

# Minutes for NSDA Meeting

Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 3, 2016

## Call to Order by Susan Fleming

### Roll Call

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

Absent: Heather Suedkamp, Bridget Jackson

Members: Rena Ferguson, Rachel Kravitz, Christin Kieffer

## Approve meeting minutes from Feb. meeting

Unanimously approved

## Officer's Reports

### President's Report

Susan Fleming

There is \$200.00 left in the Hernandez account that wasn't spent on a dog purchase. The board unanimously decided to use that money to fund travel expenses for a disaster evaluator to travel to a test.

Website: Addition of Pam Boyke to help with website and newsletter

Membership Chair: Changing from Ann Moser to Christin Kieffer

Gun Source Residue: Ready to beta test. There was discussion among the board members and it was decided that Principal Evaluators who are testing Land HRD can apply to conduct this test. They won't have to fill out a new evaluator application form but will have to show proof of a gun safety course, background check and current CPR/First Aide card.

### 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 March 1, 2016 are \$80,400.14. There will be a revised 2016 budget sent out to the board for a vote of acceptance.

**Committee Reports****Alliance Depot (e-mailed report)**

Bridget Jackson

Sales for February were \$152.00

**Education Chair**

Wade Boyd

No Report

**Evaluator Committee Chair**

Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg

JoMay and Roy Pescador have both completed requirements for Apprentice Avalanche evaluator. The evaluator list is being checked to make sure evaluators are up to date on administering tests.

**Fundraising Chair**

Pat Reagan

No Report

**Membership (e-mailed report)**

Ann Moser

The membership total as of March 1, 2016 is 463.

**Podcasts (e-mailed report)**

Eva Briggs

I released the March episode as of March 1. It is an interview about backpacking and long-distance hiking with dogs. I have already recorded and scheduled six podcast to upload on April 15 (backtracking with Robert Noziska), May 15 (canine motivation with Robert Noziska), June 15 (dogs in poetry with Rachael Briggs), July 15 (working with agencies having jurisdiction with Deborah Palman), August 15 (scent specific area search with Katherine Lewis), and September 15 (canine decontamination with Shay Cook)

**Resource Committee Chair (e-mail report)**

Jan Meyer

In the process of editing the spread sheet.

**Social Media Chair (e-mailed report)**

Suzanne Elshult

As of March 1, 2016 there are 968 Facebook members, 18 Twitter followers, and 24 Instagram followers.

**Testing Chair**

Rena Ferguson

There were 10 tests given in January and 5 more scheduled for February. There are 6 regional tests in various stages of discussion.

**Website (e-mailed report)**

Laurie Strite

There were 16 change requests in the month of February, and 3 end user problems that were corrected. Still working to format some documents and reformatting sections of the website.

**Nominating Chair**

Julie Gibson reported there are 6 open positions and she received 5 applications. The BOD applicants are: Kathleen Kelsey, Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg, Jen Skeldon, Tricia Heldmann and Heather Suedkamp.

**Unfinished Business**

National Canine Search and Rescue Alliance “Memorandum of Understanding” discussion: Do we agree to become a part of this? There was a lot of discussion among the board and it was unanimously decided to participate with this new organization for the time being. Susan Fleming will be the NSDA representative and sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

**New Business**

None

**Action Items:**

All future actions are already assigned and being worked on.

**Julie Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:22 pm EST.**