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National Smokejumper Association Board of Directors

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National Smokejumper Association
Summary of the Executive Committee Meeting
June 22, 2002, Cave Junction, Oregon

Attendees:

Larry Lufkin, President
Chuck Sheley, 1st Vice President
Roland Stoleson, 2nd Vice President
Dave Bennett, Secretary
Fred Cooper, Membership Coordinator
Murry Taylor, Board Member

EC Members Missing:

Dean Longanecker, Treasurer
Neil Satterwhite, Data Base Manager
Dan McComb, Webmaster
Carl Gidlund, Immediate Past President

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Lufkin gave the report for Dean Longanecker. The statement date is for June 12. A new report will be drawn up at fiscal year end closing June 30. Total Assets and Net Fund Balance have grown from \$153,000 to \$182,000 so far in the year. We are very close to matching our yearly budget figure of \$33,000 growth. Merchandise was the major contributor. Dean recommends that merchandise prices be increased on the order of 10%. Our one year income is carrying us expense wise. The long term income is not being touched.

The present statement is \$500 out of balance. This discrepancy will be resolved at the year end closing. Further research after the meeting indicates that the \$500 variance was the result an issue with a jumper who claimed he gave "someone" a check for \$500. We chose to give him his life membership rather than contest the issue.

Dean Longanecker recommends that we engage a professional accounting service in the coming year, as the treasurer job is growing to be too large for a single volunteer treasurer to handle the accounting. Dean recommends that he be replaced when his term is up next year.

Several memorials have been received from the families of members who have passed away (Dee Dutton and Rob Dunn). The memorials are being held in the Liston Fund until a

final disposition is established. More on this topic is available below under the New Business heading “Memorial Funds”.

Membership:

Fred Cooper reports that overall membership is decreasing slightly. We have 87 Life Members plus 9 more on payments. Life members are very important to our long-term financial viability.

Efforts at recruitment of NSA members include sending gratis magazine copies periodically to non-member jumpers.

Membership data presented during the meeting can be found in Attachment 1 to these minutes.

The Committee suggested that a Membership brochure might be worthwhile. Fred will contact Carl Gidlund regarding its development.

Merchandise:

Chuck Sheley reported net income of \$7,023 so far this calendar year. This compares favorably with 2001 full year sales of \$8514. Orders filled this year so far amount to 285 compared to 697 for 2001. Chuck’s handout on this topic is provided in Attachment 2 to these minutes. Chuck plans to limit the number of products somewhat to best sellers thereby streamlining the merchandising operation. Chuck will be at the McCall thing next year with a merchandise table.

Magazine:

Chuck Sheley reported there were 1710 copies of the July magazine issue, 1660 of which were mailed to members, associates, and pilots. The magazine continues to be the premier method of communication within the NSA. Next magazine issue will be in October, and the deadline for submittals is 15 July. Details of magazine production also appear in Attachment 1 to these minutes.

Board of Directors Election:

Chuck Sheley told the committee that better than previous response from membership was received for the recent BOD elections. 283 votes were cast, over the 213 required to validate the results, or 15% of the membership. Elected to the BOD were Bill Moody, Tara Rothwell, Murry Taylor, and Doug Houston. Larry Lufkin will notify the new BOD members by letter.

NSA Website:

Chuck told us that Dan McComb and Stephanie Cameron are overwhelmed with their business as it continues to expand. Dan has suggested that Jon Robinson in Seattle is a good candidate to assist with our website as the web coordinator. This would take Stephanie's place. She is currently in charge of site updates. We will move forward with this change. Many thanks to Stephanie for her support to the NSA!

There have been recent changes to the web site construction. Added drop downs have improved accessibility and the amount of information on the site has been expanded.

Jon would like to change the web server. He proposes to move it from present our present contractor, Seattle Serve. This will cost \$50 per month.

Dan now has his own service provider company. The committee agreed that NSA will move to Dan's company.

Jon says we need to upgrade our site operating software.

Ron Stoleson asked if there will be changes to our web merchandising and accounting. Yes there will be, responded Chuck.

Jon operates on a work order basis. Chuck organizes the work orders so the process to instigate changes is to contact Chuck who will prepare the work orders.

As an order of business, we will work out a plan for the web site that might include changes to the performers.

The committee suggested that a Life Membership would be appropriate for Dan in view of his contribution to the NSA. This proposal will be brought before the full BOD to act on. **NSA has only given away one or two life memberships. These awards were made to Steve Smith and Jack Demmons.** This will be an agenda item for the next BOD.

