

**NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
March 19, 2009**

The National Search Dog Alliance held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors by conference call on March 19, 2009. The call to order was by President Norma Snelling at 7: 13 PM, CST

The following Directors were present and constituted a quorum.

Norma Snelling	Terry Crooks
Cameron Daggett	Sherry Scruggs
Jacob Weaver	

Members requesting attendance and present on call:

Larry Welker

**I. NOTICE**

The meeting was called in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation. Notice was e-mailed to the directors and membership.

**II. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

NSDA has \$40,588.58 with \$9,475.00 as restricted funds leaving us with operating cash on hand of \$31,113.58.

**III. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**President's Report, Norma Snelling**

Robert Noziska has been asked by the Border Patrol to create a website for their Border Patrol SAR dogs. It will recognize these dogs as being certified by NAPWADA, IPWADA and NSDA. Robert is a NSDA evaluator for Backtracking, Area and Trailing.

**Vice President's Report, Terry Crooks**

No Report

**Secretary's Report, Sherry Scruggs**

After the notice in the last newsletter notifying the membership to correct any e-mail addresses or contact information, Sherry received about 8 members who corrected their information. Hopefully this will clear up most of the e-mails getting kicked back as non-deliverable.

**Treasurer's Report, Cameron Daggett**

The new bookkeeper, Caroline Lister from Sage Bookkeeping, found a small discrepancy in the books. Cameron will work with her and Mary Jane Boyd to straighten this out. Norma will file the 990 form with IRS for this year.

#### **IV. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Education:** Norma reported that Tawni Crippen has applied for an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) so that we can have our book available for sale on the internet.

**Fundraising:** There was discussion about the Best Practices Training Workshops around the country that address how to write grants. Jan Meyer has offered to attend one so that she can help write grants for NSDA.

**Avalanche:** Terry and Cameron reported that Cameron evaluated 6 K9/handler teams in Sun Valley and passed 5 on March 11, 2009. Terry and Cameron evaluated 5 K9/handler teams in Juneau and passed 4 on March 15, 2009. This is a 65% pass rate. Terry is evaluating another 1-4 this weekend in Libby, Montana.

**HRD:** Norma reported for Dee Wild that there have been 5 applications received to perform the Beta testing. They are all from the east coast. Dee is waiting on a few more to send out the information.

**Water HRD:** Sherry reported the committee is having a conference call this Monday night to discuss some specific areas of the standards.

**Network Committee:** Larry Welker reported the following to the board.

For the PODCAST we conducted on February 22, 2009, the topic was HRD and the Subject Matter Expert was Andy Redman. We had 12 folks live on the phone and 63 people on line in the Chat Room. Since the PODCAST that episode has been downloaded 312 Times. The PODCAST remains very popular.

Our next PODCAST will be with an Anthropology Team that used HRD dogs at an excavation site, scheduled for April 19, 2009.

May 17, 2009, Panel Discussion - 'Now your Dog's trained, What Next ?

June 21, 2009, Panel Discussion - 'You've been called out.....what you do when you arrive at the Search Site'

There were some questions to Larry as to how the podcast outlines get sent to the membership. Larry explained that these are sent to him from the speakers, he then formats them, sends them on to the secretary, and she sends them out in mass e-mail to the membership.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**Hats:** Norma has 100 NSDA hats and has already given some to Terry and Cameron to hand out during the time they are doing the avalanche testing.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Elections:** Norma stated that we need to select an elections nominations committee chair at the First Quarterly Meeting of 2009. There was discussion as to who could get this material out in a timely manner. Art Wolff was chairman last year. Terry made a motion that Norma will call Art to see if he would be willing to chair the nominations committee again this year. Cameron seconded. There was a unanimous vote of yes from the executive board.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the directors agreed to adjourn at 7:58 PM, CST.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherry Scruggs, Secretary