



**NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
January 2, 2014  
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Search Dog Alliance was held by conference call on Thursday, January 2, 2014. President Norma Snelling called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. EST.

The following Directors were present and constituted a quorum:

Cameron Daggett	Susan Fleming	Gloria Howard	Jan Meyer
Sherry Scruggs	Norma Snelling	Sue Wolff	

Absent was:

Robyn Moug  
Robert Simon

Minutes of the December 5, 2013, Meeting were approved as corrected.

**Officer's Reports**

President's Report

Norma Snelling

President Norma Snelling reported that the Executive Committee had met on December 19, 2013, and all members attended as well as Executive Director Shayla Price. Director Price had previously e-mailed a Strategic Plan to the Committee members and this was discussed briefly. The majority of the rest of the meeting was taken up with discussion of line items for the 2014 budget.

Vice President's Report

Sherry Scruggs

The Vice-President had no report but initiated a discussion of Drop Box. President Norma Snelling said that she would send out directions for its use to all Board members. Executive Director Shayla Price said it would be a good tool for all the Board members to use.

Secretary's Report

Sue Wolff

Sue Wolff reported that the following motions had been passed since the last meeting:

On December 14, 2013, a motion was made by Jan Meyer, seconded by Susan Fleming, to purchase a printer for membership. It passed unanimously by the quorum present at the meeting in Atlanta.

On December 30, 2013, Sue Wolff made a motion seconded by Susan Fleming, to approve the 2014 budget. It passed unanimously via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report

Cam Daggett

Cam had e-mailed the year end statement to all Board members.

Executive Director's Report

Shayla Price

Shayla Price reported that she is working with President Norma Snelling on Guide Star and Amazon Smile as well as on the Federal campaign.

**Board Liaison Committee Reports**

Membership

Susan Fleming

Susan Fleming said that she has asked Cal to update the membership roster the second and fourth weekend in each month. Cal said she had numerous spreadsheets and questions regarding the A-member computer program. Therefore she is meeting with Pat Totillo, previous Membership Chair, at the end of January.

Susan reported that she has had no responses to the Team Membership Brochure mailing. Cam Daggett said that two had been returned for incorrect address and he would send her that information.

Evaluators/Testing

Jan Mayer

Jan Mayer wanted to make sure that everyone knew that Jan Frazee is the one to contact regarding test scheduling. President Norma Snelling stated that testing notices need to be on the website both in the public areas and in those for Evaluators only. She also mentioned that 142 tests were given in 2012 and those would be approaching renewal in 2014.

Education

Norma Snelling

President Norma Snelling stated that Education Chair Wade Boyd had sent her a list of projects and she had told him that switching websites for the written tests had priority over any other website work to be done.

Alliance Depot

Gloria Howard

Gloria reported that sales for December were \$90.75. She said that she had also completed a physical inventory of Depot stock. President Norma Snelling said that she had heard comments that the Depot prices were too high. Gloria stated that she had checked costs versus mark-ups and found them to be in line with other retailers.

Communications

Sue Wolff

Larry Welker had reported to Sue Wolff that November's PODCAST was postponed due to the subject matter expert having an unexpected family emergency. She has been re-scheduled for 2014. Larry plans to have six (6) PODCASTs in 2014, one approximately every two months.

**Unfinished Business**

Meeting in Atlanta

Norma Snelling

President Norma Snelling reported that the Board training meeting in Atlanta went well. She said she had talked with Dana Lerma who conducted the training session and she was pleased with the participation and productivity.

Surveys were again mentioned and Shayla stated that there were free surveys that could be utilized or NSDA could use Survey Monkey again. President Norma Snelling asked Board members to send potential survey questions to Sherry Scruggs for compilation.

Background Checks for Evaluators

Jan Meyer

Jan Meyer presented her viewpoint on the subject of background checks for Evaluators and a general discussion followed. Sue Wolff made a motion, seconded by Jan Meyer, to require federal background checks for all Evaluator applicants to be performed at the candidate's expense effective as of the date of this meeting, January 2, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

After another discussion regarding the current Evaluators, Sue Wolff made a motion, seconded by Jan Meyer, to grandfather in all currently approved Principal and Apprentice Evaluators and not require them to obtain a background check. The motion passed with six for and one against.

**New Business**

Nominations for the BOD

Norma Snelling

President Norma Snelling reiterated that both Cam Daggett and Sue Wolff were to leave the Board this year since they have both served two consecutive terms. She also said that Susan Fleming will stand for re-election.

Sue Wolff made a motion to adjourn with a second by Susan Fleming. The motion passed unanimously and, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. EST.



, Secretary, January 3, 2014