

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Thursday February 11, 2010 8:00 EST

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Members attending: Sherry Scruggs, Sue Wolff, Norma Snelling, Dee Wild, Terry Crooks, Cameron Daggett

Members absent: Cris Goodhue on vacation, Larry Welker, and Jacob Weaver

Guests attending: None

**Decisions voted on since the last meeting via e-mail:** Sue revised the BOD candidate's questionnaire and sent it to the Board Members for a vote. Norma made a motion to accept the document and Sherry seconded. The following members responded to accept the motion. Norma, Sherry, Dee, Sue, Larry, Terry

**President's Report:** no report

**Officers' Report:**

Vice President: Terry reported that they are ready to go with the upcoming avalanche conference. There will be two days in the ski areas and then three days in the back country. A test on Saturday will follow. Terry also reported that there are some folks in California interested in a workshop. He also stated that the Sheriff's Association in Montana only supports NASAR but now they may offer some funding to folks wanting to certify with NSDA.

Treasurer: Norma reported that she has completed an updated e-mail list. We have only 256 members current with dues. We picked up 44 since January 1<sup>st</sup> mostly due to personal phone calls made. Norma sent out a budget draft and there was some discussion about web design and a testing fund but these will be determined after we see if NSDA is awarded a grant that Mary Jane Boyd is working on.

Secretary: No report

**Old Business**

*General Test :* The written test can be put on line for around \$500 and we would have the flexibility to add four more modules. Norma is going to set up a conference call to discuss all of the applications available to us. Sue, Pat Totillo and Jarrett, from Incident Response Technology, will also be on the call.

Dee made a motion to authorize the Treasurer or President to spend \$500 - \$600 dollars to get the test on-line. Terry seconded and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote from the Board.

*Water HRD:* Sherry reported the evaluator workshop slides are finished and very soon the Board will receive the finished version of the standards.

*Trailing:* Cameron reported that he has sent the standards to the Board for their review. He will combine everyone's comments and incorporate them into the document and resend for another review.

### **New Business**

*Face to face board meeting:* There was some discussion on this and Dee thinks this wouldn't be a good idea given the state of our finances. A decision will be made in June, after the new Board members are elected, whether this meeting should take place.

*Evaluator applications:* Two organizations standards, Tri-State and Search Dog Network (SDN), were reviewed by the Board to see if their standards meet the level of criteria that NSDA seeks for people to become a Lead Evaluator. There was some discussion as to whether either organizations evaluators have the experience to become NSDA Lead Evaluators. Have they tested enough dogs and do they have a wide range of experience? It was decided that neither organization met the level desired by NSDA.

Meeting was adjourned