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Dean Longanecker

Dean reported that transition of Treasurer's duties to Charlie Brown is complete. Dean will step down now as the NSA Treasurer. Our thanks to Dean for his contribution to the NSA. Financial reports were distributed based on existing single entry financial system. However, conversion to the double entry accounting system for the NSA financials has recently been completed. Financial reports were distributed and discussed. The NSA budget for FY 2005 is balanced.

As previously concluded by the Board, the Lyston fund will be kept separate from NSA memorial funds and therefore, the money has been sent back to Alaska Jumpers where the fund originated.

Jon McBride reminded the group that the Jukkala fund is not part of the general fund or the memorial fund.

Donations to museum fund in some cases were made specifically to the Forest Service Museum effort. If the Forest Service Museum does not proceed, then the money could be transferred to the general fund.

Reunion returns have not yet been posted in the financial system. However, the 2004 reunion committee reported unofficially a \$9800 profit that will be returned to the NSA treasury. We can compare this amount to the \$15,000 returned from Redding reunion in 2000. Merchandising was done differently between the two reunions, which led to the discrepancy in profits.

Income from membership dues during the year have been \$8000

John and Larry Lufkin have prepared a study to evaluate long-term effect of multi-year memberships on financial situation. The study showed that we are solvent with an excess of \$33,152 at the end of 2014, which was the end of the study period.

Dean has condensed all savings accounts into three CDs for ease of management. The Memorial fund is not separate from other moneys in these CDs. Gains could be allocated to separate funds at year-end based on percentages.

John Twiss asked what is the process for extending budgets? Dean said if the amount is small then he just unilaterally authorizes it. Larger amounts require Board approval prior to disbursement. Consensus is we need to exercise good judgment in this matter as Dean has in the past.

Membership Report- Fred Cooper

We now have a total of 1774 members. Please see attachment 1 for more details. The trend is more of the members are ex jumpers, less are from other members groups such as pilots and associates. Life memberships are at 127, with another 8 on financing plan. Fred keeps track of Life Member installment plan progress rather than the Treasurer. Life Member enrollees send money to Fred. The web based membership renewals have greatly reduced Fred's workload.

Membership Campaign: Fred reported that the Board had previously authorized \$1200 to prepare and mail a membership recruitment brochure, of which 5000 were printed. Please see the Recruitment handout for more detail. As a result, Fred sent out 411 letters. Board approved \$1200, printed 5000 recruitment brochures. Fred recommended that another \$250 be spent for a second mailing of an additional 500 brochures. John McDaniel at VMI will do the mailing. Fred will concentrate on particular part of the ex-jumper roster, yet to be determined. Bill Moody suggested that a ram air chute be added to the brochure the next time around. (We still have 4500 copies of the present brochure). The group discussed the shortage of members who trained over the last five years. We only have about 35 members from 1999 to 2004, so it's difficult to justify an investment to recruit them. **It was concluded that pilot representative Nels Jensen should build up the pilot database and we should concentrate on them for membership recruitment.** Chuck moved to proceed with Fred's brochure mailing proposal, the motion was seconded and carried.

John Twiss suggested taking brochures to jump bases. Carl Maerzluft is the base recruitment lead and he will see that brochures are placed appropriately. Nels will distribute brochures to pilots.

John Twiss-we have a goal for 200 Life Memberships. Board members should target 4 or 5 people to approach. Board members should challenge their rookie class to sign up via a letter or phone call. Jim Cherry is Life Membership chairman and he has a standard recruitment package for potential Life Members. Dean suggested that we publish a list of Life Members in the magazine. Chuck agreed and will proceed. (Action)

Contributing Memberships-Tom Uphill not present. We have a contributing membership recruitment brochure in progress. Comments will be fed back to Tom for improvements to the brochure. John Twiss will work with Tom on improvements to the brochure.

Investments Update: John Helmer

Handout. John gave a summary of financial performance. Rate of return is good so far with present value of our \$23,878 investment is at \$26,140. Returns have been passed to the Treasurer for deposit in the NSA account.

John recommended that the NSA invest another \$25,000 in this fund. John Twiss asked if we should diversify to reduce risk. Discussion-there is concern among the board that investing at some level of risk is unacceptable from a responsibility to our members standpoint. John will discuss the investment opportunity with the Investment Committee and develop a recommendation. The Investment committee is comprised of John Helmer, Charlie Brown, John Twiss, and Doug Houston. The Investment committee will come to the Board with recommendation on how to proceed. This can be dealt with by email. (Action).

