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Meeting Minutes, July 1997

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

*Cross not up for election. Appt 3 yr
Term (7-95) 95-96-97-98. Term would be up
in June 1998*

Date: 15 Jul 1997

Location: NSA Office, Missoula County Airport

Members Present:

Laird Robinson

Lowell Hanson

Phil Davis

Barry Reed - ? *not Board or Executive*

Barry Hicks - ?

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 06:45 PM. [↑] He announced that as a result of the Director election, Ed Courtney, Lyle Brown, George Cross and Bill Werhane were no longer directors of the National Smokejumper Association.

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held 10 Jun 1997 were read by those present and approved as written.

1. Membership report: Phil Davis reported that, as of today's date, we have 1084 members out of a total data base of 4814. He stated that the membership does include a small number of delinquent members who have become delinquent in the last two months. He also cautioned that the total data base count includes all the deceased jumpers. This is an unknown factor since there are about 2000 ex-jumpers for whom we have no address at all so have no way of knowing if they are still living. He also reported that as a result of a search of telephone directories on a vacation trip to the west coast, he had been able to find 169 telephone numbers for the master file, which might help lower the directory assistance charges on the NSA phone bill.

2. Treasurers Report: Lowell Hanson passed out copies of the state of NSA funds and went over each account and explained the totals. A copy of his report accompanies the minutes and will not be repeated in the minutes. He also distributed a listing of the 11 June to 15 July expenditures. A copy of this listing also accompanies the minutes.

Lowell asked for a motion on requiring executive committee action to allow release of the funds promised to the National Forest Service Museum, but without a quorum present no official action could be taken.

Lowell also suggested that another person be put on the signature list for control of funds transfer. He stated that Ed Courtney would have to be removed and that Laird Robinson is seldom available on short notice. Barry Hicks suggested that Phil Davis be put in that position. Phil agreed to do this and the committee also agreed. Lowell also suggested that the NSA switch to measured service plan for Telephone service, as a cost saving measure. He cited statistical data to back up the action. He made a motion to do so. Barry Hicks seconded and the motion carried.

3. Video Report: Lowell Hanson listed those contributions received, so far, for this project, and called attention to the fact that the contributions at this time are only a fraction of the total cost. He asked the committee to consider how far the NSA organization will go toward funding, in the event that further outside funding doesn't materialize. Laird pointed out that, at this time the NSA is not officially obligated to finance any of the Video Project.

4. News Letter Report: Jack Demmons was not in attendance at the meeting, so Laird Robinson read Jack's memo on the progress of the current news letter. Jack stated in his memo that the news letter would go to press on Mon, July 21, and would be ready for mailing by Saturday, July 26, at which time a mailing crew could prepare the letter for mailing. Lowell Hanson suggested that we have a calling committee to recruit help to prepare the mailing. Laird suggested that the news letter be mailed flat because the recipients prefer it that way and the savings by folding are not significant.

5. Other Business: Lowell Hanson reported on the raft trip, which was one of the revenue generating plans. He stated that from all reports, it was very successful even though there were not a full compliment of people signed up. Lewis and Clark Adventures was the contractor and Lowell suggested that NSA donate an advertisement to the contractor because the NSA fell short on the minimum number of participants. Barry Reed made a motion to give Lowell permission to run such an advertisement in the News Letter. Barry Hicks seconded and the motion carried.

Some informal discussion was held on Ruana knives for the next reunion and the hiring of Niki Lewellyn as an independent contractor. Barry Reed explained how temporary service works and how much it costs NSA to use temporary employees. The committee agreed to continue the present system.

Copy 6. New Business: Laird brought up the problem of a functional membership committee. He stated that Barry Hicks had agreed to head up a membership committee along with Tim Aldrich. He also called attention to the need for new stationery showing new officers and board members. He discussed a plaque for retiring president Ed Courtney. Lowell Hanson agreed to follow up on these suggestions.

A short discussion was held on what merchandise should be included for sale in the joint NFSM, MMF, and NSA booth at the fair and the need for help in manning the fair booth. It was agreed that this should be turned over to Stan Cohen of the Museum of Mountain Flying, to schedule people and times.

There being no other business, Barry Hicks moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lowell Hanson seconded and the meeting adjourned at 08:15 PM