

**NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE
MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
December 30, 2009**

The National Search Dog Alliance held its quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors by conference call on December 30, 2009. President Sue Wolff called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EST.

The following Directors were present and constituted a quorum.

Terry Crooks Cris Goodhue Sherry Scruggs Norma Snelling
Sue Wolff Larry Welker Cameron Daggett

Members requesting attendance and present on the call:

Jan Myers Patricia Totillo Mary Jane Boyd

I. NOTICE

The meeting was called in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation. Notice was emailed to the Directors and membership as prescribed by the Bylaws.

II. OFFICER'S REPORT

President's Report, Sue Wolff

No report.

Vice Present's Report, Terry Crooks

No report.

Secretary's Report, Sherry Scruggs

No report

Treasurer's Report, Norma Snelling

End of year report will be presented at the next meeting. Norma Snelling has sent the proposed budget for the coming year to the Board. Norma reported the current membership is at 275 which is down. A vast majority of the members did not realize their membership had expired. Renewal notices have not been sent out but will be. Norma suggested someone be appointed to contact the members and report back to the Board. Mary Jane Boyd will contact the Advisory Board and ask if they will be willing to handle this and report back to the Board.

Norma suggested a membership drive in conjunction with the phone calls. Norma proposed offering a year free membership to members who get two people to join. This will be discussed further in the January 24th podcast. Information for the membership drive will be included in the February newsletter.

Norma reported she can not budget two face to face meetings in next year's budget. The By-laws require an annual meeting. There is a possibility this could be accomplished thru a webcam. The cost would be approximately \$500 for an eight hour session.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Seminar – Wyoming: Cris Goodhue stated the hosting team members from High Country do not want to work their dogs while at the seminar but would like to run thru the cadaver problems if not being used. Cris does not know if she will have the same subjects available who can commit for all five days; but, she will have enough subjects to cover the need. Cris confirmed the buildings will be available for training and certifications. The area is a conservation area and is opened for public use so written authorization is not required.

Camper and RV spaces are very limited. It was decided to hold these sites for instructors. There are camping grounds located approximately 10 – 15 minutes from the training site. This information will be provided in the registration packet.

After a vote, it was decided the cost of the seminar will be \$325.00. If needed, The cost for the Evaluators will be taken from the \$5,000 Evaluator grant.

There will be a link on the web page for the registration form.

Cris is contacting vendors for donations for the auction/raffle. She will send to the Board a list of vendors who have been contacted.

Jan is finalizing the registration form and requests the Board look it over carefully for accuracy.

Website: Sue reported the reading and study list for the written test is almost ready to be posted.

In an effort to provide more accessibility to the Membership, Norma requested in addition to her email address, her telephone number be posted on the website.

Evaluator Application: IC 200 needs to be added to Evaluator requirements. Mary Jane Boyd will assist Kathy Adamele with applications. Kathy will receive the applications and forward them to Mary Jane. Mary Jane will keep one copy and forward the information to the Board for consideration. After review by the Board, Kathy will notify the applicant of the decision.

HRD-land: After a discussion with Andy Rebman, it was suggested one line in the standard needs to be reworded. Dee will report back to the Board.

HRD-water: Sherry Scruggs is working on the presentation for the Evaluator Workshop. Pat Totillo will compile the comments from the beta testing and send to the Board. Norma requested the Board review the comments and vote on the standard.

Tracking and Trailing: Cam and Norma are working on it.

Alliance Depot: Norma reported there were some holiday sales but not enough. It was suggested the Alliance Depot needs to be promoted more in the newsletter and receive more visibility on the webpage. Norma reported more t-shirts have been ordered but she was holding off ordering more books.

By-Laws revised 1/22/09: Mary Jane Boyd shared her feelings on Amendment 4 regarding the removal of term limitations. Mary Jane does not agree with the change. She feels the purpose of limiting terms was to allow new people to come onto the Board and it is good for Board Members to take a break from service. Mary Jane requested an understanding of why the Board feels this should change. Board Members expressed their reasons. It was felt the Board needed experience and new people coming together to be successful. Board members who are willing to serve should not be forced to step down because of term limitations. Currently, Board Members are not only overseeing the operation but actually doing the work. It is very difficult to recruit new Board Members because of the heavy workload each member is carrying. The By-Laws can be changed at any time and should the need arrive, they can be amended.

New Business:

AKC Grant: Norma reported that Mary Jane Boyd has been in touch with American Kennel Club requesting a \$10,000 grant to be used for evaluations. Mary Jane will finalize the paperwork and send the application to AKC next week.

Donation from Supreme Master: Norma reported that Mary Jane Boyd has been informed that Supreme Master has sent a \$1,000 donation to NSDA.

Podcast: Larry Welker reported the Podcasts will resume starting in January. They will be scheduled for the fourth Sunday of the month. The first one is scheduled for January 24, 2010. It will be a panel discussion with the Board discussion the agenda for the coming year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. EST