Meeting Minutes, June 11th, 1995

National Smokejumper Association Executive Committee

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Meeting called to order by Ed Courtney, President.

Treasurer's Report: Lowell Hanson reported that he has placed money from ten year memberships in a CD. He would like to use the interest from this money for expenses each year. The concern is that if we don't set this money aside it will be spent before the membership expires; leaving the Association with nothing to finance on-going expenses, i.e. newsletters, etc.

Membership: Phil Davis indicated that the Association is picking up lots of delinquent members who were sent cards as reminders. Many of them are re-signing for five or ten years.

Revised Membership letters sent to new members, and renewals. Ed voiced concern that hotshot firefighters were mentioned in the recommended revision. It was moved and seconded that these be deleted from the letter; and that smokejumpers and smokejumper pilots be included. The motion passed.

Election of new members to the Board of Directors: In addition to Bill Moody being reelected to the Board four new members were elected. They are Carl Gidlund, Larry Moore, George Gowen, and Charles Sheley. We received about 30% return of the ballots. We need to further study ways of getting better response in next year's election.

Newsletter: Jack asks that the Newsletter be expanded to 24 pages from the present sixteen. He also suggests a change in the format to include advertising; and to change the postage to second class in an effort to speed delivery. Several voiced concern that expanding the newsletter would be a hardship on the budget. It was decided that a meeting would be held with Lowell, Jack and Ed, and, if possible the Editorial Committee. Lowell is getting bids on 16, 20, and 24 page Newsletters from print shops around Missoula. The discussion was tabled pending further information. It was agreed that Jack is doing an outstanding job, and that the newsletter is an invaluable tool in attracting and keeping members. A concern was voiced that Jack is having to assume too much of the membership duties. This along with the newsletter is taking up too much of his time. There is a concern regarding possible burnout. The general feeling is that Jack should devote his time to the Newsletter only. Lowell will take over the orders for merchandise, and Ed will handle the memberships.

Part time employee Michelle has taken a full time job but would like to work in our office 6 hours a week. Lowell will check with the Nelson Employment Agency and determine if the extra time is possible for her. He will also see if the Association can hire her on its own.

Video: No report. John Harper was invited to attend this meeting, but was a no show.

The USFS Museum has contacted the McLean family about getting a percentage of the receipts from the movie "Young Men and Fire". Laird was asked to use his contacts to see if the NSA could also share in the receipts.

Ed said he would write a letter to Earl thanking him for the donation of his book Trimotor and Trail. The MSO Welfare fund will purchase 50 of the books as soon as they are available.
Reunion 2000: Nobody seems interested in putting it on. It is looking more like the reunion will be in Missoula again.

Motion to close, with the next meeting to be held July 9, 1996. Seconded and passed.

Attending: Ed Courtney, Laird Robinson, Larry Anderson, Barry Reed, Bill Hutcheson, Lowell Hanson, Roger Savage