Trails Program:

Larry Lufkin reported for Jon McBride that we have more trails opportunities than we can staff. Under Jon's leadership, the NSA's reputation as a valuable resource in the forest is reaching more and more districts, causing a huge influx of inquiries for trail maintenance support.

Smokejumper Database:

The committee discussed the current state of the database and feel that immediate action is necessary to bring the information up to date. We are two years behind in obtaining and entering jumper data. Roger Savage has offered assistance. The committee will ask Roger to take this on again for a year or two. This is an immediate priority.

Changing of the Guard:

This meeting was Larry Lufkin's last meeting as President of the NSA. He turned the meeting over to Ron Stoleson, the new NSA President. Larry was presented with a plaque as an indication of our appreciation for the job that he has done for the NSA. Thanks to Larry for his contribution to our organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Trade Mark:

Larry Lufkin reported that Fred Rohrbach has engaged his lawyer to accomplish the trademark research. The cost was \$700, which will be re-reimbursed to Fred by the NSA. Additional costs to come are \$650 for filing and \$50 for art work. An additional \$325 is required to protect it for application on apparel.

Termination of Agreements:

Larry has prepared two letters, one to Frank McKinney, executive director of the FS Museum, one to Stan Cohen of the MMF. The letter to Mr. McKinney terminates our agreement with the Forest Service Museum

The letter to Stan Cohen documents the NSA's intention to work with the Museum of Mountain Flying on a non-exclusive basis. Our agreement with the MMF includes a payment of \$1200 per year for storage of our office equipment. The MMF doesn't have a website. The committee suggests that we can assist the MMF in communications on the NSA website.

Fred Rohrbach has prepared and sent a termination letter to Act Now related to our agreement for video production and distribution

We have received interest from other television production companies. Murry Taylor is assisting with his contacts. Steve Smith is selling video clips.

The telephone line was terminated at the NSA office. This creates a saving \$100 per month.

Regional NSA Gatherings:

Fred Cooper is organizing a Willamette Valley NSA group. A gathering at the Evergreen Museum is planned for September 7. NSA Director Ted Burgon is also involved in the organization. Perhaps volunteers can be organized as docents for the soon-to-open NSA exhibit. Kathy Huitt is the contact at the museum. Fred will enter a notice of this event on the web site.

CPS Reunion:

The CPS Unit 103 reunion will be 13-16 July at Hungry Horse, Montana.

Memorial Funds:

Larry Lufkin led a discussion regarding the Liston Fund for support to deceased smokejumpers families. There is an issue with the present Liston fund and the NSA's involvement in it. The NSA should not be involved in a regional fund; the Liston fund is administered by the Alaska Jumpers.

Ron Stoleson moved to set up separate smokejumper memorial fund within the NSA. Chuck Sheley seconded, motion carried. We must direct the treasurer to break out memorial contributions and place them in the new memorial fund. Murry Taylor will contact the Alaska Jumpers to discuss our plans.

NSA Committees:

Ron Stoleson described Ted Burgon's suggestions for committees. Ted suggests that BOD meetings should be two days in length with a significant portion of the agenda dedicated to committee work on various issues that affect the NSA. An example of work that could be realistically performed by committees formed by board members is NSA history work. This would amount to identifying and evaluating all of our historical assets including photos, written, and hard artifacts. Work more closely with UM archives. Every board member would serve on a committee. The executive committee will consider this action further and reach a recommendation prior to the next BOD meeting.

BOD Name Tags:

Ron Stoleson suggested that name tags be worn at NSA meetings and functions. Chuck Sheley moved Ron proceed with obtaining name tags for BOD. Larry Lufkin seconded, motion carried.

Plaque for Deceased Jumpers: Carl Gidlund suggested that a plaque be provided by the NSA listing deceased jumpers at the base where they trained. This will be a discussion item for next BOD meeting.

Meeting Location Strategy:

Chuck Sheley proposed regional EC and BOD meetings located near significant populations of jumpers. The meetings would include a social in the evening. This would be somewhat of a divergence from our present plan to meet at the jump bases on a rotation basis. Mailings or emails would be made to notify members of socials. They would also be advertised on the web site. The EC agrees in concept. This concept will be addressed at the next BOD meeting.

2003 Meeting Schedule:

The NSA will maintain the three meeting per year schedule. The April BOD will be in

Redding, the June EC will be in McCall, coincident with the McCall reunion, and the October BOD in Tri Cities WA. The April of 2004 BOD location is not yet determined. The June 2004 EC meeting will be in Missoula coincident with the NSA Reunion.