Proposed Expenditures for 2005-Doug Houston

Museum of Mountain Flying (MMF) expenditures-the NSA is presently giving \$1200 per year to help support the MMF. This expenditure was included in the 2005 balanced budget, however it is being challenged regarding its priority. Doug will talk to Stan Cohen, curator for the MMF about what NSA owns that is on display or being stored at the MMF. We should investigate the continued appropriateness of this contribution. Bill Moody will assist Doug with the investigation. Doug and Bill will make a recommendation to the Board on this matter. (Action).

Cold Missouri Waters-John Twiss

Cold Missouri Waters is a song and DVD presentation about Mann Gulch featuring Wag Dodge with an embedded fire safety message. John Twiss will investigate possibility of NSA selling these as part of the NSA Merchandise program. Chuck offered advice that sales of these might be difficult and that it costs about \$1000 to start up any new inventory in the program.

Video of Bob Sallee on Mann Gulch-John Twiss

John suggested that a professional video of Bob Sallee might be merchandisable. Bill Moody said that Steve Smith has already accomplished this at the Mann Gulch anniversary in 1999. Fred has the transcript of Bob Sallee's 2004 reunion speech. There might be interest in this by the Forest Service. Use of the video for rookie training might be another application. Doug will take the assignment to investigate this further and

report at the next meeting. (Action). Dave Bennett will transcribe the handwritten transcript that is in the custody of Fred Cooper, and then work with John Robinson to load it onto the web site. (Action).

John Twiss also suggested that we ask Earl Cooley and Bob Sallee to sign 2004 Reunion table place mats and use them for special recognition presentations.

Merchandise Manager Ascendancy-Dave Bennett

The Merchandise Manager Ascendancy Committee prepared an outline of a plan to find a new Merchandise Manager. Chuck announced that he would like to complete transition of his replacement by June 30, 2005. The steps we plan to follow are

- Work with Chuck to prepare a position description
- Discuss potential candidates with Chuck
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- From a list of candidates, work with Chuck to evaluate qualifications
- Interview qualified candidates and select the best fit

Dean suggested that the job might be split between two or more people. Board approval will be required of a recommended candidate.

As follow-up to the advertisement prepared by Stan Lynnertz that appeared in the October Magazine, Dave will prepare an insert requesting a volunteer(s) for the position. (Action).

Folk Life Festival Report-Fred Cooper

The NSA proposal for content of festival has gone to the Forest Service. Candidates are a presence of the Evergreen Ford Tri-Motor, smokejumper interviews, and a rigging table. In January, the Smithsonian will begin discussions with the Forest Service on content of the Festival.

History Committee Update-Bill Moody

Handout-Steve Smith has resigned as the Historian due to conflicting commitments. Bill Moody and Bill Goleck are the history committee. Larry Longely (NCSB 72) has applied. Bill formally nominated Larry Longely as the new NSA Historian. Doug seconded the nomination, and it passed.

Fritz Wolfram (MSO XX) donated a Larry Janoff original painting of the Ford that will be placed in the Evergreen Museum. Fritz donated the copyright to the NSA, enabling us to photograph the painting and make prints to sell through the NSA Merchandise Program. Our thanks to Fritz for this generous contribution to the NSA.

Evergreen Museum -Bill Moody

We are obligated to help complete payment for the smokejumper exhibit. \$10,000 was pledged, but the Stimpson-Miller Foundation grant may replace the NSA commitment. If the Stimpson Miller grant falls short, then NSA will have to come up with the difference. From the last meeting, Fred Rorhbach will match up to \$5,000 of NSA contribution. The

exhibit is doing very well according to Ben Christie, curator. Visitation at the museum is around 250,000 people per year.

Evergreen donated flight time to bring the Ford to Missoula for the reunion. We should be sure that Evergreen received a thank you for their generosity. Bill will follow up on this. (Action)

The Evergreen gift shop is doing well with sales of NSA caps and tee shirts.

University of Montana Archives-Bill Moody

We have pledged to give the University of Montana \$100 per year for archiving service. New historian Larry Longley and Bill will work with UM on fees.

NSA Documentary Video-Bill Moody

Steve Smith is editing the present NSA two-hour video to a one hour version. Masters will go to the UM archives. There is about 200 hours of raw video involved in the two videos.

