

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

Thursday March 4, 2010 8:00 EST

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

Members absent: Cris Goodhue and Jacob Weaver

Guests attending: Pat Totillo

Decisions voted on since the last meeting via e-mail: Terry made a motion to accept Tri-State's Evaluator documentation for NSDA Evaluator Applications. Sue seconded and the motion passed. The following Board members sent in votes. Terry, Sue, Larry, Norma, Sherry

Incident Response Technology is the company that is running the web based general test. Norma made a motion to approve payment of \$750 for a first year fee to get us up and running. Terry and Cameron both seconded the motion and the motion passed. The following Board members sent in votes. Norma, Terry, Cameron, Sue, Dee, Larry, Cris, Sherry

President's Report: no report

Officers' Report:

Vice President: Terry reported that no one will be testing their dogs at the Yellowstone avalanche workshop. Terry has been approached by several folks from other organizations talking about working with us.

Treasurer: Norma reported that we have \$40,175 dollars in Bank of America and a little less than \$300 dollars in Capital One. She went over the line items from the 2010 budget and explained why they were in the budget. The only item that may change would be the \$4200 dollars budgeted for the BOD's annual meetings. Dee made a motion to accept the 2010 budget as written. Larry seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote from the Board.

Secretary: No report

Old Business

Conference in Cody, WY: Sue reported that seven people have sent in their registration. Cris was working on having specific T-shirts for the conference.

Water HRD: Sherry reported that she has received the final draft of the written standards from Cris and she will send a copy to Sue for her to look at.

Website: Sue has been working with Nicole Mosta and from now on Nicole will be doing the day to day changes to the website. She will only accept changes from Sue or Larry. Sue reports that Nicole has been doing an excellent job. Pat, Sue, and Norma are going to be meeting with Jarrett to finalize some issues with getting the written test up on the website.

Organizing K-9 tests: Sue had sent out a proposal outlining what NSDA would be financially responsible for and what a team's financial obligations would be when they request Evaluators for a test. There was some discussion on different items and Sherry proposed that the document be cleaned up and sent back to the Board. Larry will edit the document.

K-9 handlers: Norma is going to try and identify someone who would be willing to keep a list of independent handlers wanting to test. Once there were a number of handlers within close proximity to each other then an Evaluator could be identified and sent. Dee is interested in keeping the data updated as to where handlers are located in the US. First we need to find a program that can be loaded onto our website that shows a US map that could be populated with names.

New Business

Nomination Committee: Sue Bulanda is heading up this committee but she needs some guidance. Sherry will contact her and give her the needed information to move forward.

Evaluator standards: The Alliance of Search K9s has requested that the Board review their standards to see if they meet the criteria of NSDA so that their evaluators can apply for Principal Evaluator status. There was some discussion and it was decided that they are too small of an organization and they just don't have the experience. They are welcome to apply as apprentice evaluators.

Goals for NSDA: The Board was tasked with submitting a list of goals for NSDA. Dee will prioritize the goals that were submitted and get that back to the Board.

Administration: There was discussion about two areas of the organization that need to be defined and -expanded. These are administration and financial. NSDA needs people specifically dedicated to just these things. Walter Snelling says that he will help write a job description for these two positions.

Meeting was adjourned