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## Meeting Minutes, May 1999

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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Draft Minutes  
National Smokejumper Association  
Executive Committee

Date: 11 May 1999

Location: NSA/MMF Hanger, Missoula County Airport  
Members Present

\* what factual basis for  
this statement?

Laird Robinson  
Larry Anderson  
Jon McBride  
Phil Davis  
Roger Savage  
Carl Gidlund  
Chuck Sheley

Earl Cooley  
Lon Dale  
Art Jukkala  
Tim Aldrich  
Bud Clarke  
Barry Hicks

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 07:05 PM.

Laird called for the minutes of the last executive committee meeting. Phil stated that since the meeting was devoted entirely to setting up an agenda for the annual directors meeting, no minutes were recorded. Laird next reported that he had contacted the Montana Highway Department regarding the spring Adopt-A-Hwy clean up and that they requested that NSA again skip the cleanup since nearly the entire section is still under construction.

Treasurer's Report: Jon discussed both the treasurer's report and the cash flow report. AS usual, copies of these reports accompany these minutes.

Membership Report: Phil stated that, as of this date, The complete data base, which includes associates, and deceased jumpers stands at 5232. He stated that ~~the active file stands at 1191 with 37 delenquent still being carried on the active file since they have only been delenquent a short time.~~

Old Business: ~~Laird reported on further developments in the Mann Gulch remembrance program scheduled for Aug 4th and 5th at Helena and Mann Gulch. He stated that he had sent letters to both Montana Senators and that Conrad Burns had responded and was in favor of jumping 1 token jumper at the ceremonies. He also stated that Jerry Williams was against jumping multiple jumpers due to the season of the year when active jumpers were more likely to be needed elsewhere. He stated that it has now become a sensitive situation and that NSA should be very careful about planning anything not in agreement with USFS wishes. Barry Hicks reported that Jerry Williams is now the only person supporting the smokejumper program and that the entire program is very close to cancellation.~~ He stated that a quarrel over wheather to use one or thirteen jumpers at Mann Gulch commemoration would not be wise under the circumstances. Laird stated that the wreath laying at Mann Gulch on Aug 4th was open to the public but that transportation would not be provided. Laird explained the costs associated with bringing in the Ford Trimotor would be more than the expected return and that it is very unlikely that obtaining the airplane for the program would be possible.

Jon discussed the progress of the Redding reunion in the year 2000 and that plans seem to be progressing satisfactorily. Larry questioned the possibility of a contribution to a local reunion of Silver City, NM jumpers even though such a contribution had not been requested yet. Jon reported that the policy of NSA is to contribute whenever possible. No formal action taken.

New Business: Laird took this time to thank Earl Cooley for the offer of a better office location, to present Phil with a "Dinner Out" monitary award, and to compliment Larry for all the work he has done during his executive committee tenure with the NSA.

Jon reported on progress toward finding a better NSA office location. He stated that Chuck Fricke had been instrumental in locating much better quarters in the Aaron Building at 714 Kensington. He reported that the building area would be donated and ~~NSA would be expected to pay 20% of the utilities which include heat and air conditioning.~~ He proposed that we should accept this offer. He next proposed that ~~the \$150 per month rental plus the \$250 per month stipend that NSA has been paying Jack Demmons would allow NSA to hire some outside help~~ to man the office and do some of the jobs that Jack has been doing in the past. He said that he had located a person, Shirley Braxton, who wanted a part time job and had informed him that this was exactly the type job she was looking for. He proposed that NSA hire her through the temporary "Man Power" employment agency so that NSA does not have to deal with the book work connected with hiring paid help. He stated that, for the funds we have available, ~~she could work 4 hours a day for 3 days per week.~~ Jon suggested that she report to him since Jack will no longer be available. After some discussion, Lon moved that the executive committee accept Jon's proposal. Roger seconded and the motion carried.

Laird asked Phil to take charge of collecting and counting the ballots returned for the Director positions.

Art handed out a printed report on news letter costs. A copy of this sheet will accompany these minutes. There was considerable informal discussion on where material for the news letter will come from and what type material should be included in the news letter. Lon moved that the executive committee appoint a committee to finalize what should be included. The motion died for lack of a second. ~~Jon suggested that the existing news letter committee could handle this job as they have done in the past.~~ Art suggested that the next news letter be all in black and white and not consider going to color pictures etc until the new people compiling the letter have gotten their feet on the ground.

~~Roger reported that he has located another jumper to take over his duties as Web Site Master and that Spud DeJarnett will take over the job of keeping the Master Roster updated with address changes and membership status.~~

Lon suggested including a request for help in the NSA office in the next news letter.

Art reported that the Adopt-A-Trail project is now setup for two camps with about 20 people participating.

There being no further business, Roger moved the meeting be Adjourned. Carl seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 09:30 PM