Seattle Mariners Commemoration of 9/11-Bill Moody

Dale Longanecker (NCSB XX), who is Dean's brother, was asked by the Mariner special events chair person to throw out the first pitch at the Commemoration of 9/11 on (date) in Seattle. Being honored were firemen, policemen, and smokejumpers. Dale has over 300 fire jumps and 700 total jumps, presently holding the record for total jumps. Bill stated the need to capture photos of this event for the archives. Doug has pictures of the that are available. (Action).

Trails Committee Report-Jon McBride

Jon presented a summary of the Yearly Trail Maintenance Report. This is the sixth year of Trails Program operation and is the largest year yet. Some highlights include:

- Relocated the cabin at Spruce Creek Bar on the Middle Fork of the Flathead.
- The Forest Service officially named a trail in the Lolo Forest commemorating Art Jukkala. The NSA is now responsible for its maintenance, which will be financed by the Trails Fund.

Other challenges are on the list for next year-Spotted Bear Cabin needs renovation and requires about \$7500 plus labor.

Karl Maerzluft suggested that advertising of the Trails Program be accomplished in each Magazine rather than in a single yearly trails report, thereby saving the cost of the Trails Report publishing. Chuck thinks that an insert in the magazine would be a good possibility. It was agreed that this approach will start in the January 2005 edition of the Magazine.

Jon gets requests from the Forest Service to attend meetings and give presentations and needs resume type resume information to present. The bound yearly trail report fills this need.

Smokejumper Magazine Report-Chuck Sheley

The October issue is largest mailing yet and includes eight extra pages. Featured are interviews with 1940s jumpers during the June 2004 reunion in Missoula.

Merchandise Report-Chuck

\$15,400 net to date this calendar year. This exceeds last year's performance by about \$1000 at this time. Total net profit since initiating the program is \$86,330.

Planning for Reunions-Doug Houston

Planning for a reunion requires at least 2 years. Barry Hicks thinks it requires a full three-year commitment. John Twiss moved for next reunion 2007 in Boise. Seconded and carried. Future reunion planners are placing lessons learned from Missoula on CD for use. Doug will send out lessons learned by email. (Action).

Smokejumper Commemorative Wrist Watches

A "Smokejumper" watch is being marketed by the Bozeman Watch Company. The company will pay 1% of gross to the NSA if we approve their use of the name. Doug will check out the credentials of the watch company and will report by email to the Board.

John Twiss introduced the NSA bequest brochure and asked that we move forward in presenting it effectively to prospective contributors. John Helmer volunteered to work with this. (Action).

Next meeting EXCOM meeting in March 5, 2005 in Portland. Chuck needs at least a month lead time to print social invitation post cards and mail them. (Action).

A full BOD meeting is planned for April 30, 2005 in Redding and the fall BOD meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2004 in Bend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Addendum

Based on general agreements on courses of action during the meeting, specific action items were formalized with names assigned after the meeting and are reported here.

- Action Items, October 9, 2004

Action Items
NSA Board of Directors Meeting
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1. Treasurer's Report

Context: John Twiss asked what is the process for extending budgets or approving allocations that were not included in the budget. Dean said if the amount is small then he just unilaterally authorizes it. Larger amounts require Board approval prior to disbursement. Consensus is we need to exercise good judgment in this matter as Dean has in the past.

Action: Charlie will prepare a budget statement showing final budget prepared in Missoula 6/04 with a current comparison of dollars spent to date on each line item. Completion Date: 11/15/04. Doug will then send out to board members. 11/20/04. **Update: Budget statement done and will be sent out 12/6/04.**

2. Membership Report- Fred Cooper

Context: John Twiss-we have a goal for 200 Life Memberships. Board members should target 4 or 5 people to approach. Board members should challenge their rookie class to sign up via a letter or phone call. Jim Cherry is Life Membership chairman and he has a standard recruitment package for potential Life Members.

Action: Members will challenge 4-5 jumper friends to become Life Members. This will be done as soon as possible. Nels already started at the social with 2 potential life members. Chuck will proceed with publishing Life Member list in the magazine as space is available. Doug will check to see if the Life Member list is posted on the webpage. If not, he will do so by 11/1/04.

Update: The challenge is ongoing. Fred reported 2 more Life Members for a total of 130. Keep up the good work. Also, the Life Members list is on the webpage.

