

Minutes for NSDA Meeting

Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 3, 2015

Call to Order by Susan Fleming

Roll Call

Directors: Susan Fleming, Sherry Scruggs, Terry Crooks, Heather Suedkamp, Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg, Kathleen Kelsey, Julie Gibson, Robert Noziska, Jen Skeldon

Absent: Bridget Jackson

Members: Norma Snelling, Rena Ferguson

Terry Crooks made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2015 meeting. Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2015 meeting. Terry Crooks seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Susan Fleming

During the Executive Board meeting there was discussion about updating and streamlining the evaluator guidelines. Norma Snelling and Sherry Scruggs are working on this.

A topic that needs discussion at the Face to Face meeting in November are semi-annual regional certifications.

There is a need to educate our board members. All opinions are important and everyone needs to contribute. Present board members need to start identifying potential future board members. Board members need to get a "Linkedin" account. During phone conferences members need to identify themselves before they start speaking.

Vice President's Report

Terry Crooks

No report

Secretary's Report

Sherry Scruggs

No report

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Total Liabilities and Assets as of September 3, 2015 are \$78,200.75

Committee Reports**Alliance Depot**

Gloria Howard

Report was sent to Sherry Scruggs for presentation to the board. The store only had one sale last month. The cost for the rocker arms will be slightly higher than originally stated. The new total will be \$526.00 without tax. Julie Gibson made a motion to accept the new amount. Sherry Scruggs seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Education Chair

Wade Boyd

Report was sent to Sherry Scruggs for presentation to the board. New education materials have been posted to the web site under **RESOURCES>EDUCATION>NSDA REFERENCE MATERIALS** Feedback will be appreciated. Space on the web site can be saved by changing the format of "NSDA Dropbox Links" to the same format as "Maps and Map Reading". I will be working on assigning International Standard Book Numbers to all our books. I am beginning to work on a guide for hosting NSDA training and testing events. I'm continuing to work on study guides for the on line tests. I would like everyone to review "General Written Exam Study Guide", which is on the web site. Feedback would be appreciated.

Evaluator Committee Chair

Susan Fleming

The new Evaluator Chair is Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg. Kathleen Kelsey is now an apprentice evaluator in Land HRD. Chris Moe-Herlick is now a principal evaluator for Area.

Fundraising Chair

Pat Reagan

No Report

Membership

Ann Moser

Report was sent to Sherry Scruggs for presentation to the board. The current annual membership is 304. Sue Bulanda is going to help contact expired members.

Podcasts

Eva Briggs

Susan Fleming reported usage has gone down since there was a shift from one hosting company to another. But now the usage numbers are increasing.

Resource Committee Chair

Tracey Burns

Susan Fleming reported that the "Resource List" will appear on the front page of the web site within a month.

Social Media Chair

Suzanne Elshult

No report

Testing Chair

Rena Ferguson

There are three more regional tests scheduled for this year. There may be one other one. There were six tests given in August for a yearly total of one hundred. There is a conference call on September 24, 2015 to discuss the Beta Testing Form for large source human remains.

Website

Norma Snelling

Laurie Strite is now the web site liaison. The Hero Dog Awards is now on our web site and being advertised on Facebook. There are now 1314 newsletter subscribers.

Unfinished Business

Norma Snelling is writing the evaluator application for the discipline Area/Large Source Cadaver. All land HRD evaluators will be eligible to apply.

New Business

Disaster Evaluators: There was much discussion on this and it was decided that a committee of people will work on coming up with a questionnaire that will be attached to the evaluator application. The committee will report to the board at a later date.

Sherry Scruggs is receiving spam mail through her NSDA e-mail address. Norma Snelling suggested anyone having trouble should contact her and she can change the addresses.

Heather Suedkamp suggested that during water evaluations, the evaluators can use a GPS to mark the source location. Norma Snelling will add this to the standard allowing for either buoys or a GPS may be used.

Heather Suedkamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Gibson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:26 pm EST.