

Minutes for NSDA Meeting

April 7, 2016

Call to Order by Susan Fleming

Roll Call

Directors: Susan Fleming, Sherry Scruggs, Terry Crooks, Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg, Jen Skeldon

Absent: Robert Noziska, Kathleen Kelsey, Bridget Jackson, Julie Gibson, Heather Suedkamp

Members: Norma Snelling, Laurie Strite

Approve meeting minutes from March meeting

Didn't have a quorum of the board present so minutes will be voted on via e-mail.

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Susan Fleming

During the executive meeting, Susan reported that she has templates that can be modified to suit Regional Testing announcements. Evaluator Guidelines are off the web temporarily until they are updated.

There was a teleconference on how to fix web related issues.

The Committee Chair and Project Leader Chart will be updated and added to the web under "About Us tab".

New Job Position: Pam Boyke is now helping with membership issues related with the web.

Chrys Kieffer is now performing Ann Moser's job.

The Hero Dog contest is still going on and 3 of the 4 canine handlers in the Search and Rescue category have selected NSDA as their preferred organization.

Vice President's Report

Terry Crooks

There was a very nice article written in the March NSDA Newsletter about Avalanche Certifications. One of the canine handlers, Scott Quirsfeld, may be writing an article for a major magazine.

Secretary's Report

Sherry Scruggs

No Report

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Total Liabilities and Assets as of April 1, 2016 are \$83,191.66

Sent out a revised version of the 2016 budget to be voted on by the board but there is no quorum at this meeting.

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

Bridget Jackson

The store made \$195.98 in the month of March.

Education Chair

Wade Boyd

No Report

Evaluator Committee Chair

Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg

Sue Bonney has been approved for apprentice disaster. K. T. Irwin and JoMay Pescador are approved as GSR Evaluators.

Fundraising Chair

Pat Reagan

No Report

Membership

Ann Moser

No Report

Podcasts

Eva Briggs

No Report

Resource Committee Chair

Jan Meyer

No Report

Social Media Chair (e-mailed report)

Suzanne Elshult

As of April 1, 2016 there are 1022 Facebook members, 23 Twitter followers, and 24 Instagram followers.

Testing Chair (e-mailed report)

Rena Ferguson

There were 6 tests given in February and 22 in March for a total of 38 for the year so far.

Website

Laurie Strite

There were 7 change requests in the month of March, 2 problems corrected and 4 end user problems that were corrected. We will need to work on the process as to how problems come into NSDA and get funneled to the correct area, resolved, and recorded. Problems will be analyzed to see if any changes can be made to prevent a repeat of the problem. Working with Rena Ferguson and Pam Boyke to fix user problems.

Nominating Chair

Julie Gibson

No Report

Unfinished Business**New Business**

Policy for Joint Organizations at the same Regional Testing: There was discussion on how we should handle the situation where NSDA pays to send evaluators to testing areas (joint testing) where there are other organizations joining. No other organization pays to send evaluators. We have some NSDA evaluators that are also evaluators for other organizations. How do we handle paying their way and then those same evaluators provide testing for the other organizations in which they are evaluators? This needs to be looked at further, possibly a committee, to work on a policy to deal with this situation.

Grant monies for research: There was a request from Paul Martin to be awarded some of our research dollars to complete the final tasks needed to complete the research that he has been working on for many years. His request was sent to the board and they have one week to contact Paul Martin and ask for any clarification about his research. There will be a vote

taken, after that time has passed, to see if the board will award any money and what that money amount will be.

Action Items:

Susan Fleming will ask for a vote by the board as to whether they accept the Minutes from the March meeting. This will be done via e-mail.

Susan Fleming will ask for a vote by the board as to whether they accept the proposed 2016 budget.

Sherry Scruggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:55 pm EST.