Meeting Minutes, August 13th, 1996

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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Date: 13 August 1996  
Time: 1845-2110  
Place: Hanger 24, Museum of Mountain Flying

Members Present

1. Ed Courtney  
2. Laird Robinson  
3. Larry Anderson  
4. Lyle Brown  
5. Lowell Hanson  
6. Roger Savage  
7. Carl Gidlund  
8. Bill Hutcheson  
9. Barry Reed  
10. Lon Dale  
11. Greg Lee  
12. Stan Cohen (MMF)

1. The minutes of the June and July Executive Committee were read and approved. Larry moved the minutes approved as read and Lyle seconded.

2. Lowell provided the financial report. Attached.

3. Ed Courtney provided the membership report as Jack Demmons was absent. As of 13 August 1996, there are 1073 members with 21 delinquent on dues as of 1 June 1996.

4. Committee Report:

A. Hall of Fame: Tabled until the next meeting

B. National Forest Service Museum Alliance: Lowell Hanson gave a briefing on the recent National Forest Service Museum (NFSM) Alliance Meeting. Lon Dale, Lowell Hanson and Roger Savage comprise the NSA committee. There were three basic proposals made during the meeting: 1) form a new non-profit organization; 2) form a non-profit organization; and 3) formulate a working agreement among the members of the Alliance to coordinate funding raising efforts, identify needs and assume each member organization of sufficient space in the new museum. The above item "3 " was the proposal assigned upon by the Alliance

Lowell stated that the Alliance would require an input of funds from each of its members. The NSA portion is eleven thousand dollars ($11,000.00) at the present time.

Stan Cohen, the MMF rep attending this meeting, told the NSA Executive Committee that the MMF was extremely short of funds and would therefore: A) keep an open mind on general support; B) back off one membership in the Alliance; and C) attempt to fix-up the old wooden structure located on the 3A presently owned by MMF.
Following a discussion on the above, Lon Dale made a motion that a special meeting of the NSA Board of Directors be held on Tuesday, 10 September 1996, to resolve the following:

A) The $11,000.00 NSA contributing to the NFSM Alliance,

B) Review and decide on a memorandum of understanding for working with the NFSM.

C) Life membership.

D) Location of the next reunion.

Larry Anderson seconded and the motion carried.

C) Computer on Line

Roger Savage, Barry Reed, Greg Lee. After a lengthy discussion, most of which was not understood by some present, it was agreed that the NSA needs a new computer as the present one is too old and cannot handle the workload. Roger Savage, Greg Lee, Barry Reed and Lowell Hanson will research the purchase of a new computer. Lyle Brown made a motion to allocate up to $25,000.00 for the purchase and Laird Robinson seconded. The motion carried. Lowell Hanson advised that NSA had sufficient funds and that the funds would be taken out of CD# 1.

D) Smokejumper Video - Larry Anderson

1. Historical films and availability - Carl Gidlund

Carl Gidlund provided a written report on the proposed S.J. video project and an exemplar of a memo of understanding between Image Communications, Inc. and the USFS. (attached) Carl and Larry Anderson will continue investigating the most expeditious and low cost approach to this project.

E) Recognition Award Certificates

Bill Hutcheson - the Certificates of Appreciation are ready to be finished. He reported there would be a one time expense of approximately $75.00 for calligraphy.

5. Newsletter

As Jack Demmons was absent, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Other:

Stan Cohen advised that MMF had a heater for the hangar and asked for NSA financial support for the installation. (It is presently impossible to work in the hangar during the winter months.) Carl Gidlund made a motion that NSA share costs of the heater installation and Lyle Brown seconded. The motion carried. Stan Cohen will provide estimates in a subsequent NSA Executive Committee meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2110 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 10 September at, 1900 hours in the MMF hangar.