

Minutes for NSDA Meeting

October 1, 2015

Call to Order by Susan Fleming

Roll Call

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

Absent: Julie Gibson

Members: Wade Boyd, Rena Ferguson

Meeting minutes of the August and September meetings were approved as written.

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Susan Fleming

Executive Board Discussion - Regional Testing Requirements: Candidate paperwork should be sent to the evaluator preferably a month prior to the field test. It is recommended that field tests are prepaid. There needs to be at least nine to ten testing candidates to conduct the test.

Multi-Agency Meeting with NASAR, SARDUS, SDONA, NASDN, ARDA and NSDA. Another teleconference will be scheduled in the near future. Possible face-to-face meeting in February.

We may have to move our accounts out of Bank of America if they can't accommodate how we sign our signature cards.

Vice President's Report

Terry Crooks

Fielding questions that are coming into the website. Most are about how to navigate the website. Concerns are being dealt with quickly.

Secretary's Report

Sherry Scruggs

No report

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Total Liabilities and Assets as of October 1, 2015 are \$78,295.57

Two reports will be sent to Laurie Strite each month to post on the website.

Committee Reports

Alliance Depot (e-mailed report)

Gloria Howard

Sales for the store for the month of September were \$134. Rockers are in route to Stacie and invoice has been sent to Cam. Total for rockers was \$696.23.

Education Chair

Wade Boyd

Exploring different websites for useful information that we should post on our website. Some of these websites were discussed and Wade outlined the information they contain. The website links were sent to the BOD's. It was decided that these links should be advertised in our newsletter and on the Facebook page. The website is better than it was a year ago but still needs some work to make it easier to access training materials. Wade wants feedback on the power point presentation that he created on map reading.

Evaluator Committee Chair

Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg

Refer to New Business

Fundraising Chair

Pat Reagan

No Report

Membership

Ann Moser

No Report

Podcasts (e-mailed report)

Eva Briggs

The September 15 Podcast was a talk about training principles and identifying and fixing training errors, by Marcia Koenig. The August 14 Podcast was an interview with 2 different performance dog handlers, Kyra Sundance and Richard Curtis. The October podcast will be about ICS. In November, Dr. James Serpell will record a podcast. He is an animal behavior specialist and ethicist at the University of Pennsylvania.

Resource Committee Chair

Tracey Burns

Ms. Burns stepped down from this position. We need to identify someone else who can take on her duties.

Social Media Chair (e-mailed report)

Suzanne Elshult

Facebook page is doing well

Testing Chair

Rena Ferguson

There were 5 tests given in September. This brings the yearly total to 109 tests so far. We have done 4 regional tests so far with 3 more scheduled to finish out the year.

Website

Norma Snelling

No report

Unfinished Business

Disaster Evaluator Questionnaire: The disaster evaluators are still working on a document to decide what qualifications would be acceptable for a future evaluator. A teleconference will be schedule this month to discuss this topic.

New Business

Heather Proper-VanValkenberg sent out an e-mail gathering information about the "Area and Large Source Cadaver Standard": A question of whether the subject should stay in place or leave after being found was put out to Area/Land HRD evaluators. The majority of evaluators felt that decision should be left up to the evaluator conducting the test.

The Board Members clarified who the actual evaluators of this test will be. Anyone who is an approved evaluator for "Area" can automatically be an evaluator for this discipline. An approved evaluator for "Land HRD" will not automatically qualify to conduct this test. They will have to achieve evaluator status in "Area".

Heather Suedkamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bridget Jackson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:04 pm EST.