Meeting Minutes, August 19th, 1997

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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NSA Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 19 Aug 1997
Location: NSA Office, Missoula County Airport

Members Present:
- Laird Robinson
- Larry Anderson
- Lowell Hanson
- Phil Davis
- Roger Savage

Laird Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

1. Minutes of the meeting held 15 Jul 1997 were read by those present. No changes were called for and Larry Anderson moved that the minutes be approved as written. Roger Savage seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

2. Membership Report: Phil Davis reported that as of this date, the total database count is 4814 with 1092 still listed as active. Of those still listed as active, 45 are delinquent. He stated that the reminders for the last two months have not been mailed and we will probably pick up many of the delinquencies when a reminder is received.

3. Treasurers Report: Lowell Hanson called attention to several contributions to the Video project funding which resulted from the insert in the last newsletter. Lowell questioned whether we should continue with the advertising inserts in the newsletter. Laird suggested that we continue, and those present agreed as long the advertisers are kept informed of problems which can result from separate printing of the inserts. The main complaints were regarding the quality of pictures copied for newsprint. Lowell reported that, currently, about $7500 has been donated to the video project. Laird reminded those present that the NSA is not financially obligated to cover any part of the project.

The remainder of the treasurer’s report concerns the financial status and is included in the attached treasurers report.

Lowell also reported that we have one more life member and that the Ruana knives and the plaques are ready for shipping except for agreement on what should be engraved on the knives. Some discussion was held on what should be engraved and it was agreed that the cost of engraving might limit the amount of engraving done. Larry Anderson moved that Name, Life Member, and Number be engraved, dependent on the possible prohibitive cost. Roger Savage seconded and the motion carried.

4. Video Report: Lowell stated that most of the video report had already been covered in the treasurers report. He did add the information that donations of $170 had been received from NSA members.

5. Old Business: National Forest Service Museum: Laird reported that he had attended the last NFSM meeting and had learned that there was a delay on the start of construction due to the fact that an acceptable site plan had not been prepared. Also, there were problems with the temporary location being too close to the USFS explosive storage site which could not be moved due to cost. Laird also reported that a written agreement from both the NSA and MMF is needed. Laird also reported that this be taken up with Lon Dale. Lowell Hanson made a motion that full agreement of the executive committee be required before releasing any of funds promised to the National Forest Service.
Museum. Larry Anderson seconded and the motion carried.

Roger Savage reported that Dave Nelson had called regarding the year 2000 reunion and had suggested that the reunion be held in May due to the very hot weather at Redding in the later summer. Discussion was held on the problems of a May reunion concerning schools still being in session and its being too early for normal summer vacations. It was agreed that reunion information should be included on the web page, that the reunion should include all jumpers and not just members, and that a time of early June was preferable to earlier in the year. No formal action was taken.

Roger Savage reported on progress of the web page and suggested that we contact Robert Hubble, who originally set up the web page, for further suggestions.

6. New Business: Laird Robinson asked Phil Davis to mail out copies of the minutes to each director after the minutes have been approved by the executive committee. Laird also asked Phil to notify the executive committee of meeting dates. He also suggested that meeting time be changed to 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and that meetings be held to two hours in length.

Laird asked for suggestions on how to utilize the Trimotor and Jumper painting which was more or less donated to the association if it is wanted. He said that, considering the quality of the painting, limited copies could be used as an additional incentive to Life Members; it could be used in a fund raising effort or it could be kept for a sales item at the next jumper reunion. Larry Anderson suggested that this be put before the board of directors at the next annual meeting. Laird agreed to research the costs involved.

There being no further business, Lowell Hanson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Roger Savage seconded and the meeting concluded at 08:20 PM.