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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 9 Jun 98

Location: NSA/Museum of Mountain Flying Hanger.

Members Present:

✓Laird Robinson
✓Larry Anderson
✓Jon McBride
✓Phil Davis
✓Roger Savage

✓Jack Demmons
Bud Clarke
✓Earl Cooley
Tim Aldrich - *Secretary*
Lon Dale - *Director*

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 07:13 PM.

Minutes: Phil Davis handed out copies of the minutes of the 12 May meeting. Corrections were suggested by Tim Aldrich and Jon McBride. These corrections were noted for inclusion in the minutes to go on file and those to be mailed to the Board of directors. Larry Anderson moved that the corrected minutes be approved. Roger Savage seconded and the motion carried.

Phil then handed out rough draft copies of the minutes of the annual board meeting and asked that they be edited by those present who were also in attendance at that meeting. The committee agreed to return the copies at the next committee meeting with any suggestions for improvement.

Treasurers Report: Jon McBride handed out copies of the treasurer's report and stated that there was nothing extraordinary to discuss other than that the one \$3000.00 entry was for Ruana knives for life members, in which case extra knives had been ordered for future members. He also stated that the larger than usual expenditures were mostly made for building up the inventory of NSA products for sale. Jon next discussed the use of credit cards for payments as had been discussed at the annual Board of Directors meeting. He stated that he had researched the costs and suggested that the NSA hold off installing a credit card system at the present time because the costs outweighed the estimated usage. Tim Aldrich suggested that we might give it a trial for a limited time. Jon pointed out that the cost would be \$45 per month plus 66¢ for each transaction. Jack Demmons stated his feeling that to get involved at this time was not worth the cost. Jack also pointed out that its use would involve more book keeping and NSA doesn't have the man power to take on any additional record keeping. Roger Savage pointed out that once the merchandise is advertised on the Web Page, there might possibly be more requests for a credit card system. Laird suggested that further action be tabled until some future time when the need for such a system might be greater. Jon next proposed combining the Permanent Account and the Life Membership Account and calling it the Permanent Life Membership account. He suggested that the two accounts be put into a savings account or CD's so that the interest drawn would make up the costs of life memberships. Larry Anderson moved that the two funds be combined. Jack Demmons seconded and the motion carried. Jon briefly discussed the purchase of a new copy machine which had already been done by Jack and Jon because President Laird Robinson was not available and the old machine was not usable. Jack explained the features on the new machine and stated that he felt that it was a very good purchase. A copy of the treasurers report accompanies these minutes and is self explanatory.

Old Business: Laird Robinson reported on the renaming of the Winthrop Airport to honor Francis Lufkin. He read a letter from Speaker of the House in the State of Washington, Clyde Ballard regarding the request. Laird stated that one of the biggest problems in renaming an airport was in the cost of changing all the map names to keep the aerial maps up to date.

Laird next broached the subject of the Hall of Fame proposal by Tom Kovalicky. He stated that this topic was supposed to be taken up at this meeting, but that

he felt that there was not enough information available at this time to carry on any meaningful discussion. Laird next handed out a letter from Chuck Sheley regarding his request for a digital copy of the NSA logo and what his plans were for it's use. Laird stated that Chuck had called him and that Laird had promised to take it up at this meeting. Bud Clarke explained what he had done in responding to Chuck's request and mentioned that in his research had discovered that the NSA cannot sell merchandise at the visitors center directly, but must sell it to the visitors center who would then resell it to the visitor center customers. He stated that this would complicate the selling of some of the items that Chuck Sheley was considering. Tim Aldrich stated that the NSA should at least respond to Sheley's letter. The executive committee recommended that Bud proceed with contacting Chuck and discussing in more detail what his plans were and how we might best use what he has to offer.

Laird next reported on the use of the Evergreen Aviation Trimotor for making video to use in the Smokejumper Video now in production. He reported that Evergreen had been very generous with the trimotor and that equipment had come from the Canadian jumper program. He stated that three round chutes and two square chutes were used.

Laird next distributed a letter from Larry Lufkin and asked those present to take it home and digest it and come back to the next meeting prepared to discuss it.

Roger Savage asked for discussion on both the McCall local reunion and the Redding national reunion. Bud Clarke reported on his plans to attend the McCall reunion with NSA merchandise for sale. Regarding the Redding reunion, Laird volunteered to call Dave Nelson for more information on their progress.

New Business: Bud Clarke reported on products. He stated that the \$1000 order from last month is all sold and that since the April meeting NSA has gotten back more than the cost of all the items purchased. He brought up the subject of reproducing the old Forest Service cook book used in lookouts etc, but no formal action was taken. Bud stated that by next meeting, Jon, Jack, and He would have compiled a report on profits from sales items. He displayed several belt buckles made for various bases and suggested that NSA add them to the list of products for sale by NSA. He also suggested that a catalog of items be added to the web page. Tim Aldrich cautioned against the possibility of getting too many sales items and questioned how NSA volunteer people could handle all the various items that might become available.

News Letter: Jack Demmons reported that the news letter was on schedule with no problems at the present time. Roger Savage suggested that a short story contest at the McCall reunion might produce material for future news letters.

Other Business: Jack reported that there are now 31 life memberships and that the plaques and knives have been mailed.

Jon suggested an annual local picnic and threw out the idea for discussion. After some committee discussion, Laird suggested a committee be formed to look into the possibility. Tim Aldrich, Jack Demmons, and Jon McBride volunteered to study it further.

Larry Anderson questioned the progress of the director election. Jack stated that at this time, there had not been enough ballots returned to fulfill the 20 percent requirement. Laird suggested that the election count be delayed until next meeting in the hope of getting enough returned ballots.

There being no further business, Jack Demmons moved the meeting adjourn. Roger Savage seconded and the motion carried.