Folk Life Festival 2005 on the Washington Mall:

Fred Cooper reports that the festival coordinator wants to put the NSA on the program. Fred will prepare a letter for Ron's signature. First priority for participants will be FS retirees.

Smokejumper History Book:

There have been 211 books ordered. Design on book is scheduled to be completed August 2002. The book will be completed in December 2002.

Next Meeting:

The Boise BOD Meeting is October 12, 2002. Tom Uphill and Leo Cromwell will make arrangements for a meeting facility.

ATTACHMENT 1
NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPER ASSOCIATION

LIFE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June, 2002

Submitted by Fred Cooper

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ROOKIE BASE	ROOKIE YEAR
1	ALLEN	JAMES C.	NCSB	1946
2	BAKER	DONALD A.	MSO	1965
3	BEARTUSK	KEITH L.	MSO	1969
4	BELTRAN	TONY G.	IDC	1969
5	BENNETT	DAVID W.	MSO	1961
6	BLAINE	JAMES E.	MSO	1963
7	BRAUER	FRED O.	MSO	1941
8	CHERRY	JERRY S.	MSO	1957
9	CLATWORTHY	JAMES F.	MSO	1956
10	COOLEY	EARL E.	MSO	1940
11	CROSS	GEORGE W.	MSO	1974
12	CUPLIN	DAVID R.	MSO	1948
13	DELONG	STAN J.	RDD	1965
14	DEMMONS	JACK	MSO	1950
15	DERRY	ROBERT L.	MSO	1943
16	DIXON	JERRY S.	MYC	1971
17	DOLLARD	JIMMIE F.	CJ	1952
18	DOMINGOS	C. LESTER	NCSB	1964
19	DONNER	FRED	MSO	1959
20	DUNN	ROBERT H.	MSO	1958
21	DUNTON	ALAN J.	FBX	1967

22	DUTTON	DELOS M.	MSO	1951
23	ERIKSSON	RICHARD C.	MSO	1960
24	FILLER	MERL C. (BUD)	MYC	1952
25	FRICKE	CHARLES A.	MSO	1961
26	GASTINEAU	ORVAL W.	MSO	1963
27	GOLIK	DENNIS M.	MYC	1974
28	GORSUCH	ROBERT V.	MSO	1947
29	GOWEN	GEORGE W.	MSO	1954
30	GREESON	MIKE J.	MSO	1959
31	GUTKOSKI	JOSEPH J.	MSO	1950
32	HALLORAN	DONAL W.	MSO	1953
33	HARPER	RONALD K. (KENT)	RDD	1975
34	HARTMAN	STEPHEN M.	MSO	1967
35	HENDERSON	WALLACE D.	MYC	1946
36	HINKLE	GENE E.	MSO	1947
37	HOOPER	ROBERT B.	CJ	1967
38	KOVALICKY	THOMAS J.	MSO	1961
39	KREITZBERG	RICHARD A.	MSO	1952
40	LAI CONSULTANTS INC.		Associate	
41	LAUBER	ADAM L.	RDD	1999
42	LINTON	GERALD J.	MSO	1948
43	LIPSCOMB	LEE G.	MSO	1958
44	LITTLE	GENE R.	MSO	1947
45	LONGLEY	LARRY D.	NCSB	1972
46	LUFKIN	FRANCIS B.	NCSB	1939
47	LUFKIN	LARRY C.	CJ	1963

48	MAERZLUFT	KARL H.	FBX	1967
49	MCCULLOUGH	MICHAEL D.	MSO	1956
50	MCINTOSH	JOHN W.	MSO	1960
51	MOODY	WILLIAM D.	NCSB	1957
52	MURPHY	JAMES L.	MSO	1948
53	MUSQUEZ	BEN O.	MSO	1956
54	PETTERSON	JON E.	MYC	1964
55	PETTY (STEWART)	PHILIP D.	MSO	1968
56	PHIFER	GREGG L.	MSO	1944
57	POPPIE	WILFORD D. (BILL)	MSO	1958
58	PRESTON	MILFORD M.	RDD	1974
59	QUILLIN	ROBERT L.	FBX	1971
60	RABIDEAU	CLARENCE J. (JIM)	NCSB	1949
61	RATHBURN	JAMES F.	MYC	1958
62	REID	ROBERT E.	MSO	1957
63	RHODES	STEVE	NCSB	1958
64	ROHRBACH	FRED G.	MSO	1965
65	ROST	MAYNARD T. (SAM)	MSO	1958
66	ROTROFF	LOREN C. (BUD)	RDD	1967
67	SAVAGE	ROGER L.	MSO	1957
68	SCOTT	JONATHAN L.	MYC	1948
69	SEALE	MICHAEL D.	Pilot	
70	SHEARER	THOMAS P. (PAT)	MSO	1967
71	SHELEY	CHUCK	CJ	1959
72	SMITH	STEVE	Associate	
73	STEPPE	MICHAEL E.	IDC	1961

