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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: 16 Dec 97

Location: NSA Office, Missoula County Airport

Members Present:

Laird Robinson
Larry Anderson
Lowell Hanson
Phil Davis
Roger Savage
Barry Reed
Barry Hicks

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 07:15 PM

1. Minutes: Copies of the Minutes of the NSA Executive Committee meeting held on 14 Oct 1997 were handed out and read by those present. No corrections or additions were called for. Larry Anderson moved for approval and Roger Savage seconded and the Minutes were approved as written.
2. Membership: Phil Davis stated that as of this date, there were 1090 members out of a total data base of 4850. He stated that the large increase in the database was a result of the efforts of Roger Savage and Carl Gidlund to find the names of those new jumpers who started jumping after about 1992. Phil stated that we really should have some regular procedure in place to update the data base annually. Laird volunteered to send a letter out to each base in an effort to have the base management forward that information to the NSA each year. Phil also posed the question of what we should use as "Base Trained" now that all new USFS jumpers are training at one base and then moving to the base from which they will work. Those present agreed that the Base Trained code should reflect the base where the new recruit spent his first year of active employment. Phil also stated that there were a great many errors in Base and Year trained in the original compilation of the list due to lack of good records for the earlier jumpers. He stated that Roger Savage had run off lists of jumpers by Base and Year trained and had found several errors and omissions for the year that he was a rookie. Roger stated that we could probably assume that all years and bases would probably have an equal percent of wrong information. He suggested that we work on cleaning up the file by contacting people trained from each year. Laird Robinson thanked Roger and Carl for the time that they had put into this effort.
3. Treasurers Report: Lowell Hanson distributed copies of the treasurers report and discussed each entry. A copy of that report accompanies these minutes and no further explanation should be necessary. Lowell also asked for permission to have a print out made of all transactions on the account for the past year. The executive committee agreed to this expenditure. A question of a \$500 discrepancy in the accounting for the Video Fund was brought up and was determined to be a Matching Grant which so far has not been received.
4. Old Business: Roger Savage questioned whether or not anyone had contacted Dave Nelson regarding the next reunion. Laird agreed to contact him in the coming week.

Laird Robinson discussed the annual Board of Directors meeting and suggested that we start organizing the material as well as determining which board members have terms expiring. He also discussed the nomination of people to fill those expirations since the request for nominations should be in the January news letter. Laird-determined that the date of the annual board meeting as stated previously would be Friday, April 10, 1998.
5. New Business: In Jack Demmons absence, Laird Robinson introduced a memorandum addressed to him from Jack Demmons generally concerning internal operations and

the News Letter. Jack stated that he had ordered 11 more life membership plaques, 12 more caps, and 11 more knives. He stated that there was a need to order more golf shirts and he needed more buckles. He also included a survey form to send out to those people who ordered during 1997 to trace any failure to get the merchandise or get a returned cashed check. He stated that there have been a considerable number of inquiries about overdue orders and un-cashed checks. He stated that he is continuing to send an updated listing of contributors to the Video project, to Fred Rohrbach and all other members of the video committee. He also stated that "Thank You" letters are current.

Jack reported that the National Forest Service Museum is concerned about the lack of NSA representation at the NFSM meetings. He called attention to the need to set up a schedule for this, remind those who are scheduled to attend, and verify the meeting dates. He also stated his concern about simplifying payment for postage and office and building supplies. The committee discussed each point and suggestions were made on solving the problems brought up. Laird Robinson volunteered to set up a schedule for NFSM meeting representation. The committee agreed that the method of payments for postage etc. should be agreed upon between Jack and the New Treasurer when he is on board in January. (See next paragraphs) Concerning putting advertisements in the news letter, Lowell suggested that we get so little revenue from outside advertising that we should not spend time soliciting it, however, he stated that we should continue to advertise our own merchandise. Barry Reed moved that the NSA terminate the sale of ads other than our own merchandise. Barry Hicks seconded and the motion carried.

Laird Robinson informed the committee that Lowell Hanson has submitted his resignation as of Jan 5th 1998 from both the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the National Smokejumper Association. Lowell explained that the timing of his resignation was chosen to coincide with the year-end auditing and to allow the new treasurer time to prepare for the annual meeting. Larry Anderson moved that the board accept Lowell Hanson's resignation and that there be a letter of appreciation sent to Lowell. Roger Savage seconded and the motion carried.

Lowell's resignation brought up a discussion regarding a new treasurer. Some names were suggested including-Jon McBride, Jan McLaren, Chuck Fricke, and Ted Nyquest. Considerable informal discussion was held regarding the skills needed and the necessity of finding someone with enough time to do the job. Laird asked Phil Davis to run a list of the names of all former jumpers who live in the Missoula area so that the executive committee would not overlook any good possibilities for a new treasurer. Phil agreed to run a list as soon as the meeting adjourned.

There being no further business, Laird called for a motion.. Roger Savage moved for adjournment. Larry Anderson seconded and the meeting concluded at 08:50 PM