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## Meeting Minutes, April 2000

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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Minutes  
National Smokejumper Association  
Executive Committee

Mc Call, Idaho  
April 8, 2000

**Exec. Comm. Members Present**

Carl Gidlund, President  
Larry Lufkin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Chuck Sheley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Jon Mc Bride, Treasurer  
Dan Mc Comb, Webmaster  
Monroe De Jarnette, Secretary

**NSA Members Present**

Harold Hartman, NSA Board of Directors  
Jim Hagemeyer, NSA Member  
Dean Longenecker, Incoming Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 8:20 A.M. by President Carl Gidlund.

**Minutes:** Executive Committee minutes of January 22 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Account List shows a balance of \$88,840.54 as of April 1, 2000. The report includes register reports for March expenses, Savings, the Video Project, and the Budget Report January 1 through March 31— actual, budget, difference. The report is appended to these minutes along with the 2000 draft budget as of April 4, 2000.

**Membership Report:** Total membership 1401. Smokejumpers 1256, Associates 145. Full membership report is appended to the minutes.

Lufkin moved to allow our members to pay for an unlimited number of gift memberships. Mc Comb seconded. Motion passed.

Sheley moved to have a single dues structure for Smokejumpers and Associates. Lufkin Seconded. Motion passed.

The Executive Committee decided to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding pilot associates as follows: change the status of our pilots from Associate to Member.

Mc Comb moved that De Jarnette meet with Dave Owen to discuss handling of membership while at the same time making Missoula the office of destination for paperwork. De Jarnette seconded. Motion passed.

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**Website:** Mc Comb brought up the possibility of providing an e-mail address free to our membership at smokejumpers .com.-- we are currently allowed e-mail accounts for Exed. Comm. Members. The initial cost would be \$2.00 per year per member. He also suggested that we could self maintain our edb through our server. The server has to maintain this service; however, we are bumping up against our account maximum of 1 gig. A possible solution would be to provide a computer for our providers use. Carl asked Dan to ask another provider for the cost of the same service.

De Jarnette moved to provide web-mail service to our membership. Mc Comb will negotiate with provider to pay for services on a per account charge for up to 500 accounts. Lufkin seconded. Motion passed.

The committee discussed the possibility of banner ads on the website. Gidlund suggested postponing the possibility of adding banner ads to our website. The committee also discussed the use of e-mail ads. No specific action was taken at this time.

Mc Bride requested that Dan send the treasurer an estimated budget for each project before finalization.

Dan proposed a monthly e-mail drawing contest on the website. Sheley moved. Lufkin seconded. Motion passed.

**Newsletter:** Sheley reported that the Newsletter format and printing is now located in Chico. The deadline for July copy is May 1. The mailing deadline is July 1. Gidlund will profile old jumpers. Sheley is working on an arrangement with *Wildland Firefighters* to exchange articles.

**Merchandising:** Web account for the first quarter of operation was \$614, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter \$1134, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, \$2500. Currently Chuck has worked out merchandising arrangements with Larson, Hughes, Missoula Smokejumpers, Alaska Smokejumpers, and Mc Clean.

Sheley reported that special projects such as the reunion require funding for inventory. Lufkin moved that the association will fund special merchandising projects with an interest free loan to the merchandising coordinator for merchandising projects. De Jarnette seconded. Motion passed.

Video sales at the reunion to be negotiated. We get 100% of sales revenue.

## **OLD BUSINESSS**

**Base Liaison:** All Smokejumper bases now have liaison people working with the association.

**Reunion:** Plans are in place for the site and events. Registration totaled 60 by the end of February. Sheley showed selected merchandise for reunion sales.

**By-Laws:** Lufkin reported that the revision of the By-Laws is ready for submission to the board. He proposes mailing them to the directors for a vote prior to the June board meeting. He hopes to have the revised By-Laws in place before the June meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Elections:** Ballots were mailed to the membership in the April Newsletter. Also enclosed is an envelop addressed to the Association Secretary. Deadline for the return of the ballots is 1 May. The tally will be finished 15 May.

**Missoula Office:** Mc Bride gave Missoula Office Secretary Shirley Braxton an excellent review. He moved to increase her salary one-dollar an hour. The cost will be \$100 per month. The monthly stipend increases is from \$400 to \$500. Mc Comb seconded. Motion passed.

**Estate Planning:** The Brochure. Gidlund has an \$858 offer for printing 2000 from Insty Prints. Sheley recommended printing 6000 for \$1160.60. He also recommended using the *Smokejumper* to distribute them. After some discussion it was decided to distribute them in the January issue. Sheley moved to proceed with the project, printing 6000. Distribution to be twofold: first distribution in the reunion packet, subsequent distributions to be in each January *Smokejumper*. Mc Bride seconded. Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Video Showing:** The Association has been asked to sponsor a showing of the Smokejumper video in association with the Museum of Mountain Flying at the Wilma Theater and at the reunion in Redding as well. They also ask to extract a portion of the interview with Bob Sallee as well. There being no objection, Carl will write to Sallee asking his permission as a matter of courtesy. Motion to approve by Lufkin. Mc Comb seconded. Motion passed.

**Tri-motor and Trails:** Earl Cooley's book has been donated to the Association. Merchandising will handle sales. Merchandising will be handling sales.

**History Committee:** Bill Moody met with the University of Montana Archivist. He recommends storing documents related to smokejumping at the University. Artifacts would also be stored at the University. There were no objections.

**Draft agenda for the June Meeting of the Board:**

Lufkin presented an initial proposal for the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as follows:

- Set up long range planning.
- Pilots as full members
- Continue museum fund?
- Revised by-laws.
- Election results
- Election of new Executive Committee.
- Website changes.
- Future planning framework.

**Short Term Planning:** After a brief discussion it was decided to have President Gidlund poll the board asking them for suggestions for the year to come.

**Long Range Planning:** A discussion of the future of the association followed with participation by Hartman and Hagemeyer. At length Gidlund asked Hartman to chair a committee to write a framework for planning with Hagemeyer and Lufkin as committee members. All present agreed.

**Credit Card Service:** In the future the merchandising account would like to bill the association through the treasurer for the cost of the credit card service \$50 per month. There being no objection it was so ordered.

*~~\$\$\$~~ website access*

**Steve Smith:** The Executive Committee voted to award an appreciation plaque with a cover letter to Steve Smith for his superb work on the Smokejumper Video.

**Membership Roster:** The Executive Committee decided not to have an association roster with addresses and phone numbers at the reunion in Redding.

**Position Descriptions:** Shirley will send the descriptions of offices to the appropriate people.

**Adjourn:** At 3:20 Mc Comb moved to adjourn the meeting. Sheley seconded. Meeting adjourned