3. Contributing Memberships-Tom Uphill

Context: We have a contributing membership recruitment brochure in progress. Comments will be fed back to Tom for improvements to the brochure. John Twiss will work with Tom on improvements to the brochure.

Action Item: John will work with Tom to finalize the brochure and have it available for display at Evergreen Museum, etc. Timeframe is (date). **Update: Not sure...Gentlemen, any timeframe???**

4. Investments Update: John Helmer

Context: John gave a summary of financial performance. Rate of return is good so far with present value of our \$23,878 investment is at \$26,140. Returns have been passed to the Treasurer for deposit in the NSA account. John recommended that the NSA invest another \$25,000 in this fund. John Twiss asked if we should diversify to reduce risk. Discussion-there is concern among the board that investing at some level of risk is unacceptable from a responsibility to our members standpoint. John will discuss the investment opportunity with the Investment Committee and develop a recommendation. The Investment committee is comprised of John Helmer, Charlie Brown, John Twiss, and Doug Houston.

Action: The Investment committee will come to the Board with recommendation on how to proceed. This can be dealt with by email. Action by (date). **Update:**

Committee has sent information back and forth with John Helmer providing most of the valuable input. No final recommendation has been made, although one will be forthcoming. We do have a CD coming due on 12/15, so a decision will be made by that time, at least on what to do with that CD.

5. Proposed Expenditures for 2005-Doug Houston

Context: Museum of Mountain Flying (MMF) expenditures-the NSA is presently giving \$1200 per year to help support the MMF. This expenditure was included in the 2005 balanced budget, however it is being challenged regarding its priority.

Action: Doug will visit Stan by 11/15/04 and have recommendation to the board via email by that date. Also, will take pictures and send out to members so that all can see the display by that time. Bill and Doug will work on the recommendation. **Update: MMF visited, pictures taken and sent out. The money is committed for this fiscal, although we will have a recommendation for next fiscal at the March meeting.**

6. Cold Missouri Waters-John Twiss

Context: Cold Missouri Waters is a song and DVD presentation about Mann Gulch featuring Wag Dodge with an embedded fire safety message. John Twiss will investigate possibility of NSA selling these as part of the NSA Merchandise program. Chuck offered advice that sales of these might be difficult and that it costs about \$1000 to start up any new inventory in the program.

Action: John will further investigate the production costs and see feasibility for merchandising thru NSA. Timeframe: (date). **Update: John, any update or timeframe?**

7. Video of Bob Sallee on Mann Gulch-John Twiss

Context: John suggested that a professional video of Bob Sallee might be merchandisable. Bill Moody said that Steve Smith has already accomplished this at the Mann Gulch anniversary in 1999. Fred has the transcript of Bob Sallee's 2004 reunion speech. There might be interest in this by the Forest Service. Use of the video for rookie training might be another application.

Action: Bill and Doug will work together to see if interest is there from the FS to produce the video. This will be done by 11/15/04. Reporting of the results will be done by email. **Update: Contacted Barry Hick, but haven't gotten response to see if there is interest. Will continue to pursue thru Barry, since it was his idea.**

8. Video of Bob Sallee on Mann Gulch-John Twiss

Context: Dave Bennett will transcribe Bob Sallee's handwritten transcript that is in the custody of Fred Cooper, and then work with John Robinson to load it onto the web site. Action: Dave will prepare the transcript for Jon place on the webpage. Timeframe: (date). **Update: Ongoing..Timeframe???**

9. Video of Bob Sallee on Mann Gulch-John Twiss

Context: John Twiss also suggested that we ask Earl Cooley and Bob Sallee to sign 2004 Reunion table place mats and use them for special recognition presentations.

Action: Doug will get with Barry Hicks/Chuck Wilde and then Earl/Bob for signing to have these available to the NSA. This will be done by 11/30/04. **Update: This has been mentioned in an email message, however Doug will follow up with Chuck by 12/15/04.**

10. Merchandise Manager Ascendancy-Dave Bennett

Context: The Merchandise Manager Ascendancy Committee prepared an outline of a plan to find a new Merchandise Manager. Chuck announced that he would like to complete transition of his replacement by June 30, 2005. The steps we plan to follow are

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Discuss potential candidates with Chuck

Ask for expressions of interest among the BOD; discuss with the BOD possible candidates

Advertise for a Merchandise Manager in the Magazine and Website

From a list of candidates, work with Chuck to evaluate qualifications

Interview qualified candidates and select the best fit

Dean suggested that the job might be split between two or more people. Board approval will be required of a recommended candidate.

