

Minutes for NSDA Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 5, 2015

Call to Order by Norma Snelling at 6:04 pm

Roll Call

Directors: Norma Snelling, Julie Gibson, Terry Crooks, Sherry Scruggs, Jan Meyer, Susan Fleming, Suzanne Elshult,
Absent: Gloria Howard Robert Noziska
Members: Terry Wise, Rena Ferguson

Approve Minutes from January 8, 2015 Meeting

Approved as corrected.

Motions via Email since January 8th

Budget Motion to accept as changed Passed 9-0
Trailing 3, motion to accept and as revised. Passed 8-1

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Norma Snelling

Hero Dog contest contract signed and on website, information will be posted to Facebook
Gloria Howard has been appointed Nominations chair
Eva Briggs has been appointed Podcast chair, she has been in contact with Frank Hancock.
Refunds were made for sweatshirts ordered at Atterbury, Motion to accept this action by Jan Meyer, Second by Terry Crooks. 7 Yes, 2 absent. Motion passes.

Vice President's Report

Terry Crooks

Jan Meyer is working on evaluator guidelines and Cam Daggett is reviewing Avalanche standards for final release. Avalanche evaluators from California, will be applying for evaluator status.

Secretary's Report

Julie Gibson

Julie has been in contact with Judy Otto to get brochures and presentation information to go to sponsors and agencies. She spoke with Carol Shapiro about a joint CARDA/ NSDA water training later this year.

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Scruggs

January expense and income reports have been sent to board

Committee Reports

Alliance Depot

Gloria Howard

Income for January was \$109

Annual Conference

Norma Snelling has been in contact with Chris Goodhue, registration and other information ready to go on website.

Norma Snelling is waiting for confirmation from several instructors that they will be able to instruct at conference.

Education Chair

Wade Boyd

Wade is setting up a training presentation on weather with help from local TV station for SAR.

Evaluator Committee Chair

Susan Fleming

Susan spoke with evaluators that have not been able to give a test within the past 2 years, she is satisfied with responses. Testing and workshops are being planned. Tests will be advertised on the newsletter and website. Evaluators will need to contact Heather Proper-VanValkenberg to get tests coordinated and advertised.

Fundraising Chair

No report

Membership

Ann Moser

204 current

196 new (7 new members in past 2 weeks!)

14 Founding 10 Lifetime

57 expired (within past 6 months)

Total = 481 (19 team memberships included in this count)

Ann needs help to contact expired members

PODCASTS

Eva Briggs

Eva Briggs will be taking over podcasts.

Resource Committee Chair

Tracey Burns

No report

Social Media Chair

Suzanne Elshult

Facebook page views have increased to approximately 500 views. We have a community page as well as dog community page. We are on Instagram and Twitter and a new blog sight written from the dog's perspective.

Testing Chair

Rena Ferguson

We have 4 Regional tests lined up in Michigan, Idaho, 2 in Pennsylvania and testing in Colorado is in the works. Discussion was held on time frames for planning regional testing.

Website

Laurie Strite

Laurie will be starting in February

Unfinished Business

Revision of Mission Statement- TABLE

New Business

Evidence Standard

Cat Best and Norma Snelling are finalizing the standard and it will be presented to the board this month

Large Area Cadaver

Standard is almost ready to present to board

HRD test discussion- Misses on test are creating issues among evaluators and test takers. Discussion on removing any misses from the HRD test. Jan Meyer made a motion to remove misses from HRD test. Terry Crooks seconded the motion. All present voted YES. 7 YES, 2 absent. Motion passes.

Add check box to candidate registration allowing press releases and publication in newsletter. Terry Crooks made the motion to add check box, Jan Meyer seconded the motion. All present voted yes. 7 yes, 2 absent.

Discussion on testing provision if test is cancelled due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, no refund to be made but person may continue with a new test at the same testing event or take a test in the future at no charge.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 MST

There being no further business, Norma Snelling made a motion to adjourn with a second by Julie Gibson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. MDT.

Julie Gibson, Secretary

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