74	STINSON	DOUGLAS P.	CJ	1954
75	STOLESON	ROLAND M.	MSO	1956
76	STRATTON	H. W. (SKIP)	MSO	1947
77	TAYLOR	MURRY A.	RDD	1965
78	THOMPSON	THOMAS J.	MSO	1955
79	TOBIN	JOHN J.	MSO	1959
80	TWISS	JOHN C.	RAC	1967
81	UPHILL	THOMAS R.	MSO	1956
82	WALKER	ROBERT A.	ANC	1970
83	WARNER	SCOTT A.	RDD	1969
84	WELCH	GARY E. (TEX)	CJ	1960
85	WHEELOCK	MICHAEL D.	CJ	1976
86	WILSON	DICK	MSO	1948
87	WOODWARD	HOWARD R. (RANDY)	MSO	1967

In addition, there are 9 members who are paying on one of the Life Member installment plans.

They are:

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ROOKIE BASE	ROOKIE YEAR
1	CAHILL	JOHN W. (JACK)	MSO	1958
2	GERSBACH	RICHARD O. (RICH)	RDD	1979
3	GONZALEZ	GREG J.	CJ	1976
4	LONGANECKER	DEAN M.	NCSB	1968
5	EASTEP	ERIC D.	MYC	2000

6	LITTELL	WALLACE W. (PIC)	MMSO	1944
7	OLESON	JAMES H.	CJ	1953
8	SUNDT	MATTHEW A.	RAC	1983
9	VOELZ	JAMES F.	MYC	1971

NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPER ASSOCIATION

PERIODIC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June 2002

Submitted by Fred Cooper

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	SEP 2000	FEB 2001	APR 2001	JUNE 2001	SEP 2001	MARCH 2002	JUNE 2002
One Year Jumper	471	494	463	358	330	194	176
Two Year Jumper	393	462	479	481	472	454	375
Five Year Jumper	249	337	354	375	430	457	527
Ten Year Jumper	197	209	218	230	239	242	254
Life Jumper	42	46	52	67	71	82	84
TOTAL JUMPER	1,352	1,548	1,566	1,511	1,542	1,429	1,416
One Year Associate	170	218	220	185	127	131	105
Two Year Associate	33	43	46	45	48	51	52
Five Year Associate	14	18	18	17	18	19	23
Ten Year Associate	4	4	5	4	4	5	8
Life Associate	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
TOTAL ASSOCIATE	222	284	290	253	199	208	190
One Year Pilot	2	6	8	7	7	7	5
Two Year Pilot	2	3	3	5	5	7	6
Five Year Pilot				1	3	6	9
Ten Year Pilot				1	1	1	1
Life Pilot	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL PILOT	5	10	12	15	17	22	22
GRAND TOTAL	1,579	1,845	1,868	1,779	1,748	1,659	1,628

Average Length of Jumper Membership	3.31 Years	3.35 Years	3.43 Years	3.64 Years	3.77 Years	4.31 Years	4.58 Years
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ATTACHMENT 2
Merchandise Report Cave Jct. EC Meeting
June 22, 2002

1998
(Missoula Jan-Sept) 100.00

Transfer to Chico in Oct. 1998

Year	Net Income	Net Since New Start
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1998	1220.00	1220.00
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1999	5444.00	6664.00
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2000	20,480.00	27,144.00
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2001	8,514.00	35,658.00
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2002(June 1 ST)	7,023.00	44,701.00
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Orders Filled in 2000	955
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Orders Filled in 2001	697
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Orders 2002 to June 20th	285	(start/2060)
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Magazine Individual Issue Stats

run	A-Members	Associates	Pilots	Print
April 2002(1643)	1421	201	21	1750
July 2002 (1660)	1455	182	23	1710

2002 Election Results

283 Votes	Bill Moody, Tara Rothwell, Murry Taylor, Doug
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Houston

15% of 1421 = 213 election valid