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## Meeting Minutes, September 1993

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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# *National Smokejumper Association*

MEMO TO: Executive Board, N.S.A.

FROM: Jack

RE: Minutes from Executive Board Meeting, Sept. 8, 1993

DATE: October 8, 1993

THE MEETING WAS OPENED AT 7:20 P.M. at the N.S.A. Headquarters.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status of replacement N.S.A. seal? Laird was out of town and will report on this at the October meeting.
2. Interest on Principal. Earl reported that McClain stated that interest would be given once a year. Bank rates vary. We should keep at least \$500.00 on hand for activities. Ed commented on having it in a savings account so we could draw it out quickly if needed. Earl said that McClain would be on vacation until the following Monday. This is an issue that needs to be resolved during the October meeting.
3. Earl stated that Fred Rohrbach mentioned that Steve Smith can come in and take old videos, and with other shots make up a film. Again, it was mentioned that Fred and Lee Peppard have pledged \$5,000.00 towards the development of such a film-anticipated cost would be \$30,000 according to Fred. Earl said it would not cost the N.S.A. anything in having it produced. Ed agreed that we need to find people and firms that would donate to the project, but we can not obligate N.S.A. funds. It was stressed that this comment needed to be placed in the minutes. Ed stated that we need to encourage Fred to continue with the program, but without obligations to the N.S.A.
4. The Mountain Lookout Assoc. still did not make an appearance.
5. Jack discussed the Conference Telephone setup. American Sharecom will take care of getting the N.S.A. on its equipment and will also do the paperwork needed to divorce ourselves from U.S. West. We will still have to go along with the maintenance contract with AT & T. American Sharecom does not get involved in that business. Paperwork is ready to go and needs Earl's signature. The Executive Board moved to accept American Sharecom's plan, which includes the setting up of Conference Calls. Jack will contact Bev Pelcher, Telecommunications Analyst for American Sharecom again and tell her the Executive Board

has approved the plan she proposed.

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OLD BUSINESS CONT.

6. Long Term Lease on Building. Earl mentioned that the former garage is being remodeled for use by both the N.S.A. and his real estate business files. He mentioned checking with several different local operations to see what they charge for floor space for office use. A cost figure of \$600.00 would be adequate Earl stated, as concerns the value of his donation of space and facilities for the N.S.A. N.S.A. is paying its share of utilities now. Earl said this subject would be continued at the October meeting and until the new room (former garage) is completed.
7. Status of Master Rosters. Earl mentioned that a copy was sent to each base, and asked them to respond as to the number they might want at this time. Earl stated that by 1995 we hope to have a fairly complete set of addresses for the Master Roster.
8. Information concerning bank account in Boise. Laird was to talk about this, but he was out of town. To be taken up at the October meeting.
9. Status of Preparation of Letter for Russian Smokejumper Base. Jack had prepared the letter and gave it to Ed, who will have it written in Russian by a foreign language teacher in Missoula's Dist. 1 school system. Ed thought the woman would have this accomplished within about 3 days.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Current Membership. Jack passed out a sheet giving the total and the breakdown by categories. (See attached copy.)
2. Financial Status. Jack passed out a sheet showing balances. (See attached sheet.)
3. Application for Lower Bulk-mail Rates. Jack had a duplicate package of the one given to the U.S. Postal Service in Missoula with full documentation to support our request. The 1st copy had been given to Postal authorities earlier.
4. Determination of cut-off dates for membership and renewals. This subject was tabled until the October meeting after considerable discussion.
5. Discussion About Prorating Costs of Utilities on the Part of the N.S.A. with the basement tenants. A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Ed to split the costs 50/50. Motion passed.
6. Pictures Taken of Local Jumpers and Album. Jack mentioned that had taken a number of pictures of Jumpers at the Missoula Base, and during 2 training jumps this Spring. He will donate an album, cost of film, travel costs, if the N.S.A. will pay for development costs. The album will become part of the historical file and will be on display at the local base for a period of time. This measure has been approved by each member of the Executive Board

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NEW BUSINESS CONT.

7. Discussion Concerning Advertising in the Greenbook.  
It was moved by Ed and seconded by Roger to not go with the green book. Motion passed.
8. Discussion Concerning Having Members of the 555th Parachute Infantry Join the N.S.A. Wayne Williams from the Missoula Base was present at the beginning of the meeting, and strongly advocated that these former paratroopers--who worked as smokejumpers in the Northwest during the 1945 fire season--be given the opportunity to join. Wayne has been in telephone contact with several past members of the 555th. The Executive Board was unanimous in the decision to allow them the chance to join. Wayne took some newsletters along when he left and will send them to members of the 555th's organization. We will follow up later. Jack has been in touch with Ray Weidmer of Missoula, who met several of the 555th back East awhile ago. He will be sending Jack a copy of January's calendar month with a listing of 555th's Chapters throughout the nation.
9. New Book by Asa Mundell on C.P.S. Jumpers. Discussion around how the N.S.A. might get involved with the book. Asa Mundell sells them for \$13.00 each, which includes the cost of postage. Earl suggested that we advertise the book with a critique in the next newsletter. It was suggested that Earl have Asa send him 5 copies. Roger wondered if Asa would send 5 copies to be used in advertising it. Would Asa send us any complimentary copies? This subject needs to be addressed again during the October meeting.
10. 1995 Reunion. The Reunion was not discussed at the Sept. meeting, but will be taken up at the October meeting.

Roger moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ed seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.