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## Meeting Minutes, October 13th, 1998

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 13 Oct 98

Location: NSA/MMF office at the Missoula County Airport.

Members Present:

Larry Anderson

Tim Aldrich

Jon McBride

Jack Demmons

Phil Davis

Wayne Williams

Roger Savage

Vice President Larry Anderson called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM.

Minutes: Phil Handed out copies of the minutes of the 08 Sep 98 meeting to be reviewed by those present. Jack moved for approval. Tim seconded the motion and the executive committee voted for approval of the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Jon distributed copies of the 13 Oct 98 treasurer's report. He stated that he had had an accountant, Christine Fricke, review the NSA accounts and that she was satisfied with their accuracy. He also asked for care in spending because, at this time, NSA is over budget. Jon briefly went over the treasurer's report with those present. As usual, a copy of that report accompanies these minutes. Jon stated that letters of understanding have been signed and mailed to both Chuck Sheley and Monroe DeJarnette regarding those operations which are now being handled by them from their California bases. He stated that this was a necessary action since both cases involve the expenditure of NSA funds. Jon also called attention to yet another case of a Life Member, Chuck Fricke, not having ever received his plaque, letter or knife. Jack stated that this is now being taken care of and suggested that NSA contact all early life members and assure ourselves that no one else was missed. For Board Members, a copy of the letters of understanding will accompany these minutes.

Membership: Phil stated that, as of this date, there are 1127 active members from a total data base of 5098 with 50 of the active members delenquent at this time. He stated that most of the increase in the data base came from a search of the old jump records at the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula, which he and Roger have been going through.

Old Business: Roger questioned the control that NSA has on the final video production and cited the short clip that was put on the Web Page where some unsafe practices were shown as well as some historically incorrect parts such as jumping square chutes from a trimotor. Jon explained that NSA will have a voice in the final editing and that NSA will also have a copyright.

~~Roger also stated that the Web Site is now getting 50 to 100 hits per day. Jack stated that the patches being produced by Chuck Pickard are still available.~~ *see our record*

New Business: Wayne Williams handed out a sheet on the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Mann Gulch fire which is being administered by the Helena National Forest. A copy of preliminary plans for this commemoration accompanies these minutes. He explained what is planned for the program on the Capitol lawn next August. He stated that the Smoke Jumper Welfare Fund will contribute a substantial amount to this program and suggested that the NSA consider a contribution also. Larry suggested that NSA take this under advisement for the time being and no formal action was taken. Wayne volunteered to provide further information on this as it becomes available. He also suggested that a notice of this commemoration be put in the NSA news letter. Wayne also discussed the possibility of NSA becoming involved in the sale of the Janoff paintings and explained the profit margins possible.

Roger explained the status of the Web Site in providing information from our data base to the public and asked for suggestions on what information should be made available.

Jack stated that 17 of the 20 pages for the upcoming news letter are complete and that it should go to press by October 26.

Jon stated that Chuck Sheley had expressed a need for a brochure and had asked that the NSA take action on this. Larry stated that he had already done some preliminary work on developing a brochure and volunteered to work with Jack on this.

Jon stated that Chuck Sheley had gotten a request from a Nevada fire fighting association for information on becoming a corporate sponsor and suggested that other fire fighting groups might also be interested.

Larry informed the committee of a request from the brother of Bruce Kinney, a pilot who was recently killed, for a memorial for him. This was met with strong reservations from the committee primarily because of setting a precedent which might be very difficult to administer fairly. The suggestion was tabled for the time being.

Larry informed the committee that Laird had asked that the November meeting be delayed one week from the normal date and be set for November 17th.

There being no further business, Roger moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jon Seconded and the meeting concluded at 08:45 PM.