

Minutes for NSDA Meeting

Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

December 3, 2015

Call to Order by Susan Fleming

Roll Call

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

Absent: Heather Suedkamp, Robert Noziska

Members: Eva Briggs, Rena Ferguson

Minutes from the November 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as written

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Susan Fleming

Glen Thompson Scholarship: Art Wolff is checking to see if there will be money donated for the 2016 budget year. Kathleen Kelsey has spent \$800.00 of last year's scholarship and still has another \$200.00 to spend on her puppy.

NSDA Facebook sites: Presently there are two sites for NSDA; the board has voted to just have one site on Facebook.

Membership cards w/o expiration date: Ann Moser is OK with the decision to just make one membership card for NSDA members. Old cards that have expiration dates on them will be replaced when those memberships are up for renewal.

Membership profile: Jen Skeldon has volunteered to work on a survey sheet for the membership. It will contain questions asking what member's special skills are or what they would have an interest in working on.

Vice President's Report

Terry Crooks

Online fundraising: After consulting with others; found out it is best to get someone from within the organization to head this up. It's not good to have someone outside the organization do this. Continuing to get more information.

Secretary's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Information has been sent to Norma Snelling to edit the "Pre-requisite Check Off Sheet" for each discipline to show that Law Enforcement canines are required to meet a different standard as far as a "Temperament Test".

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Total Liabilities and Assets as of December 2, 2015 are \$74,612.39

Working on Budget for 2016 to present at the January meeting

Committee Reports**Alliance Depot**

Gloria Howard

No Report

Susan Fleming asked Gloria to order evaluator shirts and caps for availability in the depot.

Education Chair (e-mailed report)

Wade Boyd

In the next week I hope to get our first draft of a handbook "Guide to hosting a NSDA Field Event." This will focus on framing NSDA field events within the ICS structure used for SAR operations; including information now provided on the NSDA web site under "Hosting Team Information."

Evaluator Committee Chair

Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg

Karen Nesbett has been approved for Principal Disaster Evaluator. Marty Williams has been approved for Principal Area Evaluator. Kim Veldheer has been approved for Apprentice Disaster Evaluator. Rena Ferguson has been approved for Apprentice Land HRD Evaluator. Linda George has been approved for Principal Area, Land HRD, Disaster and Trailing.

Suzanne Elshult is applying for Principal Area Evaluator. Erica Vieira is applying for Apprentice Evaluator for Disaster and Area.

Fundraising Chair

Pat Reagan

No Report

Membership (e-mailed report)

Ann Moser

Eight new memberships in November.

Podcasts

Eva Briggs

The next podcast will host the Civil Air Patrol. There are several people that are saying they will speak at the podcast; Eva is working on pinning down some dates.

Resource Committee Chair

Jan Myers

No Report

Social Media Chair (e-mailed report)

Suzanne Elshult

Our Facebook page is doing well and we keep adding likes. Other social media venues such as Twitter and Instagram are adding just a few members per month.

Testing Chair

Rena Ferguson

There were 14 tests given in November. This brings the total number of tests given in 2015 to 151 tests, which is above our projected goal for 2015.

Website (e-mailed report)

Norma Snelling

The newsletter is running at 1328 readers. The Discipline Prerequisite test (general test) has been updated to correct errors in answer choices. The avalanche written test is being forwarded to Gary Blocker to be activated on line.

Unfinished Business

NSDA's mission statement was edited at the face to face meeting of the board of directors which took place on November 14, 2015.

The board members present, at this meeting, (Dec. 3, 2015) unanimously approve the mission statement as written below:

The mission of the National Search Dog Alliance, a not-for-profit, 501(c) (3), is to serve communities through the certification and education of search and rescue and law enforcement canine teams and their support personnel.

- **Serve communities: our certified canine teams respond to local and national emergencies and provide awareness programs on proactive safety education.**
- **Certification: we provide nationally recognized standards to ensure the highest quality resources to advance public safety.**
- **Sponsoring Education at the local, regional and national level to provide professional continuous learning opportunities.**

Gun Source Residue Standard: Norma Snelling will talk with Cat Best to get this finalized.

New Business

Bridget Jackson reported on the use of “Tee Spring” for acquiring funds for NSDA. She gave a brief report to the board on how this resource could help NSDA. She will investigate further and report back to the board.

Regional Testing/Training. Four events are planned; GA, TX, Atterbury, WA. People are still working on getting information to put on these events.

There was a spreadsheet sent to the board which detailed an “Instructors List” of folks that had been used to teach and instruct handlers in SAR. The board was tasked with looking at the spreadsheet and making suggestions of any changes that need to be made.

Terry Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Gibson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:09 pm EST.