Action: The committee, Stan, Dave, Fred C. will continue to work together to implement plan. Timeframe is ongoing until replacement individual/individuals/alternate idea is found. Complete transition is by 6/30/2005. **Update: Ongoing with most of the above items having been accomplished other than finding someone.**

11. Merchandise Manager Ascendancy-Dave Bennett

Context: As follow-up to the advertisement prepared by Stan Lynnertz that appeared in the October Magazine, Dave will prepare an insert requesting a volunteer(s) for the position.

Action Item: Dave will prepare an insert for the magazine January issue. Timeframe: October 22. **Update:**

Done with 1800 copies of the magazine in the mail system as we speak.

12. Folk Life Festival Report-Fred Cooper

Context: The NSA proposal for content of festival has gone to the Forest Service. Candidates are a presence of the Evergreen Ford Tri-Motor, smokejumper interviews, and a rigging table. In January, the Smithsonian will begin discussions with the Forest Service on content of the Festival.

Action Item: Fred will continue to work with FS and the NSA will help wherever appropriate. Updates via email. **Update: Ongoing.**

13. History Committee Update-Bill Moody

Context: Bill Moody formally nominated Larry Longley as the new NSA Historian. Doug seconded the nomination, and it passed.

Action: Larry will be contacted with congratulations as the new Historian. This will be done via NSA letterhead from Doug. Bill will contact Larry to outline position description, duties, contacts, and discuss future meetings at Evergreen, Missoula, etc. to view what has been done to date by NSA. Timeframe: Letter by 10/18/04 and Bill has already contacted Larry to talk about the position, etc.

Update: Done. The PD-s between the Historian and Historian Coordinator need to be better defined. Will be done by 12/30/04.

14. History Committee Update-Bill Moody

Context: Fritz Wolfram (MSO XX) donated a Larry Janoff original painting of the Ford that will be placed in the Evergreen Museum. Fritz donated the copyright to the NSA, enabling us to photograph the painting and make prints to sell through the NSA Merchandise Program.

Action: Doug will work with Larry Longley/Fritz/Fred R. on timeframes for printings/cost/potential for merchandising. Larry has the printer and will provide information on costs, etc. Timeframe: By the end of 2004. Progress will be sent via email to members. **Update: Chuck/Larry progress? Timeframes?**

15. Evergreen Museum -Bill Moody

Context: We are obligated to help complete payment for the smokejumper exhibit. \$10,000 was pledged, but the Stimpson-Miller Foundation grant may replace the NSA commitment. If the Stimpson Miller grant falls short, then NSA will have to come up with the difference. From the last meeting, Fred Rohrbach will match up to \$5,000 of NSA contribution. Action Item: The board committed \$2500 at the MSO meeting. Evergreen should find out by 11/1 if the Stimpson grant will be made available. As soon as they find out from Stimpson if the grant has been in their favor, then the board can make decisions concerning our commitment to funding. We can then look at all options for NSA obligations whether it be matching Fred's challenge, finding other sources of funds, etc. Timeframe: As soon as Evergreen finds out about funding from Stimpson. Bill Moody will notify Doug who will send out message to board. **Update: Information has been sent out to everyone with the fact that Stimpson turned down the grant. I, Doug, have received messages back from most of the board members with the decision that we move ahead and send Evergreen Museum \$10,000. This money will be the \$2500 committed at the MSO meeting with the remaining \$7500 from the MSO Reunion profits sent to NSA. We all appreciate and thank Fred Rohrbach for his generous offer, but will keep you in our hip pocket for future needs. So, don't go far...heh heh. A message will be sent to Charlie this morning requesting the check be sent to Evergreen. 12/06/04. Thanks Bill for all of your time and effort with Evergreen on the smokejumper exhibit. I know you had many trips to McMinville to make that happen.**

16. Evergreen Museum -Bill Moody

Context: Evergreen donated flight time to bring the Ford to Missoula for the reunion. We should be sure that Evergreen received a thank you for their generosity. Bill will follow up on this.

