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National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: 9 Sep 1997

Location: NSA Office, Missoula County Airport.

Members Present:	Laird Robinson	Lyle Brown
	Lowell Hanson	Roger Savage
	Phil Davis	Barry Reed
	Ed Courtney	

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 07:10 PM

1. Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the NSA Executive Committee Meeting held on 19 Aug 1997 were handed out and read by those present. No corrections were asked for and Laird Robinson moved for approval. Lyle Brown seconded and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Membership: Phil Davis reported that as of this date, there were 4814 names in the data base and 1096 were active members of the NSA. He also stated that there were 47 of these active members delinquent as of the end of August.
3. Treasurers Report: Lowell Hanson reported that an audit of the telephone usage under the measured service that we are now using showed 21 hours of local calls. He stated that this was far in excess of the expected usage, causing the savings to be much less than hoped for. The committee agreed to try the service one more month before changing back to the previous billing method or going to some other system. He suggested that the excess hours of local call time might be caused by usage of the internet and retrieval of E-mail. Lowell discussed the printed treasurers report. A copy of this report is attached and will not be repeated in the minutes. As a result of discussion of money set aside for the National Forest Service Museum, Laird Robinson stated that he had attended NFSM meeting and discussed the state of that project. He informed the committee that ground had been broken, but that there were still significant problems to be solved before any construction could began.
4. Old Business: Lowell Hanson reported that there are now 18 life members. He stated that the plaques are ready and that the Ruana knives are now being engraved with the recipients name , membership number and the Letters NSA. Laird reported that the Ford trimotor and jumper painting had been sent back to Fritz Wolfram for minor corrections. He stated that no decision had yet been made on how best to use the painting. Roger Savage reported that the web page is progressing well and made the suggestion that all former and present smokejumper's names, status, year and base trained, be put on the web page. He also suggested that this might produce more addresses, error corrections, missing information, and consequently, more memberships. Phil Davis and Roger Savage agreed to work together on this and pull only the information that is wanted on the web page from the data base file.
5. New Business: Some informal discussion was held on the best manner to solve the ongoing problem of getting the office work load off Jack Demmons and allow him to be able to work full time on the news letter. Suggestions ranged from hiring a paid office manager or executive secretary to requesting more volunteer help. No motions were made and no official action taken. Scheduling a time for the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup was brought up and the members present decided to schedule the cleanup for Sunday, Sep 28. Roger Savage agreed to pick up the materials, Laird agreed to-produce a letter and Phil agreed to run labels for mailing a notice to those who usually help with this project. Roger Savage brought up the need for updating our computer programs. He suggested that it would probably cost about \$300. The next meeting was tentatively set for Oct 14, 1997.

There being no further business, Laird moved for adjournment at 08:40 PM. Ed seconded and the motion carried.