

Minutes for NSDA Meeting

January 7, 2016

Call to Order by Susan Fleming

Roll Call

Directors: Susan Fleming, Sherry Scruggs, Terry Crooks, Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg, Julie Gibson, Jen Skeldon, Heather Suedkamp

Absent: Robert Noziska, Bridget Jackson, Kathleen Kelsey

Members: Rena Ferguson, Laurie Strite

Minutes from the December 3, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as written

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Susan Fleming

Glen Thompson Award: Art Wolff reported that Kai Hernandez will not be sponsoring the award this year.

It is now in effect that membership will be issued with no expiration date. Members will be notified when their dues are due by Amember.

Membership Profile: Jen Skeldon is working on the profile. Jan Meyer is also helping and sent a survey monkey link.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/create/survey/preview?sm=vtAxRnDuZroQfqjng8ShBqPKPffwVmxzpOLsRwH_2F4ZQ_3D

Alliance Depot: Gloria Howard is stepping down from running the depot. She will wait until we find a volunteer to take over and send the materials to him/her. Gloria did a great job of taking over the Depot and we thank her for her work.

The NSDA Timeline for Hosting Testing was submitted to Norma Snelling to put in the newsletter and Laurie Strite to put on the webpage under "Testing". Evaluators and Members should look at it when hosting an NSDA event.

Goal for testing for 2016 is 175. Great job with doing 156 tests in 2015!

Vice President's Report

Terry Crooks

There is no one assigned for on-line fund raising. We could take out radio ads but that will cost a lot of money. Terry Crooks has a friend that does fund raising. He will continue to get advice from him.

Secretary's Report

Sherry Scruggs

The new mission statement will be changed on the website, GuideStar and the IRS. Will check with Norma Snelling to see if it has been changed in GuideStar.

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Scruggs

Total Liabilities and Assets as of December 2, 2015 are \$74,612.39

Checking with Cam Daggett to see if the 2016 budget is ready to be sent to the board members.

Committee Reports**Alliance Depot**

Gloria Howard

Sales for the Month of December were \$126.49. Total Sales for 2015 were \$1,250.82. Managed to go over and above the goal of \$1,000 that was put into place.

The top three selling items were Emergency Stickers, a tie between the NSDA Embroidered Patch & Vinyl Decal, and the HRD Log Book.

All shipping expenses for 2015 and the yearend inventory has been submitted to Cam.

Education Chair (e-mailed report)

Wade Boyd

Speaking with the Coordinators of the Washington State 2016 SAR Conference. Gathering information to see if NSDA would want to participate. The conference will be held in Longview, WA in May.

Evaluator Committee Chair

Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg

Added to January's evaluator's lists: Karen Nesbitt (Principal Disaster), Erica Vieira (Apprentice Disaster and Area), Rena Ferguson (Apprentice Land HRD), and Kim Veldeer (Apprentice Disaster).

Approved Evaluators still needing a workshop: Suzanne Elshult (Principal Area) and Rachel Kravitz (Apprentice Land HRD).

Fundraising Chair

Pat Reagan

No Report

Membership (e-mailed report)

Ann Moser

I have processed all 2015 memberships and am working to switching over to new cards without an expiration date. I will also be updating the

membership letter that goes out with the membership cards to describe the change.

Podcasts

Eva Briggs

I recorded a podcast to be released January 15. It's an interview with Dave Hall. He's the author of Winter in the Wilderness. We talk about winter survival skills.

Resource Committee Chair

Jan Myers

As far as the Resource List is concerned, we had some issues to work out, but they have all been resolved as of this morning. We have changed the verbiage on the Candidate Registration list regarding being added to the Resource List as some candidates did not seem to understand what we were asking. We additionally added a line for their email address and/or phone number so we can publish it on the list on the web. I hope to have the new list up by next week.

As per Susan's request I created a brief survey for NSDA looking for members who would be interested in serving on a committee, as a volunteer or as a Board member.

Social Media Chair (e-mailed report)

Suzanne Elshult

As of January 6, 2016 there are 895 Facebook members, 11 Twitter followers, and 22 Instagram followers.

Testing Chair

Rena Ferguson

The goal for testing in 2015 was 150 tests. NSDA gave 156 tests.

Website (e-mailed report)

Laurie Strite

In 2015 there were 49 requests to change information on the website. Completion of 47 of the requests were done. The membership reported 15 problems and all but 1 have been resolved.

Still working on streamlining the process of updating SAR seminars.
Working with Susan Fleming and Sherry Scruggs on some other projects.

Unfinished Business

Gun Source Residue Standard (this standard was unanimously approved by the board in May 2015): President Fleming proposes to have two Evaluator Application Forms: one for civilian volunteers; one for active Law

Enforcement. Reason: It has been a desire for NSDA to include more Law Enforcement as evaluators. GSR is a good example of a standard that would have more credibility if there were more LE as evaluators. Susan Fleming made a motion to have one evaluator application for SAR personnel and a different evaluator application for Law Enforcement. Terry Crooks seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by the board.

Progress on Regional Testing Sites: Washington SARCON May 20-22, 2016 contact is Wade Boyd. Texas: haven't found anyone to host yet. Atterbury: Regional Seminar for October. Georgia: Sherry Scruggs is working on plans.

New Business

Bylaws and P & P Review:

In the policies and procedures/section 8.4/item 4c states: A member will be considered lapsed and membership automatically terminated if dues are not paid within thirty (30) days of their expirations date. Susan Fleming made a motion to change this to: A member will be considered lapsed and membership automatically terminated if dues are not paid within sixty (60) days of their expirations date. Julie Gibson seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by the board.

In the P & P 7.4, the current organizational chart does not use the same standing committees listed in the P & P. A revision of our P & P is needed to reflect the current standing committees. Also, we need to add "End User Agencies Committee to our current organizational chart. If other committees are needed in the future, we will make them "ad hoc" committees.

Terry Crooks is working with Norma Snelling to make sure all the avalanche documents are correct. He also wants to discuss the possibilities of having two avalanche standards: First Responder Avalanche and Patroller Avalanche.

Kathleen Kelsey wasn't present at the meeting but sent information to the board:

Sherry asked a good question about the disaster test. What constitutes appropriate training logs? I provided her my general thoughts but we decided it is best for the evaluators to discuss. I do not remember there being specific guidelines in the other disciplines, but I am relatively new so it may be a detail many take for granted.

Ann Wichmann and I have also played phone tag w/no luck do to holidays and travel. Should we try to get a time the disaster evaluators to circle up and touch base on the status?

Action Items:

Sherry: Update the new mission statement on all the sites where it is printed.

Sherry: Update the policies and procedures to reflect changes voted on.

Sherry: Update the organizational chart along with comparing it to the P & P.

Terry Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Gibson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:10 pm EST.