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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: 14 Oct 1997

Location: NSA Office, Missoula County Airport

Members Present:

Laird Robinson

Carl Gidlund

Phil Davis

Lowell Hanson

Roger Savage

The meeting was called to order by Laird Robinson at 07:15 PM

Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 9 Sep 1997 were distributed to those present. No corrections or additions were called for by those present. Carl Gidlund moved for approval of the minutes as written. Roger Savage seconded and the minutes were approved by the committee.

Membership: Phil Davis reported that there were 1100 members as of this date. Of those 1100 members there were 58 delinquent as of October 1st. Phil questioned how far back to leave the delinquent members on the active list. Those present agreed that we should send second reminders to all members delinquent before Aug 31 and then remove all those who did not pay after the second reminder.

Treasurers Report: Lowell Hanson distributed copies of the treasurer's report and called attention to some minor errors in the print out that were caused by his not knowing about some of the transactions that took place during his three week absence. He stated that a revised report would be made up to replace the one handed out. No further action was taken and a revised report will accompany these minutes.

Old Business: Lowell Hanson reported that there are now 18 Life Members and that the plaques and Ruana knives have been received so the long delayed life member activity should be cleared up within a week. Laird thanked those present for the work done on the fall cleanup for the Adopt-A-Highway program. Roger Savage suggested that probably Saturday would be a better day than Sunday and that we should contact more people for the next cleanup since the turn out was rather low. Laird pointed out that new stationery, reflecting the names of the new board members, should be procured. Carl Gidlund suggested that less pages be printed up and that only the first page of letters and reports use the preprinted letter head. Those present agreed and a new list of officers and other board members was drawn up for use on the new stationery.

New Business: Laird read a letter from three board members, Bill Moody, Fred Rohrbach, and Jerry Timmons, citing problems that the NSA is having in getting the detail work done and suggested ways of correcting some of them. Laird suggested that, since the operational budget is not large enough to hire more help, we try to get through November and December with volunteer help and consider hiring outside help in January. For a long term solution, Laird suggested soliciting members to consider the NSA in estate planning and in choosing insurance beneficiaries. Carl Gidlund suggested having a committee call nonmembers and solicit their membership on a one on one basis. He also suggested having board members make calls in their areas for the same purpose. The executive committee agreed to put an insert in the next news letter addressing the fund raising problem.

Carl Gidlund made several suggestions for the committee to consider for possible further action. 1. He suggested linking computer web pages with the web pages from other smokejumper bases and other forest related agencies. 2. He suggested the possibility of phone-a-thons to increase memberships. 3. He suggested the possibility of organizing mini reunions at outside locations stimulate interest and possibly membership. 4. He mentioned a suggestion by Art Jukkala of looking into a possible Adopt-a-trail program in which a group of former jumpers would

take over the maintenance of one or more of the trails in the wilderness areas which are having to be abandoned due to lack of forest service funding. 5. He also suggested the possibility of organizing a cruise in which many former smokejumpers would go as a group. 6. Last he suggested that the membership be polled via the newsletter to find out and get suggestions on what they expect or would like to get from the NSA organization.

Roger Savage reported that Dave Nelson had asked for information on the preliminary organization of the next reunion. He asked to have some one call Dave regarding this and find out exactly what he needs.

Lowell Hanson suggested that it is not too early to start making preparations for the next annual board meeting.

Laird stated that he would not be present for a November 11 executive committee meeting and suggested that it be delayed a week until November 18. Those present agreed and Phil Davis agreed to call the committee and interested people to inform them of the change and not to come on the regular monthly date.

There being no further business, Roger moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lowell seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 09:05 PM.