

# **Minutes for NSDA Meeting**

February 4, 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, Bridget Jackson

Absent: Robert Noziska, Kathleen Kelsey

Members: Rena Ferguson, Wade Boyd

**Minutes from the January 7, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as written**

## **Officer's Reports**

### **President's Report**

Susan Fleming

Appointed Julie Gibson as Nominations Chair. Those people who want to run for a three year term may contact Julie through the month of February. Applicant's information will be sent to BOD 3/5/16.

I am reviewing the ByLaws and P & P, adding revisions in "red" with comments on a DRAFT copy. This will be completed and sent to the BOD & membership for comment and review by possibly as early as March 2016.

Bridgett Jackson will be the new NSDA Store person.

Avalanche Testing took place 1/27-29/2016. The Avalanche Standard is being revised and those tested are testing under the revised standard and will report any changes, problems from the new standard. Five tested and five passed in CA.

We are having a problem with members having more than one account. When this happens, the system doesn't recognize the member having taken the Prerequisite test. Jen Skeldon will help to clear out accounts so members have one account.

NASAR is accepting two of our NSDA evaluators because they met NSDA standards.

### **Vice President's Report**

Terry Crooks

The Avalanche certification went well and 5 handlers passed. Alaska is watching what is happening with the NSDA Avalanche certifications. Terry

Crooks is working with Norma Snelling trying to locate persons wanting to help with administrative matters.

**Secretary's Report**

Sherry Scruggs

Edited GuideStar to reflect the new mission statement, added Disaster Type III certification to the list of disciplines, and added the title of Secretary beside my name.

Sending corrections for the web site to Laurie Strite as I come across them.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sherry Scruggs

Total Liabilities and Assets as of February 1, 2016 are \$80,140.25

Sherry Scruggs, Norma Snelling, Cam Daggett and Susan Fleming will be having a teleconference about budget classifications and some items that should have been corrected prior to June 2015.

**Committee Reports**

**Alliance Depot**

Bridget Jackson

Received all of the store merchandise last week. Beginning to fill new orders.

**Education Chair**

Wade Boyd

Working with Ann Wichmann to facilitate her Disaster Classes at the 2016 WA State Search and Rescue Conference (WASARCON.org )

Posted two new Power Point Programs to the N-SDA web site.... [Map Reading for Search and Rescue](#) and [Compass Work for Search and Rescue](#)

Reorganizing some of the Web Site Educational Materials.

**Evaluator Committee Chair**

Heather Proper-Van Valkenberg

New Evaluators: Lynda George (Principal) Land HRD, Trailing and Area. Suzanne Elshult (Principal) Area, (Apprentice) Land HRD. Scott Quirsfeld (Apprentice) Avalanche. Rachel Kravitz (Apprentice) Land HRD.

**Fundraising Chair**

Pat Reagan

No Report

**Membership**

Ann Moser

No Report

**Podcasts (e-mailed report)**

Eva Briggs

The February 2016 podcast will feature an interview with Matt Zarella, an instrumental force in making the documentary film search dog. For the next several months I will be posting pre-recorded podcasts. Some of those recordings include Debb Palman, retired from the Maine warden service, talking about working with agencies having jurisdiction, a podcast about dogs in poetry, and two recordings with Robert Noziska about backtracking and canine motivation.

**Resource Committee Chair**

Jan Myers

No Report

**Social Media Chair (e-mailed report)**

Suzanne Elshult

As of February 2, 2016 there are 933 Facebook members, 13 Twitter followers, and 23 Instagram followers. The second Facebook page has been deleted.

**Testing Chair**

Rena Ferguson

In January, 5 tests were given. So far there is 1 regional testing application turned in, which will be in Swan Valley, Idaho in June.

**Website (e-mailed report)**

Laurie Strite

11 Content changes to the website, 1 Functional change to add the Regional Test Timeline, 5 Problems reported (4 end user errors, 1 can't be recreated). Working with Board of Directors and Committee chairs to update their sections of the website as needed

**Unfinished Business**

Kathleen Kelsey e-mailed this report for inclusion into the meeting minutes regarding what are acceptable training logs for handlers wanting to test the Disaster Type III certification:

**Key Points to Acceptable Disaster Training Logs**

- Like all other NSDA disciplines, there is no mandatory format
- Documentation of handler having multiple trainings/exposure on rubble (The test should not be their first time on rubble)
- Documentation of relevant and consistent training which include all elements besides rubble search (i.e. agility, obedience)

## **New Business**

Susan Fleming: We will be having Standards Review Committees forming in September 2016 and working on Standards Review through the month of October 2016. Review will be due October 31, 2016.

There was some discussion about the fact that there is a very short window of time that the membership can apply for a board position. Susan Fleming made a motion to change the P&P to indicate that the time a member can apply to serve on the BOD will begin on January 1 through March 1. Julie Gibson seconded the motion and it was passed by a majority vote of the board. This will be one of the revisions in the P & P's.

### **Action Items:**

All future actions are already assigned and being worked on.

**Sherry Scruggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Gibson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:06 pm EST.**