



NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE

Minutes for the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 4th, 2015

A quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Search Dog Alliance was held by conference call on Thursday, June 4th, 2015. President Norma Snelling called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM MDT.

The following Directors were present and constituted a quorum: Susan Fleming, Julie Gibson, Gloria Howard, Sherry Scruggs, Norma Snelling, Jan Meyer. Suzanne Elshult

Absent were: Robert Noziska, Terry Crooks,

Guests present: Rena Ferguson, Heather Proper-VanValkenberg

Approve minutes from May 7, 2015- Tabled to July meeting

Motions passed by email since the last meeting.

Gun Source Residue Standard passed 9-0

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Norma Snelling

For the first 10 Large Area Live/HRD Awareness tests given, surveys need to go to the Evaluators. A survey will be sent to the Disaster Evaluators for the first 10 disaster tests as well. Beta tests will be given as a regular test with evaluators that are qualified to test in the discipline. After 10 surveys are returned the standard will be reviewed to see if changes need to be made.

Vice President's Report

Terry Crooks

No report

Secretary's Report

Julie Gibson

The Insurance invoice has been paid; all contact information has been updated. We will stay with the Tennessee office for now as it is where we were domiciled. Sue Wolfe will remain a point of contact within the state.

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Financials were sent to the secretary- they are posted on dropbox and will be available on the website when minutes are posted.

Committee Reports

ALLIANCE DEPOT

Gloria Howard

The Depot made \$90.00 in sales. Gloria ordered new books for the store.

EVALUATIONS

Susan Fleming

We have given 27 tests so far this year. We projected 150 tests. Evaluators for NSDA need to be considered by experience and capability not by the standards they have tested to. We need to re look at the comparable standards review and how we recognize the teams.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Tracey Burns

Frank Hancock has requested that we find a new testing administrator. Tracey has agreed to take this position and it would combine the two positions. Postage will be a bit higher on mailings as she is in Canada.

She will keep the resource list updated and statistics for our records as well.

PODCASTS

Eva Briggs

No Report

SOCIAL MEDIA

Suzanne Elshult

Facebook up 44 people this month

TESTING

Rena Ferguson

Two regional tests were given in May. Tests in Arizona and Michigan are coming up in July. The protocol for evaluator travel was discussed. Regional testing requirements need to be discussed for reimbursement.

Both rockers for area search and HRD have been being sent with certificate for Large Area Live/HRD test. Certificates currently state "Area/Cadaver Search certification (live with 2 large source cadaver)". We need to change to, "Live with Large Source Cadaver Awareness" with wording underneath that it is "not a Human Remains Detection Certification."

Rocker with Live/HR Aware needs to be ordered.

Disaster rocker will need to be ordered also.

WEBSITE

Laurie Strite (report given by Norma)

Laurie will take over when the website is updated. Documents will need to be proofread by 2 people prior to going on website.

Unfinished Business

Installation of New Board Members and appointment of new President

Julie Gibson nominated Susan Fleming for President. No other nominations.

Second by Jan Meyer

7 yes, 2 absent

Susan Fleming accepted the nomination of president and directed Norma Snelling to open an email, with an appreciation token from the board. We cannot thank Norma enough for her work in NSDA.

Susan Fleming nominated Terry Crooks for vice-president, Sherry seconded. 4 yes, 2 absent.

Susan Fleming nominated Julie Gibson to continue as secretary. No objections

Susan Fleming nominated Sherry Scruggs to be treasurer. No objections

Heather Proper-VanValkenberg joined the board as a new board member.

There are 3 open positions on the NSDA Board that will be filled by the next meeting.

Susan Fleming makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm MDT, Sherry Scruggs seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Julie Gibson Secretary June 4, 2015 **CERTIFIED**