Action: Doug contacted Chuck Wilde who said that Penn Stohr did get a letter of thanks, however Del did not. Bill is checking with Evergreen to see if an additional letter is needed. If so, Doug will send one from NSA. Timeframe: 11/1/04. **Update: Done.**

17. Seattle Mariners Commemoration of 9/11-Bill Moody

Context: Dale Longanecker (NCSB XX), who is Dean's brother, was asked by the Mariner special events chair person to throw out the first pitch at the Commemoration of 9/11 on (date) in Seattle. Being honored were firemen, policemen, and smokejumpers. Dale has over 300 fire jumps and 700 total jumps, presently holding the record for total jumps. Bill stated the need to capture photos of this event for the archives. Doug has pictures that are available.

Action Item: Doug will send out to board via email. 11/1/04. Update: Done.

18. Trails Committee Report-Jon McBride

Context: Karl Maerzluft suggested that advertising of the Trails Program be accomplished in each Magazine rather than in a single yearly trails report, thereby saving the cost of the Trails Report publishing. Chuck thinks that an insert in the magazine would be a good possibility. It was agreed that this approach will start in the January 2006 edition of the Magazine.

Action: Chuck and Jon will work together on this to meet Jan/06 timeframe.

Update: Ongoing. Discussion point at the March meeting.

19. Trails Committee Report-Jon McBride

Context: Jon gets requests from the Forest Service to attend meetings and give presentations and needs resume type resume information to present. The bound yearly trail report fills this need. Action Item: Jon will work on resume appropriate for client presentations. This resume will replace the current annual trails report. Timeframe: 4/1/05. Update: Ongoing.

20. Smokejumper Magazine Report-Chuck Sheley

Context: The October issue is largest mailing yet and includes eight extra pages. Featured are interviews with 1940s jumpers during the June 2004 reunion in Missoula. Action Item: Continue the great work with the magazine and include interviews with the "pioneers". Update: Keep up the good work.

21. Planning for Reunions-Doug Houston

Context: John Twiss moved for next reunion 2007 in Boise. Secoded and carried. Lessons learned by the Missoula reunion committee are being placed on CD for use by future reunion planners. Doug will send out lessons learned by email.

Action: Doug will send out lessons learned via email by 10/20/04. Information about 2007 Boise gathering will go into next magazine which is the Jan 05 issue. Board members who know of or hear of anyone interested in assisting with this reunion will contact that person or send contact information to Doug as soon as possible. Leo will help with the reunion. Update: CD's have been sent to Doug and Dave Bennett from Hicks. Have heard of a couple possible contacts in Boise for the reunion chair, but have not followed up on those yet. I will forward those on to Leo for assistance 12/06/04. The search for a chairperson(s) is ongoing.

22. Smokejumper Commemorative Wrist Watches

Context: A "Smokejumper" watch is being marketed by the Bozeman Watch Company. The company will pay 1% of gross to the NSA if we approve their use of the name. Doug will check out the credentials of the watch company and will report by email to the Board.

Action Item: Doug has already contacted the Watch Company and the owner is mailing a proposal. Copies of this will be sent out to board members and then a decision can be made. Timeframe: 11/1/04. Update: I have not had contact with the watch company since the Boise meeting and have tried more than a couple of times. Also, there is no website of substance, so this is a done deal as far as I am concerned. Sounded interesting, but I don't feel worth pursuing.

23. NSA Bequest Brochure-John Twiss

Context: John introduced the NSA bequest brochure and asked that we move forward in presenting it effectively to prospective contributors. John Helmer volunteered to work with this.

Action Item: John/John will work together to investigate bequest information and communicate findings to the board. Timeframe: (date). Update: John, progress & timeframe?

24. Next Meeting-Doug Houston

Context: Next meeting EXCOM meeting in March 5, 2005 in Portland. Chuck needs at least a month lead time to print social invitation post cards and mail them.

Action: John T/Doug will contact potential organizers in Portland. Timeframe: 11/15/04. Update: Mike Fitzpatrick, former AK and Redmond jumper, has been contacted and is pursuing both meeting place and social. He tried one place but booked thru the month of March already. John and Mike will work together on this for the March meeting.

Pending Items

From June 18, 2004 Missoula

NSA Database to Univ. of Montana

This endeavor is of potential value in to the NSA in that Dr. Noonan will expend resources to locate the 1700 people in the database for which we have no contact information, which could then be made available to the NSA.

Cold Missouri Waters-Fred Rohrbach

Song/video includes Mann Gulch. We can get the resale rights. **It was agreed that we will pursue this opportunity. Fred has the lead.**