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## Meeting Minutes, August 1998

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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# NSA Executive Committee Meeting

## Minutes

Date: 18 Aug 98

Location: Regional Foresters Conference Room, Federal Building, Missoula MT.

### Members Present:

Laird Robinson  
Larry Anderson  
Jon McBride  
Phil Davis  
Jack Demmons  
Roger Savage  
Bud Clarke

Tim Aldrich  
Fred Rohrbach  
Lon Dale  
Art Jukkala  
Ron Lufkin  
Carl Gidlund

*Chuck Shelby*

Laird Called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM.

Minutes: Phil handed out copies of the minutes of the 14 Jul 98 executive committee meeting to be read by those present. Larry moved for approval of the minutes. Fred seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by the committee.

Treasurers Report: Jon passed out copies of the treasurers report and quickly went over the account entries. A copy of this report accompanies these minutes. He discussed the Video fund in depth and explained the measures that have been taken to balance the record of money taken in with that which has actually been deposited to the Video Fund account. He stated that he is having the Credit Union research the account and prepare a list of all the checks that were deposited to the account. Fred stated that he has kept a list of all the contributors to the fund and that by comparing his list with the one from the credit union, it would be possible to find which checks were not deposited. Jon stated that this would help in resolving the discrepancy, but would not determine if the checks were lost or deposited to a different account.

Membership: Phil reported that the data base is now 5086 and explained that the large increase over last month's figure was due to the addition of the 1998 rookies and the addition of over 100 of the Triple Nickel jumpers from 1945. He stated that the active file now contains 1109 with 53 delinquent as of Aug 1. Fred suggested that a representative from each active base be named so that the quarterly news letter could have current news from each base. Laird stated that this had been suggested at the annual meeting also. Jack reported that there were now 33 life members.

Old Business: Tim Aldrich briefly reported on Larry Lufkin's proposals on membership, but asked to delay discussion on the topic until a future meeting. Bud Clarke cautioned against collecting money through affiliate memberships and not spending it within the organization. Laird again asked for a delay in discussion of the minutes of the Annual Meeting since there was no pressure to get it done and there was a great deal of material to cover at this meeting.

Roger discussed the change in Provider for the Web Page. He explained why the change was made and reported that soon after the change, ~~the new provider went broke, but that in the mean time the old provider had updated their procedures to better fit NSA's needs, so that now NSA had returned to the original provider.~~ He stated that so far, it appears that the provider problems are settled.

Fred Rohrbach discussed a meeting in Seattle between the Video Committee and the producer, Steve Smith. He stated that the video now is planned for 70 to 90 minutes in length at a cost of \$70,000 or more. He also reported on the possibility of a grant from the Washington Corp. He stated that Washington Corp has agreed to consider the proposal when their grant committee meets. Considerable discussion centered around the problem of the use of some government equipment that was apparently used without authorization. This equipment was allegedly used when the jump was made from the Ford Trimotor for making video footage. He stated that three jumpers had

been disciplined with varying penalties and what the possible consequences might include. Laird read a letter regarding Steve Nemore's reassignment which resulted from this action.

New Business: Board member Chuck Sheley gave a presentation concerning how he would like to assist the NSA in handling and expanding merchandise sales. He presented a ten point list of changes and their advantages for consideration by the committee. These points concerned the advantages of a full time worker, spread of work load, better ordering capabilities, upgrading of merchandise, and reduction of base cost. He followed this with a proposed plan of action for consideration by the committee. Laird asked for a motion on Chuck's presentation. Jack moved to approve the implementation of Chuck's plan for a trial period lasting until July 1999. Fred Rohrbach seconded and the motion carried.

Some discussion on obtaining better quarters was held, but no formal action was taken.

Roger Savage produced a break down of membership cross referenced to year, trained, location etc and had determined that the percent of memberships continuing from those 1995 complimentary memberships was high enough to consider continuing the one year gratis membership. Lon Dale moved to extend complimentary memberships to rookie jumpers as well as those who trained in 1997 for whom we have addresses. Carl Gidlund seconded and the motion carried.

Other Business: Chuck Sheley read a letter from Monroe DeJarnette offering to help the association in any way he could. He specifically volunteered to assist with memberships. *Moved & 2nd + passed that he assume membership responsibilities.*

Art Jukkala reintroduced the topic of a volunteer trail maintenance program for the wilderness areas. He stated that he had brought this subject up about a year ago and no further action had been taken, but that now there was renewed interest and that he felt we should look into it again. Laird asked Art to contact the Forest Service people in charge and have them make a presentation.

Laird set the date for the next executive committee meeting for 8 Sep 1998 at the Regional Foresters Conference Room in the Federal Building.

There being no further business, Roger moved for adjournment. Jack seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 09:33 PM.