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## Meeting Minutes, November 1999

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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Minutes  
National Smokejumper Association  
Executive Committee

Boise, Idaho  
29 November 1999

Exec. Comm. Members Present

NSA 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  
Monroe De Jarnette, Secretary  
Dan Mc Comb, Webmaster

Grant Beebe, NSA Board of Directors

Meeting called to order by President Gidlund at 9:18 A.M.

**Minutes:** Executive Committee Minutes of 5 October were amended and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The monthly trial balance for October shows \$111,891.12 in all accounts including assets. Monthly budget report is attached.

Lufkin volunteered to prepare and submit a periodic report: quarterly income statement and balance sheet to supplement the treasurer's monthly trial balance.

**Membership Report:** Membership total on November 27, 1296 jumpers and associates. Detailed membership report is attached.

**Website:** Mc Comb submitted a statistical analysis of website activity and detailed how the numbers help him edit the site. For example, he tracks use, to determine which pages are popular-- perhaps needing features that are easier to access and use.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Credit Card Membership

- The committee discussed credit card membership which had been proposed and tabled in Seattle.
- Mc Comb moved to begin a one year experimental program to process one year associate memberships via credit card purchase. (1) Cost for associates will be \$15.00. (2) The association will add a \$5.00 surcharge to recoup both the credit card company charge and the website provider fee. (3) Membership coordinator will receive the application plus the confirmation at the time of the confirmation. (4) Treasurer will receive a quarterly statement and check from the provider. (5) Applicant may also receive job information

electronically and will receive a hard copy with membership. (6) Membership coordinator and Treasurer will work out remaining details as necessary. Lufkin seconded. Motion carried.

- The committee accepted Mc Comb's proposal to add a question and answer section to the website.
- Mc Comb will research the cost of upgrading the jump list to make it more accessible.
- De Jarnette will provide excerpts from the Exec. Comm. Minutes to the website in RTF.
- Sheley will provide the website with articles from the *Smokejumper* in RTF.
- The committee would like the obit page more accessible.

**Newsletter:** Mailing date for January *Smokejumper* is December 22.

- Sheley proposed to move layout and printing to Chico.
- He outlined the costs involved for thirty-two pages and 1400 copies. The total came to \$2800 per issue.
- The newsletter budget would need to be \$11,500 per year.
- De Jarnette moved to authorize Sheley to publish the January Newsletter for an estimated cost of \$2800. Lufkin Seconded. Motion carried; Mc Bride dissented for budgetary reasons.

**By Laws:** The By-Law Revision Committee chaired by Lufkin will propose several changes to the current NSA By Laws. Lufkin outlined several of the significant proposals.

- Article One, no changes
- Article two, Membership and Elections. (1) Make the annual Board of Director's Meeting the Annual Meeting. (2) Eliminate the quorum requirement for the annual election of the board of directors. (3) Election procedures: the committee proposes to make the conduct of elections part of the Secretary's Job Description. (4) Change meeting requirements for directors to allow only one unexcused absence.
- Lufkin will prepare copies of the proposed revisions for all of the directors.

**Mann Gulch:** The Mann Gulch Commemoration was well attended and well planned. The outstanding presentation of the event was Bob Sallee's Keynote address. The total NSA contribution to the Mann Gulch Commemoration was \$1567. The association grossed \$2000 in merchandise sales. The association gained seven members.

**NSA Office:** The office supervisor is Treasurer Jon Mc Bride. He asks that all requests for office help must go to him first. He may not be able to honor the request, or it may need to be deferred because available office time is already allocated. Our office manager Shirley Braxton has received training from Mc Bride and Savage and is pretty well up to speed. Mc Bride and Savage will continue to serve as our primary office staff.