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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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Draft Minutes
National Smokejumper Association
Executive Committee

Date: 15 Jun 1999

Location: NSA/MMF Hanger, Missoula County Airport

Members Present:

Laird Robinson	Carl Gidlund
Jon McBride	Chuck Sheley
Phil Davis	Art Jukkala
Roger Savage	

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 07:10 PM.

Minutes: Phil Handed out copies of the minutes of the executive committee meeting held 11 May 1999. Carl Gidlund moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Chuck Sheley seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Jon McBride handed out copies of the treasurers report and quickly went over the contents. He stated that he had taken \$5000 from the video fund for Steve Smith to cover current expenses.

Considerable discussion was held regarding how profits from the sale of footage from the video should be spent. No formal action was taken and it was agreed that this should be handled by a committee. Jon pointed out that the costs of those videos promised to contributors of \$50 or more would have to be paid from some source and that this might be a possible source.

Jon reported that Spud DeJarnett had asked that the executive committee ~~give him the authority to progress on his own with membership plans without having to get executive committee permission on each expense.~~ Carl handed out Triple Nickel membership cards for an example of what NSA might do to improve the NSA membership cards. After some discussion on what should be printed on the membership cards, Carl moved to authorize Spud to make expenditures under \$100 without executive committee action. Phil seconded and the motion carried.

Chuck Sheley discussed the accounting on merchandise sales. He stated that the profits for the month of May were \$722 and he asked that he be allowed to keep these profits in his account until such time it has built up to an amount large enough that he can make purchases with NSA money rather than his own money. He also suggested a possible plan to make more profits by expanding into selling merchandise to other groups such as soccer leagues etc. ~~Jon moved that NSA authorize Chuck to carry on expenditures on his own without executive committee action.~~ Roger seconded and the motion carried. Chuck next discussed which items are selling well and which ones possibly should be dropped because the profit is not worth the effort.

Membership Report: Phil stated that since all membership payments now go to Spud in California, there are no figures available in Missoula ~~at this time and that possibly NSA may need to look into changing the procedure.~~

Old Business: Laird reported that he had met with Stan Cohen regarding NSA's plan to move to new quarters and that Stan had offered to allow us to continue using the MMF museum for our displays as well as for some storage for a cost of \$20 per month. ~~Carl questioned the offer from the UM Forestry school to act as our archivist and to handle the display of artifacts.~~ No one present knew the status of this request and it was suggested that Bill Moody be contacted to learn if there was any new information. At this time Chuck Sheley moved that NSA continue to use the Museum OF Mountain Flying for displaying NSA artifacts and for storage of materials for the sum of \$20 per month. John McBride seconded and the motion carried.

Art Jukkala reported on the Adopt-A-Trail program. He stated that there were still 17 volunteers which would be split up putting 9 people on the Spotted Bear River trail under Jon and 8 people on the Blackfoot Divide trail under Art. He stated that the dates are still set for July 10 through July 16.

Roger volunteered some membership data that he had gotten from his work on the web site. ~~He stated that there were approximately 1142 members at present and that the association will be adding about 50 rookies who will be given complimentary memberships.~~ He also stated that there are approximately 3000 names for which we have addresses and about 2000 names with no addresses with the remainder being those who are known to be deceased.

Jon discussed the progress of the Redding reunion and stated that Dave Nelson had requested \$4000 in seed money to pay for preparations that must be paid before the ticket money becomes available. Jon stated that he had already sent the money.

New Business: Laird reported on the proposed move to new quarters. Jon said that the person hired to serve as part time employee is about half way through her computer training. Laird stated that the building is being rewired and that Art Rohrbach's wife had been here and looked over the needs for furniture and fixtures. The executive committee decided that most of the "make do" furniture that we now have would be left at the Museum of Mountain Flying. Move scheduled for Sat Jun 26.

Laird asked for a progress report on the director's election. ~~Phil stated that so far there have been only 66 ballots returned to the office and Jon reported that he had about 30 more in his possession. Phil stated that even at a hundred we are far from reaching the 20% needed for a quorum.~~

~~Carl reported on the progress of the News Letter. He stated that Don Courtney has agreed to continue being the editor at least for the present.~~ Art reported that plenty of material has been submitted for the next issue.

Carl suggested that we consider giving free one year memberships to surviving Triple Nickel jumpers in an effort to increase future membership. Jon moved that NSA offer Triple Nickel jumpers free one year memberships. Chuck seconded and the motion carried.

~~Carl next suggested that NSA consider half price memberships for new members on a one-time basis only to be given by friends. After considerable discussion Carl moved that any current member of NSA be allowed to purchase as a gift to a non-member, a \$10 one-year membership in NSA in an effort to introduce the NSA to former jumpers who are not currently members.~~ Chuck seconded and the motion carried.

Jon next moved that NSA go ahead with a mailing informing former jumpers about the Mann Gulch commemoration. Phil seconded and the motion carried.

~~Roger reported that he is turning over the Web site Master duties to Dan McComb.~~

Roger and Chuck broached the subject of making some sort of formal commitment by the NSA in favor of continuing the smokejumper program as a fire control measure. Laird discussed the need for director input before taking any formal action. However, He suggested that another objective be added to the NSA mission statement stating that the NSA as an organization supports continuation of the smokejumper program nationally until the need for such a program no longer exists. Laird cited the need for director feedback on this issue.

Carl next made up a wish list of volunteer help needed for the NSA. This list included people to ~~write articles or editorials~~, someone to take over corporate memberships, people to ~~help find missing addresses~~, news letter contributors, Historian or historians, office volunteers, cartoonists and graphic designers, and people to collect historic photos from the various locations. He asked for interested persons to contact him or make suggestions of people who they felt would be good choices.

Chuck reported that he has now gotten base liaison people for all bases except West Yellowstone. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 09:45.