

NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE
ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2008
Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Search and Rescue Training Center
Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center
Edinburgh, Indiana

The annual meeting of the National Search Dog Alliance was held on September 19, 2008, at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Search and Rescue Training Center, Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center, Edinburgh, Indiana. President Norma Snelling called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

President Snelling reported that the organization currently has \$40,879.59 on hand including restricted funds. This figure does not reflect conference expenses.

President Snelling asked for reports from Committee Chairs.

Art Wolff, who was in charge of the Hernandez Award process, explained the basis for the sponsorship and introduced Susan Fife, DVM, one of the award winners who attended the conference.

Larry Welker reported on the PODCASTS. In June Dee Wild addressed "How NIMS will effect the NSDA". In August Art Wolff spoke on "Developing Relationships with Requesting Authorities". To date, there have been 146 downloads of Dee's PODCAST and 144 of Art's. The next PODCAST will be on October 12th and the topic will be "Test Scenarios and Protocols".

Peggy Ann Buchman gave the following breakdown of members:

- 16 founding
- 3 life
- 306 introductory

She also stated that, at the conference, one (1) new life member and eight (8) regular members had been added.

Sue Wolff reported that the organization's website has been restructured and will continue to be up-to-date on organization functions. She also stated that the newsletter had over 1,000 subscribers and the number of subscriptions was still increasing.

Rebecca Foley reported on the status of the Policy and Procedures. She stated that copies of the final document were at the conference for people to read and it would soon be on the NSDA website. She made a point that this is a living document and will be modified as the organization's needs change.

President Snelling informed the group that Susan Bulanda was in charge of editing all organization documents as well the newsletter. Susan is also in charge of book reviews.

Dee Wild reported that there were 111 participants in the inaugural conference and 24 volunteers for a total of 135 attending.

Further Dee Wild recognized the following people for their work on the conference:

Jan Meyer	Registration, Certificates
Kathy Bickford	Volunteers
Kathy Roeder	100 goody bags
Trisha Heldman	Brochures and flyers
Dana Kirsch	Vendors
Marcy Roberts	Organization and paperwork
Debby Ross	Product sales
Sam Arnold	Communications

Dee Wild commented that Kathy Bickford had an especially hard job since she was not from Indiana. She provided local volunteers as subjects for each class every day of the conference.

The financial breakdown of conference expenditures and revenues will be in the next newsletter said President Snelling.

President Snelling called for Old Business. There was none.

President Snelling called for New Business.

Dee Wild announced that a new committee has been formed, Mentoring, and she will be in charge of it. Dee said that the basis of mentoring is knowledge sharing. She indicated that senior handlers would be paired with beginners to pass along what they have learned in SAR over the years. An application process will be established for both mentors and recipients.

Janet Singleton commented that the conference was excellent.

As there was no further business, Trisha Heldman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Peggy Ann Buchman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.