



NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 6, 2014

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Search Dog Alliance was held by conference call on Thursday, February 6 2014. President Norma Snelling called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. EDT.

The following Directors were present and constituted a quorum:

Cameron Daggett	Susan Fleming	Gloria Howard	Robert Noziska
Jan Meyer	Sherry Scruggs	Norma Snelling	Sue Wolff

Absent was:

Robert Simon

Minutes from the January 2, 2014, meeting were approved as corrected.

Officer's Reports

Executive Director's Report

Shayla Price

Director Price reported that NSDA is signed up for AmazonSmile and Great Non-Profits. She said she and Norma are in the process of filing the AKC-CAR grant follow-up for the latest grant to NSDA. Director Price and President Snelling had a productive conference call with the NSDA webmaster regarding updating the Alliance website

President's Report

Norma Snelling

President Norma Snelling mentioned that she and Sue Wolff entered the Salute to Senior Service contest on behalf of NSDA. This challenge selects a nominee from each state who, voters believe, has been the most significant volunteer. Each state winner receives \$500 for their non-profit and the national winner's charity receives \$5,000. She mentioned that voters should be encouraged to make comments on each entry as that assists the judges in selecting the final winner.

President Norma Snelling encouraged Board members to check out all types of websites especially ones not geared toward canines and to make note of what they find interesting and what makes it easy to navigate the site.

President Norma Snelling said she will be doing a presentation to her local CERT group on NSDA's Disaster First Responder and spoke with Kathleen Kelsey, 2013 winner of the Glen Thompson Memorial 9/11 Award, about obtaining some K-9 disaster photos for a Power Point. Norma said that Kathleen was very responsive to the NSDA Disaster First Responder.

Vice President's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Sherry Scruggs said that she also had been in contact with Kathleen Kelsey and has been working with her on Beta testing of the Disaster First Responder. President Norma Snelling mentioned that Prerequisites were still needed for the standard.

Secretary's Report

Sue Wolff

Sue Wolff reported that the only motion made via e-mail was:

January 17, 2014, Sue Wolff made a motion, seconded by Norma Snelling, to accept the Expense Reimbursement of Instructor's Policy. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Cam Daggett

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America	30,373.31
2 · Capital One Bank	30,932.08
3 · membership@n-sda.org	6,488.70
Total Checking/Savings	67,794.09
Total Current Assets	67,794.09
TOTAL ASSETS	67,794.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Equity	36,521.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	27,440.65
Net Income	3,832.26
Total Equity	67,794.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	67,794.09

Board Liaison Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Norma Snelling

Changing descriptions of membership categories was discussed and Director Price suggested a non-voting, membership category for supporters of search and rescue with a \$20 membership fee. As NSDA already has a Sustaining Membership class which fits this description, it was decided to recommend the charge to the Board. The Board agreed to the \$20 membership fee with a letter being sent to the Sustaining Members in lieu of a more expensive membership card.

President Norma Snelling reported that Alaska is establishing a canine search and rescue standard and the teams there want to see NSDA's criteria utilized. Also Avalanche evaluations are needed there as well and Alaska's Evaluator, Stacie Burkhardt, was working on finding a large enough group of people that would like certification tests so that they could pay for an Evaluator to come to Alaska.

Membership

Susan Fleming

Susan Fleming reported that Cal Kelley will be updating the membership rosters on the second and fourth weekends of each month. The rosters will then be posted on DropBox. Cal has purchased a new printer to be used for membership cards. Susan also said that membership is increasing and another team has joined.

Evaluators/Testing

Jan Mayer

Jan Meyer reported that an updated website Evaluator list was ready to be put online and that she would be sending the Evaluators their new requirements. Some of the latest Evaluator updates were discussed, especially the one relating to Evaluators advertising their upcoming tests. The general consensus was to encourage Evaluators to advertise their tests but not make it a specified requirement. This would still allow Evaluators to hold tests spontaneously without being required to advertise first.

President Norma Snelling said that the Evaluators need to be notified that they are to send testing information to Jan Frazee. Jan Meyer said that she will be processing the Atterbury evaluation requests as they are received with the registrations.

Education

Norma Snelling

President Norma Snelling said that the Disaster First Responder test questions have gone to the NSDA webmaster for posting. He will use these as the beta test for a program he is developing for NSDA's online testing.

Alliance Depot

Gloria Howard

Gloria Howard reported that sales have been slow and that \$60.00 worth of merchandise was sold in January.

Unfinished Business

Susan Fleming reported that there are twenty-seven (27) registrations for the Hanover Seminar and that she had sent a check for \$4,275 to Cam for deposit. She said that she had sent registrations to the Instructors and they are working with their students on what they want to accomplish at the seminar.

Lack of continuity and length of service on the Board was discussed. The problem of how to get new Board members up-to-speed quickly was seen as the main problem. It was decided that an orientation notebook for the new Board members might solve that problem.

Susan Fleming stated her opinion that the length of service for an officer (one year) seems too short for the continuity of the Board. Sue Wolff stated that nowhere was any term limit written down. It was decided to leave things as they exist for the time being.

New Business

President Norma Snelling mentioned that she has appointed Larry Welker as Nominating Committee Chair for the 2014 Board elections.

In an e-mail, Director Price had suggested new verbiage for the Individual Membership category: *One person, **active in or retired from search and rescue activities**, joining the Alliance for the period of one year. An Individual Member has full voting rights in the Alliance.* Shayla made this suggestion for grant funding in order to bring the Bylaws in line with NSDA's purpose. After a discussion, it was decided to leave the wording as is since NSDA membership is not restricted to search and rescue.

The Sustaining Membership category was also discussed. It was decided not to change the definition, to charge \$20.00 for Sustaining Members, to add a Sustaining Member button to the front page of the website and to mail a letter welcoming the Sustaining Member to NSDA.

Grant funding was discussed and the Board was asked to send project suggestions to either President Norma Snelling or Executive Director Shayla Price.

As there was no further business, Gloria Howard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Wolff. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 EST.



Sue C. Wolff, Secretary, February 7, 2014