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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Date: 03/09/99

Location: NSA/MMF hanger at the Missoula County Airport.

Members Present:

Laird Robinson	Phil Davis
Larry Anderson	Roger Savage
Jon McBride	Lon Dale
Jack Demmons	

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

Minutes: Phil handed out copies of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held 02/09/99. Minor corrections were called for by Jon and Laird. Larry Anderson moved that the minutes be approved as ammended. Jack seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jon handed out copies of the treasurer's report generated on March 9, 1999. A copy of this report accompanies these minutes. Jon stressed that two new accounts had been added. These were S2.1, which contained Video profits and S2.2 which contained multiple year memberships which need to be spread out over the membership period.

Membership: Phil reported that the total data base as of this date was 5232 with 1181 being carried on the active roster. He stated that there were 21 delenquent before Jan 1, 1999 and there were 21 more delenquent in the months of January and February. He explained that the figure for Jan and Feb was probably incorrect due to the delay in updating the data base caused by the membership no longer being handled in Missoula .

Old Business: Laird discussed the proposed agenda for the April Directors meeting and asked for comments from the executive committee regarding any changes. He also read a letter from Larry Lufkin which included some suggested changes. Since there was some disagreement with these suggestions, Laird suggested that a "Review of the Agenda" be included with his opening remarks so any changes that the directors felt strongly about could be made at that time. Laird also listed those items that should be included in the handout packets at the beginning of the meeting.

Larry Anderson handed out copies of a rough draft of a NSA brochure which he has been putting together and asked for comments. No formal action was taken.

Laird discussed the topic of sending Jack Demmons out to the various bases to gather stories, pictures, etc which was passed at the last executive committee meeting and had met with some criticism by a few board members. Roger stated that, in the light of his efforts to get data for updating the data base file, it was very difficult to find someone interested enough at each base to give a very good report.

Laird reported that information from the video committee indicated that the SJ ~~video rough cut will be completed by early April and the completed video should be available by late June.~~ He also reported that the next video committee meeting will be held April 13 in Seattle.

Jack asked for an update on the previously reported problem with the IRS. Jon reported that there had been no further action by the IRS and that he would contact them if necessary.

New Business: Previous discussions regarding the NSA stationery format generated ideas on what should be done to prevent having to change the format each time that directors or officers change. Jack Demmons handed out a possible design which eliminated the necessity of a change after each election. The executive committee was very positive in agreement with Jacks design, but no formal action was considered necessary.

Laird reported on a CPS reunion at Oskalloosa, Iowa at William Penn Collage on July 14 to Jul 17 in the year 2000. He reported that he had written the organizers asking for more information.

Laird next reported on the 50th annaversary remembrance of the Mann Gulch Fire.

This ceremony is scheduled for Aug 5th, 1999. He stated that there were 13 exjumpers in the Helena area on the committee. He discussed the possible fly-over of the Ford trimotor with a token jump and 13 drift chutes to commemorate the thirteen jumpers lost. Lon Dale suggested that this be brought up at the annual meeting for discussion by the board of directors. Lon Moved that NSA commit \$1000 from the Musium fund toward paying for the Ford Trimotor flyover. Roger Savage seconded and the motion passed.

Jack Demmons reported that Dick Tracy has had a tracheotomy connected with emphasema and is in poor shape.

Laird scheduled the next executive committee meeting for Apr 6 at 07:00 PM in order to have one more meeting to finalize plans for the director's meeting.

There being no further business, Jack Demmons moved for adjournment. Roger seconded and the motion carried. Time, 09:30 PM.