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## Meeting Minutes, September 8th, 1998

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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## Minutes

Date: 08 Sep 98

Location: Regional Foresters Conference Room, Federal Building, Missoula MT.

Members Present:

Laird Robinson	Jack Demmons
Larry Anderson	Lyle Brown
Jon McBride	Tim Aldrich
Phil Davis	Art Jukkala

Laird called the meeting to order at 07:05 PM.

Minutes: Phil handed out copies of the minutes of the executive committee meeting held 18 Aug 98 to be reviewed by those present. Larry Anderson moved for approval. Tim Aldrich seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report: Jon McBride handed out copies of the treasurer's report and briefly explained the entries. As usual, a copy of that report accompanies these minutes. He suggested giving an award to Chuck Pickard for the profits from sales of his "Smokejumper" patch which he has contributed to the NSA. Jon also presented letters to Chuck Sheley and Spud DeJarnette for signatures of committee members. He discussed the necessity of establishing a checking account for Chuck Sheley at his location. He reported that the video producer needs \$5000 in funds. At this point Jon questioned the ownership of the copyright on the video and suggested that NSA clarify this point. Laird asked Jon to contact Fred Rohrbach about the legal implication of copyrights as they pertain to NSA.

Membership: Phil Davis reported that the data base now stands at 5081 with 1119 of these being carried as active members. He stated that, of the active members, there are 46 delinquent at this time which is a considerable improvement over one month ago, considering that the present number is smaller and includes another month of potential delinquencies. Jack stated that there are now 33 life members.

Old Business: Art Jukkala handed out packets of information that he had assembled on the volunteer trail maintenance program which was discussed briefly at last month's meeting. He stated that he had been in touch with Carla Cline who is the volunteer co-ordinator for the Bob Marshall Foundation. She had stated that she was very interested in NSA's participation and passed on many of the details of procedures and requirements which Art shared with those present. She stated that most details are 7 to 10 days long with 6 hour work days. Her information is included in the packets which Art distributed and are available with these minutes at the NSA office. After considerable discussion, the committee informally proposed that the project be pursued and suggested that NSA aim for two crews for the summer of 1999. Art suggested an article in the next news letter along with a questionnaire in an effort to determine if there is interest in the project. No formal action was taken at this time.

Tim Aldrich reported for the Membership committee. He handed out sheets outlining many ideas for increasing membership. A list of these possible actions accompanies these minutes. Some items from this list were discussed in detail as well as proposals from Larry Lufkin's letter to Laird Robinson. As a result of these informal discussions. Several motions were made. Jack Demmons moved to lower the affiliate charge from \$20 to \$15 per year and to add a membership category of Corporate Member costing \$50. The motion was amended to read Corporate sponsor and the cost from \$50 to negotable, to allow for the wide variation in size of potential corporate sponsor possibilities. Jon seconded the amended motion and the motion was passed by the committee. The committee next discussed and decided to retain the 2 year membership category which Larry Lufkin had suggested dropping. This action required no formal motion.

The committee next discussed the suggestion of giving people who have 5 or 10 year memberships credit for what they paid on those memberships if they choose to convert to a life membership. Jon Moved to credit 5 and 10 year members for money paid for those memberships when converting to Life Memberships. Jack Seconded the motion. Discussion generated an addition to the motion which stated that the credit should also be reflected in payments from those people paying over a 4 year period. Laird asked for a vote on the motion and the motion carried.

Laird asked Tim Aldrich and his membership committee to work on a mission statement for the organization, to better inform potential members what they are getting by becoming members.

New Business: In response to inquiries from some board members, Laird tentatively set the date for the 1999 annual meeting for 9 Apr 1999. Laird also suggested that the long delayed review of the minutes of the 1998 annual meeting be done at the next executive committee meeting which is to be held lues, Oct 13, 1998 at the Minuteman hanger.

Tim Aldrich informed the committee that Carl Gidlund had brought up the possibility of an NSA contribution to the Wild Land Fire Fighter Memorial. Since no one present was familiar with the project, action was delayed until more information was available.

There being no further business, Tim Aldrich moved for adjournment. Lyle Brown seconded and the meeting was concluded at 09:20 P.M.