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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 01/12/99

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

Members Present:

Laird Robinson

Jon McBride

Phil Davis

Roger Savage

Barry Reed

Carl Gidlund

Lon Dale

Art Jukkala

Tim Aldrich

not on Ex Com

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM.

Minutes: Phil handed out copies of the draft minutes of the meeting held 12/08/98 for approval by the committee. Tim Aldrich moved for approval of the minutes as written. Carl Gidlund seconded and the motion carried. Consequently, for all directors who received early copies of the draft minutes, those copies now become the actual minutes of the meeting and another approved copy will not be mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Jon McBride handed out copies of the treasurer's report for 01/12/99. He briefly discussed each page and, as usual, a copy of that report will accompany these minutes. In addition to the treasurer's report, Jon explained that even though the income tax forms for the 1997 year were filed on time, additional forms requested by the IRS were not filed. Consequently the NSA tax status was changed. Jon stated that with help from Larry Lufkin, they will accumulate the data requested and assist in rectifying the mix up. *minutes do not reflect true happenings.*

Membership: Phil Davis stated that the current data base is 5254 with an active file count of 1176. He stated that of those still being carried on the active file, there are 29 delinquent and that those few who became delinquent before September of 1998 had been purged from the active members list.

Old Business: Art Jukkala discussed the Adopt-A-Trail project progress. He stated that, so far, there have been 22 responses, of which 3 people have reported that they were qualified EMTs and 2 people have volunteered as cooks. He stated that the maximum number allowed on a crew is 15. He stated that they had had a meeting with the Bob Marshall foundation director and had decided that for the first year, participation should be limited to one crew. He stated that the first choice for location was for maintenance of two trails out of Gates Park between July 10 and 16 which would require a ten mile hike into Gates Park over Headquarters pass. He stated that no final decision would be made until more information from foundation director Carla Cline was received. There was some informal discussion on liability coverage for that period not covered by Forest Service coverages. Lon Dale suggested that as long as no payment is involved, there should not be any liability.

Laird reported that he had talked to Bruce Kinney's brother about the suggestion of the family purchasing a life membership as a memorial to Bruce. He stated that they were very receptive to the idea. No formal action was taken at this time.

Laird asked for suggestions on alternative methods of holding the forthcoming directors election to encourage a large enough turnout to meet the 20% requirement for a valid election. A suggestion of having a drawing for possibly a Ruana knife that was limited to those members who returned ballots was discouraged because of the difficulty of getting the names of those who returned ballots and still maintaining a secret ballot. A separate mailing of ballots was suggested and possibly using a colored envelope and indicating on the outside of the envelope that a ballot was enclosed. General discussion resulted in the decision to use the separate mailing but no formal action was considered necessary.

Laird next asked for discussion on his previously suggested idea of using estate planning in fund raising efforts. Discussion with Lon Dale on the consequences of getting into estate planning resulted in the conclusion that more information is needed before taking any formal action. Laird asked for volunteers to work with Lon Dale on a committee to research the suggestion. Jon McBride and Tim Aldrich volunteered to help.

Laird read a letter from Chuck Sheley regarding the sale of smokejumper manufactured items as suggested previously by Bud Clarke. Laird suggested that Bud Clarke be contacted for help in finding what is available.

New Business: Action taken by the executive committee in response to the director's letter of Nov 3, 1998 was assembled by Carl Gidlund and presented to the executive committee at this meeting. Discussion by the executive committee resulted in some modifications. Due to the necessity of input from the board members in developing an agenda for the April 1999 directors meeting, a letter from Laird Robinson and the modified version of Carl Gidlund's suggested plan of action is attached to these minutes. Laird suggested that a special meeting be held for developing an agenda and suggested that such a meeting be delayed until after Feb 1, 1999 to allow time for the suggested deadline for suggestions from directors. Laird asked for a special meeting to develop a draft agenda for the annual meeting. He suggested a date of Wednesday, February 3, 1999 and asked Phil to mail out meeting reminder notices for that date.

Lon Dale pointed out that the by-laws, as filed at the NSA office, do not include those changes made at previous board meetings and asked Phil Davis to make the additions necessary to bring the written by-laws up to date.

Laird suggested that the next executive committee meeting be held on Tuesday, Feb 9, 1999.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.