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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 10 Feb 1998

Location: NSA Office, Missoula County Airport

Members Present:

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| Laird Robinson | Jack Demmons |
| Larry Anderson | Chuck Wildes |
| Jon McBride | Bud Clark |
| Phil Davis | Barry Hicks |

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM.

I. Minutes: Copies of the Minutes of the NSA Executive Committee meeting held on 13 Jan 1998 were distributed and checked by those present. Larry Anderson moved that the Minutes be approved as written. Barry Hicks seconded and the motion carried.

II. Membership: Phil Davis reported that, as of the date of this meeting, the data base remains at 4854 with 1099 members still being carried as active. He stated that there were 56 delinquencies at this time. Jack Demmons handed out samples of a special reminder for delinquent members that he had made-up-and mailed out. This mailing also included a survey form for suggestions for improvement as well as a membership form. Chuck Wildes reported on his efforts to call delinquent members that he knew, in an effort to spur renewals. He stated that the results were highly unsatisfactory. Chuck Wildes also reported that Dave Everett had passed away last November. Laird cited the method used by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in which the final delinquency reminder was followed by a brief, questionnaire concerning why the membership had been dropped and what the foundation might be able to do to make the organization more desirable for them. Jack reported on a breakdown of membership by length and type. Since there was only one affiliate member, Jack moved that the affiliate membership be dropped. Jon McBride seconded. Chuck Wildes suggested that the division be retained until the membership committee becomes functional and let them make the decision. After informal discussion, Jack and Jon withdrew the motion.

III. Treasurers Report: Jon McBride handed out copies of a proposed budget for the following month and discussed the need for such a report. He stated that after several months the monthly budget should become more meaningful as he learns which items run greater or less than the proposed amount. Jon then handed out copies of the Treasurers Report and explained each item. Copies of that report accompany these minutes and will not be covered separately.

Laird suggested that finding a member to takeover the ordering, mailing, and keeping track of inventory would be a great help in removing some of Jack's work load. Bud Clark was approached about taking over this task and he agreed to do it.

Jack broached the subject of advertising by outside people and stated that we are missing some revenue. He stated that at a previous meeting, which he did not attend, a motion was passed to no longer accept advertising from outside the organization. The executive committee agreed that accepting outside advertising would be all right as long as it did not involve soliciting advertising by association members. Jon McBride made a motion to start accepting advertising again. Bud Clark seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Old Business: Laird questioned the progress of the Redding reunion in the year 2000. Barry Hicks said that he had not yet been able to contact Dave Nelson regarding the NSA's suggested dates for the reunion. The committee agreed that no specific dates had been suggested, but that early summer, even though it is very hot in Redding at that time, would still be the preferred time of the year due to school being out and people on vacation anyway.

Laird reported on the progress of the Museum of Mountain Flying and USFS efforts to remove

the remains of the Ford Trimotor at Big Prairie. He stated that at this time there was nothing new to report and that the chances of getting it out at all are very poor. Jack volunteered to attend the next National Forest Service Museum meeting.

Jack reported that more checks have been received for the video project. Regarding the election of directors which was brought up at the last meeting, the committee agreed that since the request for nomination forms for filling director positions had just gone out with the last news letter, nothing could be done until the nominations deadline had been passed. Laird stated that a special meeting of the nominations committee would be necessary before the mailing of the next newsletter, which would contain the voting ballots. No further action was taken by the executive committee.

V. New Business: Laird suggested a date of Saturday, May 16th for the Adopt-A Highway clean up. Laird asked Phil Davis to send out letters to prospective workers before that date., Laird discussed phoning some new people to try and get more participation. Phil suggested that since a big part of the two-mile section is presently under construction, there is very little area to clean and probably wouldn't require many workers. No action was taken since the date is still over two months away.

VI. News Letter Report: Jack Demmons reported that the next newsletter is on schedule. He asked for permission to include more pictures and more shorter

.articles. Laird suggested that any changes in newsletter content should be decided by the news letter committee and that the executive committee would accept that decision. Jack stated that Larry Lufkin had asked for a listing of the inventory of items that the NSA has for sale. Jack also reported that the items that Chuck Pickard has for sale have been selling very well and that in a telephone conversation with Chuck, he had stated that after his expenses were covered, he would donate profits to the NSA.

Jon McBride reported that he had met with Lowell Hanson regarding the missing/uncashed checks and that Lowell had stated that all checks that he had been able to find had been deposited, so it was now just a matter of time and contacting the affected people to see if all the missing checks had been accounted for.

VII. Other Business: Laird scheduled the next meeting of the executive committee for Tuesday, Mar 10 at the NSA office at 7:00 PM. He also stated that we need to plan an agenda for the Directors Meeting on April 10, 1998. Laird also reported that Bill Gastineau had contacted him and was interested in helping the organization.

Barry Hicks suggested that the NSA generate some more specific guidelines for handling hardship cases. Larry Anderson pointed out that the cases are so varied in nature that setting do wn guidelines to cover all situations would be very difficult. He suggested that continuing to handle situations on a case by case basis is still probably the best method. The committee agreed and no formal action was taken.

There being no further business Chuck Wildes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Larry Anderson seconded and the meeting concluded at 09:00 PM.